



## **Lady Niners Board and Chair Meeting September 4, 2026**

Attendance: Renee Seifert, Dianne Score, Cindi Fulton, Ellen Alvarado, Sharon Howard, Kay Newton, Minna Rasmussen, Jacquelyn Poetker (Via zoom)

Absent: Beth Johnson, Sue Lawless, Cheryl Kopacz

### **Financial Report:**

Current Balance \$8,872.60

Current Niners Dues are \$45, AZ Golf dues are \$45. Decision was our dues will remain at \$45.

Members can join as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, members joining more than one league will get a \$15 rebate from AZGolf. The \$5 discount for OJR (Online Join/Renew) has been discontinued.

Kay recommended we don't encourage auto renew because we get less member dues.

Renee asked if the Niners had ever had a budget. According to Kay and Minna, there has not been a budget in the past. Suggestion was we work to develop a budget which will give Chairs, especially, a better handle of the funds available to their committee for the year.

### **Proposed Play Schedule**

The proposed play schedule was approved. The Member Guest has been moved to February 26<sup>th</sup>. A suggestion was made to encourage potential members we offer a first time free play (no membership required, they just pay greens fees). After discussion, all approved the suggestion to offer a first time free play to potential members.

### **Community Days**

Minna, Kay and possibly Cindi will host the Lady Niner's Table at the Cottonwood/Palo Verde Community Day on October 4, 9 Am to 12 Noon, San Tan Ballroom. Renee is scheduled to be out of town and Dianne is committed to handling the Pottery Club table.

### **Member Guest Planning Update**

Dianne reported the theme this year will be **Golf Divas**. She stated she would like to see us fill the day with activities. Starting at 8 AM with coffee and donuts, putting games, etc. This will give more time for attendees to peruse the baskets and auction items. Goal is to have 144 players, Cost to be \$50 to cover prizes and food. Flights will be developed for both front and back nine, Dianne will work with the pro to make this happen. She will also be working with the pro shop on swag bags for attendees. There are no greens fees for the member guest. A charity has not been designated at this time but will work towards making enough to donate a sizeable amount along with having prizes. She discussed the possibility of offering players all 18 holes for \$100 entry. She will be recruiting committee members.

### **Meetings and Event Schedule**

Fall Meeting – Nov 20

Christmas Party – Dec 18

Valentines Party – February 12

Member Guest – February 26

Spring Meeting – April 16

18 Holes/Lady Niners Day – TBD

Renee asked Cindi to work with Judy Rossi, Food and Beverage, to get food prices established and Saguaro Room scheduled prior to the start of the season. With prices set in advance we can continue to promote each event, plus have costs for the budget.

### **Bulletin Board**

Renee reported that the 18 Holvers have cleared a bulletin board in the Lady's Room for the Niner's use, which allows us to post all our information, sign up sheets, etc. and move from the outside bulletin board. In addition, the Niners now have our own space in the back room of the pro shop along with half of a cabinet (courtesy of Kathy Langston) for our use. Sharon Howard volunteered to create the bulletin board.

### **Website**

Renee reported Cheryl Kopack has been working on updating our website to make it more informative and appealing to our members and any interested party. We will have a new look to the member directory that can be accessed by only our members. The Password for the member directory: **chipin 26**, the web site is **Cottonwoodnine.AZgolf.org**

### **Bylaws and Job Description Review**

Jacquelyn Poetker will Chair the Bylaws Review Committee and Renee will get the job descriptions to the chairs and officers for their review and update.

Further discussion was tabled due to a very lengthy discussion on the proposed 2025-2006 Golf Rates.

### **Proposed 2025-2026 Golf Rates**

Renee and Ellen reported they had attended the Golf Committee meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. After learning of the proposed rates, despite Ellen speaking against the rate for the Niners, the rates proposed by staff were unanimously approved to be sent along to the HOA Board for approval at their September meeting, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM.

Where we understand the need to increase rates due to the overall costs to the golf club, it was felt that the proposed rate for the Niners, who do not purchase a golf membership, were excessive. The proposed rate for the Niners are as follows: (Note the proposed rates include a new rate for what is now called 'peak season' Jan-Mar)

9 Hole League -CW 9'ERS ONLY	Nov/Dec: \$45	Jan-Mar: \$60	April: \$45
League Rate	Nov/Dec: \$75	Jan-Mar: \$90	April: \$75

Last year it was felt we lost members due to the increase, and concern is that with another increase, plus a new peak season rate, we will lose more members. Approximately half of last year's members did not purchase a CW golf membership, and thus paid weekly to play.

Decision was made to draft and send a letter to each of the HOA Board members prior to their next meeting asking them to review the proposed rates for the Niners, justifying our request and asking for a reduction in the rate. A copy of that letter will be attached to the minutes for future reference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianne Score