

# **The Boulders**

Members Association

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## **In today's email:**

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## **Here's a summary of the BMAC Meeting December 12, 2024**

### **Treasurer's Report – Greg Barnum**

BMA has \$18,755 in its Wells Fargo accounts, including a CD that was renewed in the past month. A \$828 down payment (50% of estimated 36 participants) was made to reserve Thursday, February 27 for a member event at Bowlero.

To ensure adequate funding of its budgeted expenses, in January 2025, BMA will request a voluntary \$50 contribution from each membership.

### **Ambassador Committee – Mindy Gordon**

*Committee members: Steve Sanborn, Shawna Bode, Kathleen Erba, Cal Gauss, Suzie Gauss*

Committee members have made contact with all the new members who joined this year through the end of October. They plan to ensure a second contact in the first quarter of 2025 while continuing outreach to new members as they join the Club.

### **Social Committee – Sandy Hyde**

*Committee members – Greg Barnum, Shawna Bode, Robin Knepper, Kristal Levin, Lynn Lobas*

December and January Club burger nights are not on the Club calendar so there is no

process to register. Jennifer Messer, Director of Catering, told Sandy the information was sent to the Club office for follow up. Sandy will speak with JW, recommend the December 19 event should be cancelled, and inquire about the January event. She will also request scheduling the nine and dine golf events that had been suspended due to hot weather earlier this year.

### **Communication Committee – Jenny Murray**

*Committee members – O’Neill McDonald, Shari Farris, Dana Harrison*

The Club website was updated with the golf association information for this season before Melanie’s position was eliminated. Updated information can be communicated via both Club emails and BMA emails, so for now, there is no urgency to add more information to the BMA website.

### **Greens and Courts Committee – Steve Sanborn**

*Committee members – Sandy Hyde, Tim Carlson(Mulligans), Dennis Erba, Ginger Foster(Divine 9s), Kim Fuller(Tennis & Pickleball), Jim Stegall, Susan Taylor(BWGA), Don White(BMGA)*

**See the Committee's report below, following this meeting summary.**

### **Rules Committee – David Johnston**

*Committee members – Deb Marzec, Ginger Foster(Divine 9s), Linda Garner(BWGA), Nathan Hyde (Mulligans), Corbin McNeill (BMGA), Jane Short (Divine 9s), Ron Thackery (Mulligans), Carolyn Butler(Tennis & Pickleball)*

The **Club rules** published in late 2023 are being reviewed and proposed updates drafted. One example is adding a definition for “appropriate golf attire.” Their goal to have a proposal for the January BMAC meeting.

The **new Red flag policy** has not yet reached 100% compliance. JW expects the starters to monitor flags on carts, and as old or non-sanctioned flags appear, they are to replace the old flag with the new one and submit the golfer’s name to the office for follow up.

**Tee sheet access** – BMAC has been waiting for a response to its proposal to resolve Tee sheet access for members. We are now going to have our outside attorneys get involved.

### **Facilities Committee – Huck Cronin**

*Committee members – O’Neill McDonald, Scott Trubakoff*

### **Spa/Fitness Committee – Huck Cronin**

*Committee members – Mindy Gordon, Addie Dusel, Allan Share.*

A collection of recent photos, examples of the neglected condition of Boulders facilities, have been brought to the attention of local management.

Members should send reports of facilities concerns, with photos if possible, to [issues.bmac@gmail.com](mailto:issues.bmac@gmail.com)

Spa classes were reduced significantly – 25% of the classes were removed from the schedule – without communication to Members other than the routine posting of the schedule each month. Although it is understood that the class schedule changes from time to time for various reasons, there has been a steady ongoing reduction in classes offered at the Spa. Before Covid there were 59 classes on the schedule, in November 2024 there were 39, and now there are only 29!

## Other Business

### Report on Golf Associations – Deb Marzec, BWGA President and David Johnston, BMGA President

- **Divine 9s** have 140 members and had 75 played on opening day.
- **BWGA** has 128 members, 80 played on opening day, 55 for President's cup and weekly play has increased to 50-60. The tournament experience now includes music, breakfast, and special after play gatherings. The Sonoran Room at resort was popular new venue and deemed much preferred over the Boulderview room. Food quality at the Club has been unsatisfactory. For team play, a team member acted as ranger to monitor and ensure pace. There is a new fourball tournament this year with 26 teams. About half the members of BWGA are also members of Divine 9s.
- **Mulligans** have 160 members. They organize weekly lunch and golf – once a month lunch is at the Club, otherwise it is at various local restaurants. They bring in speakers twice a month. The new process of starting their nine-hole shotgun using 18 holes is working well so play is complete in in 2 hours. Members have been disappointed in the food quality for the \$30++ price at the Club.
- **BMGA** has 202 members – this is the first time membership is over 200 before year end. Last week their event raised \$2490 for the First Tee, plus donated balls and bags. Participation in post golf gathering in the locker room is better than the past year, with 108 for opening day and about 80 weekly.
- Although the member coordinator position was eliminated, the Associations are continuing to expect the office to provide the same support for their activities, including communication to participants, website updates, and printing name tags.

### BMA Town Hall meeting January 24<sup>th</sup>

- The Mayor of Carefree and a Maricopa County Supervisor have agreed to speak about future development planned in the area.
- Member David Levin, Vice President of the Boulders North HOA will update Members about the new security system.
- Mark Warnquist and Corbin McNeill will provide an update on Corbin's lawsuit, including potential end scenarios. Corbin's campaign to raise additional funds for the Contract Enforcement Fund will be announced.

### Plus Member for BMAC

Three Plus Members (under 2023 bylaws) have asked to be considered to fill the open Board seat vacated by Jeff Gilles resignation (partial term ending April 30, 2025.) One of them will be selected by the Executive Committee after they interview each.

### 2025 BMA Nominating Committee and Call for Candidates

The Executive Committee is preparing for the election of new Board members in March, to fill the vacancies created when the terms of the Plus Member (Jeff Gilles' term,) Mindy Gordon, Matt Lobas, and Jenny Murray end April 30, 2025. Former BMA Presidents Cal Gauss and Sarah Buxton have agreed to serve as the Nominating Committee.

The Boulders Agronomist, Greg Briggs, and his team, are hard at work preparing the courses for play every day. What they are able to accomplish, given their constraints, is greatly appreciated. In addition to the usual golf course maintenance (mowing of fairways, roughs and greens, moving of pins and tee boxes), they are also responsible for general maintenance of Boulders property landscape, pools and the water feature at the Spa.

The Committee reports concerns with the golf courses and tennis/pickleball courts to Director of Club Operations, John Wright, who then prioritizes and assigns the issues to Greg and crew.

Here are some of the **recent issues raised by the Committee that have been addressed**

- Fixed the steps on the #9N tee box
- Replaced the water fountain on #5N
- Removed the grass overgrowth in bunkers
- Cleared overgrowth in the wash on #13N
- Removed the bush growing in #17N trap
- Trimmed back the large tree on #14N to allow access to green from the Red tee box

Here are some of the **open issues raised by the Committee that still need to be resolved.**

- **Sand trap in the right front of #4N and in front of #6N** are down to the concrete and need to be refilled. Due to the old irrigation system, this is an ongoing problem.
- We have made requests that members be given **pin placement sheets** as we use at year-end invitationals.
- Replacement of **missing towels and repair of broken ball washers**
- The **tree in front of the #18N copper tee** needs to be trimmed so that the entire tee box can be used. In addition, something needs to be done to stop the animals from reducing the size of the tee.
- There is a need to repair, replace, eliminate, or add a railing to the **hazardous stairs on #13N wash**. This is a safety issue.
- **Overgrowth invading the cart paths** needs to be cut back (the crew has begun this project).
- **Painting of the North greens**. The process has already begun and will continue.
- The **overgrowth in front of almost all tee boxes on the north course** needs to be removed. Currently, the crew mows the golf courses 3 times a week. Due to seasonal weather and less growth, this will soon be reduced to twice weekly. Greg plans to begin removing this overgrowth during this time.

The Committee has had a number of conversations with management about the **condition of the #18N green**. Springtime application of pre-emergent chemicals will address the **Crabgrass**. Meanwhile, cooler weather has killed some of it and stopped its spread. The crew is mowing the green to provide the best possible putting surface.

We have also spoken to management and reported previously about the **Kyllinga weed** on the course. This is another invasive weed that cannot be addressed until pre-emergent application in the spring. Kyllinga around the greens cannot be sprayed now with weed killer without damaging the putting green surfaces. The Kyllinga in the rough and fairways will be less noticeable while dormant during the cooler weather.

**New and additional rakes** have been requested. Some new rakes arrived and rakes in poor condition have been replaced, however, more rakes are needed.

The Committee has also asked management to address the **poor condition and safety risks on the tennis and pickleball courts**. We have provided photos of the elevated

cracks, uneven surfaces, and seams that are coming apart. As we track the results, we will continue to bring this to their attention.

Various benches were reviewed and priced to select an attractive but low-maintenance bench for the **Memorial Bench program**. Once the program details are presented to management and approved the specifics of the program will be announced to Members.

A **divot brigade** is planned for January and again in late February or March.

At the BMAC meeting, Matt Lobas requested **repainting the copper tees brown** so there's a better distinction between gold and copper. Sandy Hyde and Deb Marzec confirmed that the existing colors used for the gold and copper tees are a regular issue for the women golfers.

**Members who see issues on the golf courses or the tennis/pickleball courts should send a picture and explanation to the Committee at [bouldersgreenscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:bouldersgreenscommittee@gmail.com).**

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