

Membership Committee
Annual Report
2009

I would like to begin by stating how fortunate I was to have been assigned the director of the Membership committee. This group of members Pat Chanquet, Tim Cummings, Wayne Melnychuk, Cindy Nelson, Ed Prisendorfer, Dorthy Wolfe, and Carolyn York. Volunteered and donated a tremendous amount of their time, sharing their knowledge, and experience to insure that you and your guests received an enjoyable experience at our club.

All committees are responsible for gathering, investigating and presenting information concerning the activities in which our club is engaged in, as well as acting as an advisory to our Board. Your membership committee confronted and tackled a multitude of tasks, so that you and the Board received as much information that was available to assist them with some of the many decisions they confronted this year.

One of the membership committee's responsibilities is to review each and every application for membership. In the month of January the committee was confronted with 31 applications. One of the first tasks was at the direction of the President of our club. We were asked to create a letter that would provide an insight as to why members were selling their memberships. (Similar to an exit interview that is given an employee upon separation) The difficult part of this assignment was to get the member that had sold their membership to respond. The Committee drafted a letter and developed 4 questions along with several easy venues that allowed the member to respond. The information received from these letters has provided your Board with some guidance and direction for confronting the problem. Although many provided a variety of reasons; the number one reason cited was cost.

Our club is no different then other clubs when it comes to rumors, gossip, and misinformation being disseminated among the members. Another responsibility of this committee is to provide the membership with accurate and correct information by utilizing the proper venues. So in addition to the newsletter and the website we recommended to the Board that the club request the members to allow us access to their e-mail. We currently have 350 members who participate. This allows the club to provide announcements of interest as well as information at no cost to the membership. The cost to mail when you include postage, envelopes, and letter, along with employee time exceeds \$500.00 per mailing.

Although you did not receive new inserts for your roster book, you should know that the committee spent considerable time editing and updating the information along with soliciting many bids to complete the update. The committee was successful in reducing the cost considerably, however, with the budget cuts this project was canceled for this year.

The committee conducted 3 new member orientations this year; the new member orientation not only welcomes the new member to our club but also introduces the new member to our organizations within the club, our rules, and our expectations. Although this is a forty- five-minute presentation, there is considerable time involved in preparation. Your committee has done a professional and outstanding job at each of the events.

This committee along with the others were asked to review the by laws and make any recommendations that would promote the efficiency of our club. The membership committee identified 6 that should be addressed with the membership and revised. A complete report which identified the by law and the reason for change was completed. The Board has recommended that this be presented to the membership in 2010.

You may not be aware but each chairman from each committee is assigned to the finance committee. Pat Chanquet brought a project back to the committee that required an extensive investigation of various golf clubs membership categories. The information that was gathered is to be reviewed with the finance committee in order to determine if recommending a restructuring of our membership categories would benefit GPGC

I would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware of the type of members that served on this committee. In 2008 last year, Cindy Nelson chaired your nominating committee. She recognized the enormous task that was required, within a short amount of time. Not only to ensure that all the information regarding the candidates and the progress of the committee be disseminated to the membership both timely and economically. But also present the information without additional cost.

By organizing the meetings to coincide with the distribution of the newsletter and the quarterly billing she was able to present the information to the members without an added cost. She took it upon herself to document the process along with specific goals assigned to specific dates. She then presented this document to the Board so that others in the future will have a much easier time.

Sometimes leadership is not recognized simply because the individual who provides the direction, guidance and completes the tasks, makes it look easy. Tonight I would like to recognize and commend someone who has done just that. In the last five years this thirty-year member has served on two of your committees, pro & house and the membership.

She took on and confronted several projects that others had tried in the past but failed. Because of her leadership, coupled with an attitude of never give up. These projects were completed. The little green roster books that contain your by laws and rules along with those all important phone numbers, The revision of the by laws in 2003, each task was a monumental undertaking that required many hours yet this member made it look easy. Gathering information for the Board, conducting various investigations of other clubs and putting this all in a format that assisted the Board, organizing and conducting the new member orientations, insuring that each new member is welcomed. Doing all of things that make your experience an enjoyable one. I would like to commend as well as make you aware of a very special member Pat Chanquet the chairman of the 2009 membership committee.

I would like to conclude this report to the Board and the membership by thanking all of those who volunteer their time and share their knowledge and experience to make our club a success. So to those of you that serve on committees, to you that help to organize and prepare the many events from tournaments to junior golf, and to those behind me that sit on your Board. The membership committee and I thank you.