

TLGA League Meeting held in the Tradition Resident's Club House on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 9:30 AM

Board Members Present: Celise McLaughlin, Dot Franco, Dani Jennings, Amy Monaghan, Carolyn Pacella, & Sue Guzlas

In addition to the six Board Members, 24 TLGA members were present.

The meeting was called to order by Celise McLaughlin. She introduced Clay DuBose, Certified Golf Course Superintendent, to the group who spoke on behalf of the golf club about the proposal he and Jon Fritz, Head Golf Professional, presented to the Board Members in August regarding opening the leagues to non-resident members. Clay pointed out that club membership is at 210-212 and the course would like to increase that number to 240-250 and feels that opening our league to non-residents will help the course reach that number as the leagues at Tradition have very good reputations and membership in them would be a positive draw for all concerned. He pointed out that the Men's League has changed their by-laws and agreed to taking in non-membership residents. Clay mentioned that the course would like to see the TLGA add 12-15 non-resident members to the league. Not accepting the proposals could result in higher club dues and loss of tee times.

Clay then fielded questions from the floor and was agreeable to entertain suggestions made regarding membership benefits.

- To allow gift certificates (chits) should be allowed to be used for playing golf as well as buying merchandise
- To get additional tee times when they're needed even during the prime times of the year To allow advance tee times when inviting guests to play, not require 1 guest for each member

Before leaving, Clay pointed out that the course will not do outside soliciting. He encourages members to recommend their friends to join the club. He also stated that the course has the right to refuse membership to anyone.

Celise provided some background information regarding the subject. She pointed out that the Board by majority vote agreed to present the proposal for non-resident memberships at a league meeting. She minding the members that we are an aging community and that the average weekly attendance is down to 22 players per week. Only if there is a tournament or event do we ever use all 32 slots.

The motion was made by Donna Culver to accept applications for golfers who are non-residents of the Tradition Community, but are members of the Tradition Golf Club

effective December 1, 2008 as per restrictions voted upon by the League. Pat Shriver seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Maureen Lempert presented a motion that the TLGA League will permit up to 10 of non-resident memberships to be in effect in any league year. After some discussion about capping memberships, it was felt that this is something that can be changed as needed. Joan Sheldon seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The next motion on the floor was made by Maureen Lempert that addressed non-resident applications for membership. The proposal read that non-resident applications must be sponsored by 2 active TLGA members and approved by the majority of the board. Motion was seconded by Betty Ruff and passed.

Discussion over sponsorship numbers arose which spurred another motion made Pat Cocuzza that a member may only sponsor no more than 2 non-residents. Motion was seconded by Betty Ruff and was not passed.

Pat Shriver then made a motion that the League raise its membership number in the by-laws from the current number of 65 to 70. Suzanne Strasser seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Following the above motions, a discussion opened about what a new membership application should look like. Sally Russell felt that we should be careful to not become too selective about who we want/don't want to become non-resident members. Gail McLaughlin and Suzanne Strasser both felt that a legitimate handicap that can be verified is a very important item to address. Suzanne's made suggestions for changes to the application form.

Donna Culver made a motion to allow non-resident members to have ALL the same rights as resident members (become full members after 12 credited league days). Sally Russell spoke in favor of the motion. The motion was seconded Lori Doherty. After much discussion on control of the league by non-resident members the motion was not passed.

Following next was a motion made by Maureen Lempert that Non resident members will be Permanent Associate members only, shall not hold office, shall not have voting rights, will play "space available" only for regular weekly tournament play. The motion was seconded by Dani Jennings. The motion was not passed.

Suzanne Strasser proposed a motion stating that the league allow non-resident members to have the same rights as resident members EXCEPT they may not hold office. The motion was seconded by Nancy Malara. The motion passed.

Celise McLaughlin made the final motion of the meeting stating: the TLGA President to is to appoint a sub-committee to review and update By-Laws and Membership application to be presented for vote by League at the November meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Several items of other business were brought up: Gail McLaughlin raised the point that it would probably be a good idea to publish the changes ahead of the November meeting and Nancy Malara felt that the League Members should be informed as to the importance of the November meeting where the by-law and membership changes will be presented and voted on. It was also suggested that a letter be written to Clay informing him of the league decision and to document those member benefits that we had discussed earlier.

Bobbie Fleiss reported on several state tournaments that will be coming up. Information on them is posted in the Members' Room at the golf course. Bobbie is resigning as the person in charge of the tournaments and Joan Sheldon will be taking over the position.

A motion to dismiss was made by Maureen Lempert and seconded by Pat D'Amato. The meeting was dismissed at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Monaghan.



# TRADITION LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION

October 1, 2008

Mr. Clay Dubose  
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RE: Non Resident Membership in the Tradition Ladies Golf Association

Dear Clay,

The Tradition Ladies Golf Association met on Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> to present the proposal to allow Tradition Club members who do not live at Tradition to join the ladies league. The Ladies league voted in favor of allowing up to 10 non-resident members to join providing they have a valid USGA handicap and it meets the maximum handicap guidelines established in our By-Laws. These non-residents will be afforded all the benefits of the resident members except, the league voted to not allow them to hold office.

It is necessary for the league to change the by-laws and the application form to accommodate these revisions. These will be completed and voted upon at our next meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> and if all is approved, non resident applications will be accepted after that time. League minutes are posted on our website at [T29585.com/TLG.htm](http://T29585.com/TLG.htm).

As we discussed at our meeting the ladies have requested from you the consideration of the following benefits in cooperation with this opportunity.

- To allow gift certificates (chits) to be used as cash in the pro shop and snack bar for all purchases.
- To get additional tee times when needed to support the addition non-resident members, even during the prime time
- To allow advance tee times when inviting guests to play and not require 1 guest for each member
- To remove the fence on #9 in front of the conservation area to avoid additional injury to players

These benefit changes are important to our members to validate our membership in the Tradition Golf Club. We appreciate your efforts to make them a reality.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Celise M. McLaughlin  
President, TLGA 2008