

Good day Gentlemen,

As the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." Well, not only is it the end of another calendar year and another golf season, but it is also the end of my run as an officer of the MVGA board. It was fun while it lasted; all I ever wanted to do was to add something of value to the association. I enjoyed being involved on a different level as an officer. Being a math teacher by profession, writing was never my strong suit; nevertheless, I believed and hoped that I could do a decent job as secretary. I hope I was able to live up to the expectations of the position. With that being said, I learned a lot from my fellow board members. I really enjoyed working together with David S., Scott, JC, and Stacy David U. in trying to make our association better and impactful on the membership. As a first time officer, I know there is always room for growth and improvement, whether as person or as a golfer. I hope I have grown over the past year in working with others to make a difference in the community. Thanks for the opportunity.

In the month of November we had our annual meeting to discuss changes and to review the year at large and select new officers for next year. Once again David Sweeting made some changes which were impactful in a positive way. We had some good treats for breakfast and a wonderful lunch from one of our favorites- "Wild Wings"- following the tournament. Congratulations to the news officers, JC McDonald will be taking over as Club President, Gary Brinker as Vice President, Buddy Stacy as tournament chair, Greg Cochran as handicap chair and Chuck Landreth as secretary. All officers will assume their position on January 1, 2016.

There were two specific and significant issues that were brought to the floor and seconded into motion. The first was the use of range finders with the capacity to calculate slope during all tournaments. This motion was approved with a majority vote. The ability to use range finders with the capacity to calculate slope during a tournament will go into effect as part of the local rules of the club. Secondly, the ability for members of the Gold Tees to be eligible to win gross prizes during a tournament was put to motion and seconded and voted on (previously Gold Tee players were only eligible to win net prizes). This motion was also approved with majority vote. Gross prize winners can now come from all Tees.

As always, we look forward to more individuals participating in all of our tournaments and having a wonderful time. December's monthly tournament is a modified "bubba" tournament. This means you are playing a modified one man scramble. You will be allowed to replay one shot before you reach the putting surface and one putt once you are on the putting surface.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Prosperous New Year. Finally, I want to say a special thank you to David Sweeting, JC McDonald, Stacy Cochran, Scott Ewerth, and David Underwood this years' members of the MVGA Board they all did a marvelous job all year in making the association work effective.

Sincerely,

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MVGA Secretary