

GRSMGA History

2/3/1988

Stonehenge seniors (Tom Fletcher, Chairman) propose GRSMGA as a monthly tournament.

5/24/1988

GRSMGA is formed with Brandermill (Jim Cavanaugh), Hanover (Ray Grimm), Meadowbrook (Ed Goodman & Dean Esslinger), Petersburg (Jim Boyd & Winks Alexander), Salisbury (Erdman Auman), and Stonehenge (Tom Fletcher & Hoppy Hobson). Winks Alexander & Tom Fletcher elected co-chairmen. Prizes to be gross over-all and net within age group. Four foursomes per club with end-of-year trophy and bragging rights to most successful club.

12/5/1988

Hermitage is admitted. Winks Alexander, assisted by two people from the host club, will handle event scoring after each tournament.

1/17/1989

Co-chairmen Winks Alexander & Tom Fletcher. Executive Committee. Brandermill (Jim Cavanaugh & Don McPherson), Hanover (Ray Grimm & George Williams), Meadowbrook (Dan Leach), Stonehenge (Mel Jefferson, Bob Noziglia & Tom Fletcher), Hermitage (Bob Tavenner & W. R. Johnson), Petersburg (Jim Boyd & Preston Annkley), Salisbury (Erdman Auman), & CCV (Hubert Taylor). CCV is admitted. Gimme putts within the leather.

1/9/1990

Jim Boyd (Chairman), Erdman Auman (Vice Chairman), Preston Brinkley (Secretary/Treasurer). There will be no tournament chairman. Set up courses about 6000 yards. Age on scorecards. Host captain try to return \$30 to treasury. Player fee at \$22.

11/2/1990

Elected Erdman Auman (Chairman), Dan Leach (Vice Chairman), Preston Brinkley (Secretary/Treasurer). Putt them out. Use normal senior tees. In case of a hole in one, each player will provide one dollar for a prize.

1/30/1991

Erdman Auman (Chairman). Hole in one prize will be \$96. Closest to pin prize will be a dozen balls.

7/1/1992

Erdman Auman (Chairman). USGA handicap calculation has been altered to reduce sandbagging. If the indexes calculated from two or more tournament scores (including GRSMGA tournaments) are lower by three points than the index, there may be a handicap reduction. Jefferson Lakeside admitted.

2/28/1993

Erdman Auman (Chairman). Entry fee raised to \$27. If a club charges more than \$27, players from that club will pay the higher rate at all GRSMGA tournaments that year. Ties will be broken matching cards from hole one onward. Host captain should review and adjust pairings to ensure foursomes are made up from different clubs where possible.

11/6/1993

Elected officers Dick Hennig (Chairman), Ron Heverly (Vice Chairman), Preston Brinkley (Secretary/Treasurer). Team size for 1994 will be eleven – twelve for host team.

1/10/1994

Dick Hennig (Chairman). New fee will be \$28. Lunch not before 1:00. Change closest to pin prize to two sleeves; use the remaining balls for door prizes to encourage players to remain. Officers for 1995 will be Ron Heverly (Chairman), Preston Brinkley (Secretary/Treasurer).

2/2/1995

Ron Heverly (Chairman). New fee will be \$30. Flights by age groups now changed to flights by handicap indexes. Prizes will be \$33 for low gross and low net, \$22 for second low net, \$12 for third low net. Low gross and low net ties broken by match of cards, Second and third low net ties will split prize money.

10/12/1995

Ron Heverly (Chairman). Officers for 1996 will be Jim Atkinson (Chairman), Bill Regan (Vice Chairman), Dick Hennig (Secretary/Treasurer). Bylaws will show the executive committee will consist of current officers plus the immediate past chairman. *Editor's note: Though no minutes reflect Willow Oaks admission, they show up in 1996 but not in 1994 so 1995 is presumed to be their admission year subject to correction.*

1/24/1996

Jim Atkinson (Chairman). Executive committee. Low net ties split prize money. Suggest captains call players night before event and have standby players ready to fill in. If treasury exceeds about \$1500, some means should be developed to return excess to the players.

2/21/1996

Jim Atkinson (Chairman). Bylaws will specify minimum age of 55. Treasurer reports balance of \$1426. Prize money to be computed by the treasurer. Matching low gross cards should start with lowest handicap hole, etc.

10/16/1996

Treasurer reports balance of \$1984. Officers for 1997 will be Bill Regan (Chairman), Enzie Childrey (Vice Chairman), Dick Hennig (Secretary/Treasurer).

1/27/1997

Bill Regan (Chairman). Executive committee. Treasurer reports balance of \$1736. Minimum prize to be \$10.

2/24/1997

Bill Regan (Chairman). Soft spikes at all tournaments. Team captains have sole discretion on how prize money is distributed. USGA rules will apply, subject to local host club rules.

9/8/1997

Bill Regan (Chairman). Executive committee. To ensure continuity, officer positions should be filled by electing a Secretary/Treasurer each year and having that person succeed to vice chairman and then chairman in succeeding years. Each captain should submit a nominee and the executive committee should select

candidate/s for approval at the fall meeting. For 1998 Bill Regan will continue as Chairman and the other two offices will have to be filled.

1/12/1998

Bill Regan (Chairman). Executive committee. From candidates Bob Gallo (JLCC), Phil Holladay & Coleman Rice (CCV), Fred King (Meadowbrook), Bill Nelson & Doug Paulson (Salisbury), 1998 vice-chairman and secretary/treasurer nominees will be Bill Nelson and Fred King respectively.

2/23/1998

Bill Regan (Chairman). Treasurer reports balance of \$1679. Nominees elected. Fee will remain \$30. Host captains should marshal and players should play ready golf to speed play.

10/15/1998

Bill Regan (Chairman). Lee Roberts (Hanover) will be Secretary/Treasurer for 1999. Treasurer reports balance of \$1845.

1/27/1999

Bill Nelson (Chairman). Executive committee. Treasurer reports balance of \$1896. Entry fee to be \$35. GRSMG to pay for lunch and gold at captains meetings, maximum score on a hole to be nine, adopt continuous putting.

10/25/1999

Bill Nelson (Chairman). Treasurer reports balance of \$4028. Bill D'Surney (JLCC) will be Secretary/Treasurer for 2000.

2/25/2000

Fred King (Chairman). Executive committee. Vice chairman responsible for distributing captains packets.

3/15/2000

Fred King (Chairman). Treasurer reports balance of \$3377. Table assignments based on starting holes. Five dozen prize balls will be required, two dozen for closest to the pin and three dozen for door prizes. Continue to hole all putts. Play out of bounds and lost balls as lateral hazards (one stroke penalty and play from where ball went out. Nine will continue as maximum score on a hole.

10/16/2000

Fred King (Chairman). Treasurer reports balance of \$4572. Lyle Dahlenburg (Hermitage) will be Secretary/Treasurer for 2001.

3/28/2001

Lee Roberts (Chairman). Prize winners will not be eligible for door prizes. There will be four prizes awarded in each flight (instead of the minimum of \$10) and the USGA standard will be used to break ties. The bylaws will be updated to reflect the officer succession method adopted earlier.

10/15/2001

Chairman Roberts absent due to illness. Willow Oaks dropping out due to difficulty fielding teams. Plan to approach Richmond CC and/or the Dominion Club about joining. Don Feliks (Brandermill) will be Secretary/Treasurer for 2002.

3/20/2002

Bill D'Surney (Chairman).

10/23/2002

Bill D'Surney (Chairman). Secretary/Treasurer for 2003 will be Bud Roderick (Meadowbrook).

3/27/2003

Lyle Dahlenburg (Chairman). Treasurer reports balance of \$3758. Try to pay only for lunches actually served. Retire trophies. Cannot cancel tournament because of "carts on paths". If a tournament is canceled rescheduling will be at the captain's discretion. Foursomes should maintain a second scorecard for verification. The official scorecard with players clubs identified should be turned in.

10/13/2003

Lyle Dahlenburg (Chairman). Secretary/Treasurer for 2004 will be Ragan Phillips (Hanover). Salisbury having trouble fielding teams and may have to drop out next year.

4/1/2004

Don Feliks (Chairman). Entry fee raised to \$37. Contact other captains to complete rosters. All players tied for 3rd low net get \$12 each. Vice chairman will fax results to *the Richmond Times* and then to the Secretary/Treasurer for prize disbursement. Dominion CC requests and is approved for membership in 2005.

9/27/2004

Don Feliks (Chairman). Vice chairman Bud Roderick presiding. Bud Roderick (Chairman). Fee is raised to \$40. Secretary/Treasurer for 2005 will be George Rickman (JLCC). Treasurer reports balance of \$924.

3/29/2005

Bud Roderick (Chairman). Ties for 3rd net will split the \$12 prize. More than two so tied will receive \$5 each.

10/20/2005

Bud Roderick (Chairman). Vice chairman Larry Ellis presiding. Secretary/Treasurer for 2006 will be Jim Wade (Meadowbrook).

1/31/2006

Larry Ellis (Chairman). Treasurer reports balance of \$2332. CCV cart fee is raised from \$21.00 to \$31.50. CCV members agree to pay a fee of \$45. All others will pay \$41 henceforth. Dominion Club has withdrawn from GRSMGA. Willow Oaks has declined to re-join. Door prizes will be awarded after all other awards.

10/2/2006

Larry Ellis (Chairman). Secretary/Treasurer for 2007 will be Bob Gallo (JLCC).

3/21/2007

George Rickman (Chairman). Maximum score on a hole will be double par. Secretary/Treasurer for 2008 will be Don Gerardi (Brandermill).

10/27/2008

Jim Wade (Chairman). Highlands and Lake Chesdin apply for membership. Secretary/Treasurer for 2009 will

be Ed (Skip) Gelletly (JLCC).

3/24/2009

Bob Gallo (Chairman). Highlands and Lake Chesdin admitted to membership.

10/15/2009

Bob Gallo (Chairman). Secretary/Treasurer for 2010 will be Dick Walsh (Meadowbrook).

1/26/2010

Don Gerardi (Chairman). Treasurer reports balance of \$2735, down substantially from the starting balance of \$4156. The minimum GRSMGA age is reduced to 50 years. Captains unable to field a full complement will be charged just the \$5 prize fee for each open position. No-shows will still pay the full fee. Entry fee will be \$43 (except \$47 for CCV people) and at CCV everyone will pay \$47.

3/22/2010

Don Gerardi (Chairman). Maximum score per hole will be triple bogey. GRSMGA events should be played from the tees normally used by seniors at the host clubs, but not to exceed 6000 yards.

8/17/2010

Don Gerardi (Chairman). Maximum index for GRSMGA events will be 30.4. Captains may invite guests who are not members of GRSMGA clubs but otherwise qualified to GRSMGA events.

10/13/2010

Don Gerardi (Chairman). In the A flight there will now be three gross prizes and one net prize in GRSMGA events. 2011 Chairman, Vice-chairman, and Secretary/Treasurer will be Carl DeRubeis (JLCC), Rick Whittaker (Meadowbrook), and Dick Walsh (Meadowbrook) respectively.

1/12/2011

Carl DeRubeis (Chairman). 2010 year-end balance of \$2990.99 reflects an increase of \$252.75 for the year. At Captains meetings, each attending club will have one vote. Vice-chairman duties are updated to include aiding host captains preparing for their events. A-flight prize allocation will now be 2 gross and 2 net prizes. As an experiment, the A-flight will use club tees rather than senior tees for the first two events in 2011. If successful, this plan may be extended.

6/9/2011

Carl DeRubeis (Chairman). Although some "A" flight players enjoyed using the club tees, a group of shorter hitters strongly objected. Club pros cautioned against mixing tees with index adjustments. Accordingly, the change is dropped and all players will use senior tees.

10/3/2011

Carl DeRubeis (Chairman). Captains should provide single checks to host captains, covering all known participants and shortages. Rick Whittaker (Meadowbrook) will be chairman for 2012. Nick Rodites (Brandermill) will be vice-chairman.

3/22/2012

Rick Whittaker (Chairman). Vice-chairman Nick Rodites, as part of his duty to aid host captains in their preparation, will serve as a clearing house for matching extra available players with expected shortages and/or

host capacity. Playing fees for everyone will now be \$50 at CCV and \$45 elsewhere. Door prizes will no longer be provided. Players who use sets of tees forward of the senior tees at their home courses may do so at GRSMGA events. After two events this year, continuing the practice will depend on a positive consensus as to its working. (Editor's note: consensus was positive and the practice was continued through the season successfully.)

10/1/2012

Rick Whittaker (Chairman). Established the separate position of treasurer with responsibility for the bank account, check distribution, and the web site. The treasurer will not be replaced annually but only upon his resignation or action of the GRSMGA Board. He will be eligible concurrently to be elected secretary and proceed in the regular sequence to vice chairman and then chairman. He will normally be expected to recruit and nominate his replacement before resigning. The treasurer will be an advisor to the board but not a voting member of the board. The secretary will continue to develop and e-mail the event winner sheets and meeting minutes, etc., and handle all the Association documents. Recruitment and nomination of the successor secretary is added to the duties of the vice-chairman. For 2013, Rick Whittaker will serve as Secretary, having been elected unanimously. Dick Walsh will be vice-chairman and Nick Rodites (Brandermill) will succeed to the chairman job. Since Rick Whittaker will be a voting Board member as secretary, Carl DeRubeis (JLCC) has agreed to a second term as immediate past chairman.

3/21/2013

Nick Rodites (Chairman). Meeting observed a moment of silence for the late Neil Wenzel (Hanover). Chesdin and Meadowbrook are now joined for administration and membership. They remain two GRSMGA member clubs.

3/11/2014

Dick Walsh (Chairman). Since there are currently no door prizes, non-winners are leaving the luncheons before winners are announced. Consensus held that this was not a real problem justifying new door prizes. Discussion of how accumulated funds should be expended was shelved for future decision. Subsequent to the meeting the Board proposed and captains agreed that when the treasury exceeded \$3000 starting a season, the existing 16 prizes would be increased by \$3 each and an additional \$13 net prize would be added for each flight. Rules of play and Administrative Procedures documents have been updated accordingly.

3/18/2015

Rick Whittaker (Chairman). New secretary is Don Atkinson (Hanover). All matches will begin from assigned tees at 9:00. Non-emergency cancellations must be reported by 12:00 PM the day before an event in order to be excused. The financial balance exceeds \$3000 therefore the expanded prize formula remains in place. (Editor's note: the connection between Meadowbrook and Lake Chesdin has been discontinued.)

3/9/2016

Carl DeRubeis (Chairman). Rick Whittaker has left Meadowbrook upsetting the usual progression of officers and that Dick Walsh will serve as both Past Chairman and Treasurer. Vice Chairman is Don Atkinson (Hanover) and new secretary is Jim Wester (Meadowbrook). Dick Walsh reported a balance of \$2,378.58 and stated that as the account is now under \$3000, prize money will be reduced from five to four positions per flight.

Tournament fees will remain at \$45 with the exception of \$50 for CCV.

11/1/2016

Carl DeRubeis (Chairman). Dick Walsh will continue to serve as Treasurer. Incoming officers will be Don Atkinson, Chairman, Jim Wester, Vice Chairman and Duane Garner, Secretary. Tournament fees for CCV will be raised to \$60 to offset GRSMGA treasury subsidizing the event. All events will start no later than 9:00 AM, including any re-scheduled events.

3/14/2017

Don Atkinson (Chairman), Jim Wester (Vice Chairman) and Duane Garner (Secretary). Dick Walsh will continue to serve as Treasurer. Moment of silence and reflection to honor Mr. George Rickman. Ending balance for the Treasury in 2016 was \$2,090.67. The fees for the CCV event were raised from \$50 to \$60 per player and fees for all other events will remain at \$45 for 2017. The Board will review the fee structure again at the Spring Meeting in 2018. The Bylaws in Article III, Section 3 were modified with the addition of "grandfathering" of Associate clubs as member clubs if their status changes from private to semi-private.

9/20/2017

Don Atkinson (Chairman) was not available for the meeting so Jim Wester (Vice Chairman) presided. Incoming officers will be Jim Wester, Chairman, Duane Garner, Vice Chairman and Chip Scavone, Secretary were approved by voice vote. Dick Walsh will continue to serve as Treasurer. Discussion points for the 2018 Spring Meeting brought forward for the clubs to study included defined procedures/protocol for rescheduling events, 2018 event fees for all events, cost structure for CCV events and subsidization by the GRSMGA, and ways to maximize value/reduce cost for restaurant dining charges.

3/13/2018

Jim Wester (Chairman) presided. Due to rising costs and substantial increases in fees demanded by some clubs, player fees will be raised. CCV, Salisbury, and Hermitage will be \$60. All other venues will be \$50. It is noted that at least \$5 per player should be sent to the treasurer for prizes and cost of logo balls which are purchased in advance must be considered. Current treasury balance is \$2824.