

BOULDERS MEMBERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
SUMMARY

On Thursday, September 12, 2024 BMAC met with Boulders Director of Golf and Club Operations John Wright ("JW,") and Jennifer Messer, Director of Banquets. Here's a summary of what was reported and discussed.

- The Boulders will have a larger booth including a bar at this year's Taste of Cave Creek event October 16 – 17. JW plans to put up the event poster and will include this in an upcoming Member email.
- Memberships are 400 Golf, 72 Social and 91 Clubhouse with no Members on the waiting list to exit.
- Matt Lobas reported some Members believe they observe non-members playing on the north course from time to time. JW was emphatic that no one is authorized to send anyone but Members and their guests out on the Member designated course, and to notify him if it is observed. JW authorized only one exception two Sundays ago for a group in the afternoon when the course was empty. There was discussion about the number of newer members not well known and not recognized.
- Matt Lobas reported that some Members believe the south course may be maintained better than the north. JW explained that there is no difference in the maintenance practices between the two courses.
- Status of landscape and related projects
 - Eradication of Desert Broom and removal of Mistletoe from Boulders property continues. A contractor removed 8 trees near the entrance to the parking lot and around the tennis courts due to mistletoe damage.
 - Clean-up of vegetation adjacent to the driving range to facilitate wayward ball recovery began yesterday – completing about 75% of the left side. Completion date not yet scheduled but the crew will be brought back to finish when possible.
 - Clean-up of cut branches, dead bushes, and weeds will be scheduled.
- Status of health and safety concerns reported
 - Spa gym open electrical outlet boxes on the floor – covers have not arrived and are now back-ordered. Maintenance is continuing to follow up repeatedly.
 - Steps to #9 north gold tee box and the putting green are being installed this week. Matt Lobas commented that those steps have been an issue for over 20 years and Members appreciate getting them fixed.
 - Steps on #13 north and between pickleball courts are not yet scheduled but JW talked to the crew doing the work on 9 to get a bid.
 - Tree removal around the tennis courts – done – thank you.
 - Tree removal from #16 North – done – thank you.

- Matt Lobas conveyed Members' opinion that the putting green and chipping green turned out very well, and complimented the work done to refresh landscape around the chipping green. JW said the putting green will continue to smooth out. It is being mowed at the same height as south greens.
- Some bent grass will be maintained on the Member putting green as a nursery instead of removing all of it as he had previously reported.
- The red lines that had been painted on the course will be repainted after the over-seeded rye grows in.
- JW agreed to inform Members about the invasive weeds on the north course; Kyllinga in the fairways and rough, and crab grass on the greens. The Greens and Courts Committee is receiving a lot of reports from Members about this. It would be helpful to provide photos and explanation of the cause (rain too soon after the pre-emergent was sprayed on the north course in the spring) and the plan. It is currently being hand-pulled because it cannot be sprayed now without damaging the turf. Matt Lobas offered to work with JW to create a video for Members where JW could explain about the weeds and also show the work done on the practice areas.
- The Clubhouse pool has new umbrellas and chair slings.
- Members have reported the gates and doors propped open between clubhouse pool and member gym – allowing a snake inside yesterday. JW will remind members and staff not to prop doors and gates open.
- The phone to the front gate has not been working since September 2. Although the HOAs notified residents, the Club office was informed on September 10. JW agreed to provide an update to Members.
- In preparation for the planned overseeding of the practice area, Matt Lobas suggested the Club purchase a number of practice nets and there was discussion of various locations they could be set up.
- Matt Lobas reported receiving complaints from a number of 2023 Bylaws Members who are very disappointed to have lost their 30-day advance tee times privilege. They are further upset by the recent notification that their Food and Beverage Minimum would be enforced this year as they had been told by previous Club Management that it would not be, the Club having no system in place to effectively track F&B purchases towards a minimum.
- The fiesta-themed opening social at El Pedregal will include wine tasting stations, mariachi band, and Mexican food. The menu and registration instructions will be sent to Members shortly. Melanie, in the Club Office, will take reservations.

Highlights from the Board's Executive Session

Treasurer's Report – Greg Barnum

BMA's bank accounts hold \$19,760, including two recently purchased \$5,000 CDs at 4.75% interest.

Ambassador Committee – Mindy Gordon

Committee members: Steve Sanborn(BMAC), Shawna Bode, Kathleen Erba, Cal Gauss, Suzie Gauss

The proposed New Member Welcome program was presented to JW and has been forwarded to General Manager John Maskovich for approval.

Social Committee – Sandy Hyde

Committee members – Greg Barnum(BMAC), Shawna Bode, Robin Knepper, Kristal Levin, Lynn Lobas

Offsite events are being scheduled, including at TeeBox in January and a bowling event in February. Dates are being set at Local Jonnys and possibly Harolds or Horny Toad.

Going forward, venues will require payment from BMAC for the event instead of charging individuals. Registration for an offsite event will require payment, likely via Zelle. More information will be provided in each event flyer.

Communication Committee – Jenny Murray

Committee members – O’Neill McDonald(BMAC), Shari Farris, Dana Harrison

A number of Members have unintentionally unsubscribed to BMAC emails. If requested, a one-time resubscribe email is sent to them. If they unsubscribe again they must submit a new email address. Unsubscribing affects all emails from the BMA Constant Contact system, including those from the golf associations. If a Member wishes to be removed from an association email list they should not unsubscribe – they should email the request to BMAC or the association.

Greens and Courts Committee – Steve Sanborn

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

Members have requested more benches on the north course and the committee is developing a proposal for a donated memorial bench program. Benches would be similar to the one currently on #9 north and locations could be selected to avoid interference with mowing. BMAC will introduce the program details once its approved by Club Management.

Any new concerns about the golf courses or tennis and pickleball courts should be reported by email to bouldersgreenscommittee@gmail.com

Rules Committee – David Johnston

Committee members – Deb Marzec(BMAC), 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 committee’s recommended new Exemption Flag Golf Cart Policy was reviewed and approved by the Board. JW has expressed support for implementation of a policy and assured David Johnston that Club staff would enforce it.

The recommended policy will next be provided to JW for review, and once approved it can be communicated to Members.

Facilities Committee – Huck Cronin

Committee members – O’Neill McDonald(BMAC), Scott Trubakoff

Spa/Fitness Committee – Huck Cronin

Committee members – Mindy Gordon(BMAC), Addie Dusel, Allan Share.

Recently reported issues were discussed with JW as outlined above.

Members should send reports of facilities concerns, with photos if possible, to **issues.bmac@gmail.com**