

**Amherst Golf Club  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
October 19, 2024**

**Present:** Steve Elkins, George Oulundsen, Gordy Palley, Jean Gowdey, Jay Morgan, Donnie Hodgkins, Emily Ziomek, Jack Stanne, Mike Hanieski

**Absent:** Kathryn Mahoney, Elizabeth Geene

**Welcome and Introductions:** Steve welcomed the attendees at the meeting and introduced the board members to them.

**Club Finance Update:** Gordy reported that we have \$296,000 in our checking and savings account. He further reported that our dues income is at \$289,000. The greens fees are slightly below last year but should be close to last year by the end of the golf season. Gordy made an appeal to our members to contribute to our CID. He mentioned the projects that previous CID donations were used for. They were as follows.

Arborvitae replacement

Stairs on holes 3 and 5

New Deck Awning

Stone work on the sign at our North Pleasant Street entrance

Bathroom renovations

Trimming of tree behind 9th green

Oil and stoning of cart paths between the 9th green to below the first tee and clubhouse to below the 6th tee box. Gordy noted in the four years of this voluntary donation that the club has raised \$30,000 for these improvements. If you appreciate AGC and value the experience please make a contribution along with your dues so that we can continue to make improvements.

**Grounds Projects Update:** The irrigation installation project has begun and should take between 9-12 days to complete with minimal disruption for the golfers. The entire course will be rewired and trenched. There will be all new control boxes. The system will be designed so that it will be pre programmed for usage.

**Women's Association Update:** Jean reported that they had a very active year with over 15 tournaments. This year they participated in the inaugural Battle of the Bridge tournament at Northampton Country Club. Even though they lost it was a great day for all with hopes of making this an annual event. The Member/Guest tournament saw more than 50 women participate which enabled them to add a nine hole division to the cup tournaments. The membership collected putt money donations and will be donating \$230 to the Western Mass Food Bank. At their annual Fall meeting elections took place for the executive board and tournament chairs. The leadership board for the 2024-2025 season will be as follows.

**President:** Kathryn Mahony  
**Vice President:** Donna McKemmie  
**Treasurer:** Megan Estes  
**Secretary:** Cathie Schweitzer  
**Tournament Co-Chairs:** Hilary Matheson and Carole Oulundsen

**Recognition of 2024 Tournament and League Winners:** Dave reported the following winners of the various tournaments that took place throughout the year.

**Championship Division:** Jim Battistoni (Men's), Michelle Morgan (Women's)  
**1st Division:** Jake Hayden (Men's), Marie Appleby (Women's)  
**2nd Division:** John Kuusisto (Men's)  
**3rd Division:** Don Faulstick (Men's), Rhonda Mariani (Women's)  
**Senior Gross:** Adam Lussier (Shumway Trophy)  
**Senior Net:** Jordan Haskell (Rocking Chair)  
**Senior Gross 65yr-up:** Steve Hallquist (Kuzmiski Trophy)  
**Senior Net 65yr-up:** Jack Jemsek (Roy Gage Trophy)  
**Senior Women's:** Kathy Horrigan  
**Senior Legends:** Butch Beaudin  
**Junior Champ:** Ben Scott  
**Most Improved:** Raj Shahi (Men's), Michelle Morgan (Women's)  
**Founders Cup:** Michelle Morgan, Donna McKemmie (9H)  
**Special Cup:** Megan Donnelly, Barb Bliz(9H)  
**President's Cup:** Jim Battistoni (Men's), Megan Donnelly (Women's), Cathie Schweitzer  
**Vice President Cup:** Dick Simpson  
**Steamboat:** Steve Elkins, Mike McSally  
**Garber:** Jeff Gold, Jim Battistoni  
**Amherst Open:** Colin Dowd (Score 70)

Dave also reported the following 5 hole in ones that we had this year

**Steve Levin:** 1st of Career, 9th Hole 200yd par 3 Driver  
**John Wroblewski:** 1st of Career, 9th Hole 200yd par 3 Driver  
**Chris Kamansky:** 4th of Career, 4th Hole 140yd par 3 8 Iron  
**Mike Tiernan:** 3rd of Career, 9th Hole 179yd par3 4 Hybrid  
**Jordan Haskell:** 4th of Career, 13th Hole 138yd par 3 6 Iron

Special Presentation and Recognition: Steve recognized Jean Gowdey for her many years of service on the board. He presented her with a plaque.

Election of Board Members for 2024-25: The proposed slate of board members was approved and will be as follows.

**President:** George Oulundsen

**Vice President:** Jack Stanne

**Treasurer:** Gordy Palley

**Secretary:** Mike Hanieski

**Women's Association President:** Kathryn Mahony

**Amherst College Liaison:** Elizabeth Geene (Appointed by Amherst College)

**Past President:** Steve Elkins

**Member Liaison:** Jay Morgan

**Members at Large:** Bonnie May, Emily Ziomek, Don Hodgkins, Greg Kwolek, Glenn Allan

**Greens Chairman:** Position needs to be filled

**Questions and Comments from Attendees:** Having a Handicap Committee for Men and Women, On line Tee times and more options for food and beverage were among the suggestions.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

**Minutes prepared by Mike Hanieski, Secretary**