Tri-Palms Men's Golf Club

General Membership Meeting Summary

Date: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Location: Tri-Palms Golf Club
Presiding Officer: Carlos Monroy, President

Installation of Officers and Opening Remarks

Installation of the 2027 Board of Directors

The meeting opened with the installation of the incoming Board of Directors for the 2027 golf season. The officers took the oath of office, pledging to uphold the Club's bylaws, promote good sportsmanship, and work together in the best interests of the membership.

Position	Officer
President	Carlos Monroy
Vice President	Alan Ward
Secretary	Mark Bennett
Treasurer	Barry Smith
Tournament Director	Mike Stoff
Assistant Tournament Director	Adrian Leon
Greens Director	Roy Mixer
Par-3 Director	Don Morgan
Membership Director	Richard Wachal
Rules Director	Mike Morrissey
Handicap Director	Phil LaPierre

Opening Remarks — President Carlos Monroy

President Carlos Monroy welcomed members to the 2027 golf season, extending a special welcome to new members and golfers joining from the Second Season Golf Club.

Carlos thanked the outgoing Board members for their service and expressed enthusiasm for the incoming Board. He emphasized the importance of teamwork, friendship, and cooperation in making the upcoming season successful.

Vice President's Report — Allen Ward

Vice President Allen Ward outlined changes to the **KP (Closest to the Pin) program** for the 2027 golf season.

- **Weekly KP Entry Fee:** Participation will cost $5 per week and is optional. This fee is separate from the $5 weekly tournament entry fee.
- **Expanded KP Competition:** KP prizes will now be awarded on all four regular par-3 holes, rather than the two holes used previously.
- **Separate Tee Competitions:** White and Gold tee players will compete in separate KP divisions, with prize money distributed within their respective divisions.
- **KP Carryovers:** Allen explained that when a KP prize goes unclaimed, the first carryover of the day would be allocated to the Club's hole-in-one fund. If two or more KP prizes go unclaimed, the first would go to the hole-in-one fund, while the remaining carryovers would be distributed among that day's winning KP participants within their respective White or Gold tee divisions. No unclaimed KP prize money would carry forward to subsequent weeks.
- **Hole-in-One Eligibility:** Hole-in-one awards will be limited to members participating in the KP program during official Thursday Club play.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Alan requested volunteers to assist with collecting KP entry fees during morning and afternoon play.

Members asked several questions concerning carryovers, eligibility, and prize distribution. Alan clarified that the revised program is intended to distribute more prize money during the week it is collected while helping support the Club's hole-in-one fund.

Treasurer's Report — Barry Smith

Treasurer Barry Smith presented an overview of the Club's financial position and the budget for the 2027 golf season.

- **Year-End Balance:** The Club ended its fiscal year on October 31, 2026, with a bank balance of **$4,693**, meeting its long-term objective of reducing accumulated reserves from approximately $15,000 to $5,000.
- **Membership Dues:** Annual membership dues for the 2027 season have been established at **$65**.
- **Administrative Expenses:** The new budget includes **$3,000** for computer equipment, accounting software, and related administrative expenses. These resources had previously been provided through Barry's business at no cost to the Club.
- **Future Budget Flexibility:** Barry explained that these one-time transition expenses should provide greater flexibility in future budgets, potentially allowing for lower dues, additional awards, or expanded member activities.

- **Hole-in-One Fund:** The Club paid approximately **$891** in hole-in-one awards during the previous season. Changes to tournament funding and KP carryovers are intended to help offset future payouts without increasing annual membership dues.

Barry advised members that the proposed budget, year-end financial statements, and Treasurer's Report would be available on the Club's website. Members wishing to receive copies directly could contact him.

The report emphasized the Club's effort to maintain financial stability while continuing to provide tournament prizes, special events, and other membership benefits.

4. Secretary's Report — Mark Bennett

Secretary Mark Bennett reported that the minutes from the previous General Membership Meeting were available on the Club's website and invited members to raise any questions or concerns.

Mark also highlighted the Club's successful summer golf activities with the Second Season Golf Club.

- **Joint Summer Tournaments:** During the summer, Tri-Palms Men's Club invited Second Season members to participate in Thursday tournaments, allowing golfers from both clubs to compete together and share in tournament payouts.
- **Positive Experience:** Mark reported that the joint activities were enjoyable and provided an opportunity for both clubs to become better acquainted.
- **Shared Learning:** The experience helped each club better understand the other's tournament operations and procedures.
- **Community Recognition:** An article describing the summer activities and cooperation between the clubs appeared in the previous month's community magazine.

Mark expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with Second Season and for the positive experience of bringing golfers from both clubs together.

5. Golf Course Operations and Online Tee-Time System — Brian Ortega

Brian Ortega provided members with an update on golf course conditions, maintenance activities, and the implementation of the new online tee-time reservation system.

Golf Course Conditions and Maintenance

Brian reported that the golf course was in better condition than anticipated following the summer months. Recent rainfall had delayed the arrival of maintenance equipment, which was expected within approximately two weeks.

Several areas requiring additional attention, particularly around holes 12, 13, and 18, were identified for filling, grading, and reseeding.

Brian also discussed a proposal to modify summer irrigation practices beginning in May. Under the proposal, watering would be concentrated on greens, tees, and fairways, while some rough areas would be allowed to brown out during the hottest months to conserve water and reduce maintenance costs.

Members expressed differing opinions regarding the proposal, particularly its potential effect on course conditions and maintenance standards. No final decision was announced.

New Online Tee-Time Lottery System

Brian announced that the new online tee-time lottery system was operational and would replace the previous paper reservation process.

The system is accessible through the golf section of the Tri-Palms community website. Members experiencing difficulty with their login credentials were encouraged to contact the Pro Shop for assistance.

Key features of the new system include:

- **Advance Reservations:** Tee-time requests may be submitted seven days before the desired playing date.
- **Lottery Processing:** Requests are processed through a computerized lottery at approximately 6:30 a.m. the following morning, with email confirmations sent to participating golfers.
- **Group Reservations:** One person may request tee times for up to three foursomes (12 golfers). Each request must include at least two players.
- **Preferred Times:** Members may specify their desired starting time and an acceptable range of alternate times.
- **Fairness System:** The lottery uses a points system designed to improve fairness. Players who do not receive their preferred times accumulate priority points, while those receiving preferred times have points adjusted accordingly.
- **Singles and Twosomes:** Single golfers should contact the Pro Shop for placement in available groups. Twosomes may be combined when necessary.
- **Reservation Accountability:** Guest information must be entered correctly, and restrictions are intended to prevent duplicate reservations, placeholder names, and unused tee times. Repeated no-shows may result in penalties or restrictions.

Brian answered numerous questions concerning registration, group requests, priority points, and the handling of cancellations. Members were encouraged to familiarize themselves with the system and seek assistance from the Pro Shop when needed.

Potential Men's Club Merger

Brian reminded members of the upcoming **Western Golf meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m.**, where the possibility of combining the Tri-Palms Men's Club and Second Season Golf Club would be discussed.

He encouraged members to attend, learn more about the proposal, and express their opinions. Members with concerns or objections were also invited to speak with him individually.

The discussion was informational, and no merger decision was made during the General Membership Meeting.

Greens Director's Report — Roy Mixer

Greens Director Roy Mixer reported on the Club's ongoing efforts to improve golf course maintenance and ensure compliance with established maintenance standards.

Course Inspections and Maintenance Standards

Roy explained that regular monthly inspections are being conducted to evaluate course conditions and identify areas requiring improvement. These inspections are intended to document maintenance deficiencies and communicate concerns formally to course management.

Particular attention is being given to:

- **Fairways:** Maintaining a regular mowing schedule, with a goal of mowing three times per week.
- **Greens:** Daily mowing and consistent putting surface conditions.
- **Rough Areas:** Mowing approximately twice per week to maintain acceptable playing conditions.
- **Sand Traps and Edging:** Improving bunker maintenance and keeping course edges properly maintained.
- **Pest Control:** Addressing ongoing problems involving gophers and ants.
- **Maintenance Staffing:** Ensuring sufficient personnel are available to perform the required work.

Follow-Up and Accountability

Roy outlined a formal process for documenting maintenance concerns and requesting corrective action.

A follow-up review is scheduled for **January 19, 2027**, with a further review and possible arbitration scheduled for **April 20, 2027**, if significant maintenance deficiencies remain unresolved.

Roy emphasized that the objective is to work cooperatively with course management to achieve consistent, year-round playing conditions rather than create unnecessary conflict.

He encouraged members to remain involved and supportive as the Club continues its efforts to improve the golf course.

Par-3 Director's Report — Don Morgan

Par-3 Director Don Morgan reported that participation in the Par-3 program has declined and encouraged members to take advantage of this additional golfing opportunity.

The Par-3 sign-up sheet will continue to be available in the clubhouse for members interested in participating.

Don also discussed the possibility of allowing Gold tee players to participate when turnout is limited, helping maintain sufficient numbers for the weekly competition.

Members were encouraged to invite fellow golfers to participate and help support the continued success of the program.

Membership Director's Report — Richard Wachal

Membership Director Richard Wachal reported encouraging membership activity as the Club begins the 2027 golf season.

- **Membership Growth:** The Club finished the previous season with 129 members. The preliminary membership list for the new season includes approximately 139 members.
- **Membership Renewals:** Approximately 40 members had already paid their dues at the time of the meeting.
- **Annual Dues:** Membership dues for the 2027 season are $65. Richard clarified that some previously printed membership forms incorrectly listed $70 and are being corrected.

Richard encouraged members to renew promptly and to invite other golfers to join the Men's Club.

Rules Director's Report — Mike Morrissey

Rules Director Mike Morrissey reviewed several important golf rules and reminded members that the Club's official local rules are printed on the scorecard.

Lost Ball and Out-of-Bounds Relief — Local Rule E-5

Mike explained the Club's adoption of USGA Model Local Rule E-5, which provides an alternative to returning to the location of the previous stroke when a ball is lost or out of bounds.

Under this optional rule:

- **Two-Stroke Penalty:** A player may take relief in a designated area near the fairway with a two-stroke penalty.
- **Next Stroke:** After taking relief, the player is lying three and playing their fourth stroke.
- **Optional Procedure:** Players may still use the traditional stroke-and-distance procedure instead.
- **Restrictions:** The rule does not apply to balls lost in penalty areas, such as water hazards.

Mike answered several questions about the proper relief area and how the rule should be applied during Club competitions.

He also reviewed relief options for unplayable balls in bunkers and encouraged members to become familiar with the local rules to avoid unnecessary penalties or confusion during tournament play.

The discussion included an informal show of hands concerning the E-5 rule. No separate formal membership vote was recorded.

Tournament Directors' Report — Mike Stoff and Adrian Leon

Tournament Director Mike Stoff, assisted by Adrian Leon, outlined the procedures and plans for Thursday tournaments during the 2027 golf season.

Weekly Tournament Registration

- **Sign-Up Sheets:** Thursday tournament sign-up sheets will be available at the Caddy Shack.
- **Registration Deadline:** Members must sign up by **Monday at 9:00 a.m.** for the upcoming Thursday tournament.
- **KP Carryover —** Mike clarified that unclaimed KP prize money would not be allocated to the Club's hole-in-one fund. Instead, all unclaimed KP funds would be redistributed among the winning KP participants within their respective White and Gold tee divisions on the same day.
- No KP prize money would carry forward to subsequent weeks.
- **Tournament Entry Fee:** The weekly tournament entry fee is **$5 per player**, separate from the optional $5 KP competition.
- **Tee Selection:** Members are encouraged to remain consistent in their selection of White or Gold tees throughout the season to maintain fair competition.

Tournament Prizes and Special Events

Mike explained that tournament entry fees will primarily be returned to members through flight prizes and special events.

A portion of the weekly tournament proceeds, approximately $50, will be set aside to help fund activities such as the President's Cup luncheon and Brats and Beer events.

Tournament winners will receive prize certificates that may be redeemed during weekly play or at Club meetings.

Tournament Scheduling and Member Participation

Mike and Adrian will coordinate tournament schedules and special events to minimize conflicts with Second Season activities.

Members were encouraged to offer suggestions for tournament formats and special events throughout the season.

The directors emphasized their goal of providing enjoyable, competitive tournaments while maintaining fair prize distributions and opportunities for all members to participate.

Guys and Dolls Tournament Announcements

Pat Ream and Marshall Pugh provided an update on the upcoming Guys and Dolls golf tournaments for the 2027 season.

Two events are scheduled:

- **Friday, January 8, 2027**
- **Friday, April 2, 2027**

The entry fee for Men's Club members will be **$20 per person**, with proceeds helping support the Tri Palm Men's Club.

Tournament registration information and sign-up opportunities will be made available following the December membership meeting. Members were encouraged to participate and support these popular mixed-golf events.

Handicap Director's Report — Phil LaPierre

Handicap Director Phil LaPierre reminded members of their responsibility to post scores accurately and consistently to maintain fair competition.

Score Posting and Handicap Compliance

- **Required Score Posting:** Members must post all eligible rounds, including those played outside regular Thursday tournaments.
- **Monthly Reviews:** The Handicap Committee will continue conducting monthly audits to identify missing scores and unusual posting patterns.
- **Compliance:** Members who repeatedly fail to post eligible scores may be subject to disciplinary action, including possible exclusion from weekly tournaments. Phil emphasized that concerns would be addressed directly with individual members.
- **Hole-by-Hole Posting:** Phil encouraged members to begin entering scores hole by hole rather than submitting only an adjusted total. This allows the handicap system to apply the appropriate net double bogey adjustments automatically.

Upcoming Handicap System Changes

Phil advised members that additional USGA handicap reporting changes are expected in 2028, including a move toward mandatory hole-by-hole score posting.

He encouraged members to become familiar with this method now to make the transition easier.

Phil also reminded members that scramble tournaments and certain other special formats are not eligible for handicap posting.

He concluded by emphasizing that accurate handicap records are essential to maintaining fair and enjoyable competition for all members.

New Business, Drawings, and Closing Remarks

New Business and Announcements

Members were reminded of the upcoming Western Golf meeting scheduled for **Thursday, November 5, at 10:00 a.m.**, where the proposed merger of the Tri-Palms Men's Club and Second Season Golf Club would be discussed. Members were encouraged to attend and share their opinions.

The Club also extended its thoughts and best wishes to members and families experiencing illness or the loss of loved ones.

Thursday tournament sign-up sheets were made available following the meeting.

Membership Drawing

Robert Martin's name was drawn for the **$25 membership prize**. As he was not present to claim the award, the $25 will carry over to the next membership meeting.

50/50 Raffle Results

Two 50/50 prizes were awarded:

- **$20 Winner:** Mark Bennett — Ticket #1330087
- **$10 Winner:** _____ — Ticket #1330061

Closing Remarks

With no further business recorded, the General Membership Meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Bennett
Secretary
Tri-Palms Men's Golf Club