

Southern Chapter Spring Meeting
April 16, 2018
Pembroke Lakes Golf & Racquet Club

Southern Chapter Members and Associates,

The Southern Chapter spring meeting opened up with our chapter President, Santos Caceres discussing a recent trip by the officers of our chapter to the PGA show in January. Santos noted the purpose of the officers traveling to the show was to plan out the events for the year, as well as produce sponsorships for the chapter. Santos continued by thanking all of our committee chairpersons for their efforts so far this year. He also stressed the importance of continuing our chapter's growth in junior golf through the expansion of PGA Jr. League.

Shane Warriner gave us his report as Vice President by opening with information about volunteer opportunities with local Drive-Chip-and Putt qualifiers that are available for our clubs to get involved in. Shane then recognized Kathy Grayson, our new South Florida Section PGA Career Consultant. He also reported about our chapter's financial condition by stating we have over \$9,000 in reserves.

Chapter Secretary Marty Caifano began his report commenting on the trip made by the officers to the PGA show. He stated that we have solidified sponsorship relationships with E-Z-GO, Cobra, Srixon, EZ Links, Golf Genius, Birdie Box, and Retail Tribe while visiting the show. He also supported Santos' comments about the necessity of increasing our chapter's participation in PGA Jr. League. Marty encouraged people to take time out of their busy schedules to assist in the Special Olympics at International Links of Miami Melreese. Monetary compensation will be given to all PGA members and Associates who volunteer their time with the program, as well as 1 MSR point per hour worked. There will be one more practice session on April 25th, followed by the Special Olympics competition dates set to be held on May 1st-3rd. Lastly, Marty recognized the effort put forth by Brian Schuler, the Southern Chapter Tournament Chairperson, in creating a solid tournament schedule for the chapter this season.

Honorary Section President, Mark VanDyck provided the membership with the section report leading off by mentioning our upcoming first major, the Fort Lauderdale Open, which will be conducted on April 30th-May 1st. He also mentioned that anyone who does not have the SFPGA app should definitely get it! Mark informed us that Bret Graf has taken over the position as the new Section Tournament Director. He also stated the Habitat for Humanity house building project will take place in Vero Beach this year, and he encouraged all to participate in this amazing construction event. As a reminder, he let us know that our MSR cycle will end on June 15th. The section annual meeting will occur 2 days prior on June 13th. Mark acknowledged Tom Wildenhaus who will be representing our section as candidate for National Secretary of the PGA. Furthermore, he noted that Warren Bottke, as well as himself, will be candidates for the position of District 13 Director in the August election.

PGA Career Services Consultant Kathy Grayson took the floor to provide background information on herself and she strongly encouraged everyone in our section to get in contact with her. She emphasized coming to her for resume writing advice where she is about to become a certified member of Advanced Professional Resume Writers. Kathy stated she is also here to guide us in job enhancement, as well as job advancement, mentoring, and partner management. She explained that she is also going to serve us with education in the area of budget management, as well as creating more opportunities for education within the section. She stressed the importance of all of us to fill out the PGA compensation survey so

that we have the most accurate information possible to use in our employment searching. Lastly, she advised us to make sure our Career Links profiles are current and accurate.

Lauren Court representing PGA Jr. League and Tori Stock representing the South Florida PGA Junior Tour provided information to the membership about the opportunities for junior golfers within the Southern Chapter. Both Lauren and Tori went in depth about the South Florida PGA Junior Tour programs along with going into detail the format of PGA Junior League. They encouraged any member looking for further information on the programs to please reach out to the Section office.

There was no new business, or old business presented in the meeting. During our open forum, Marty Caifano addressed Mark VanDyck on the issue of PGA members having to pay dues after 25 years of service. He brought up the possibility that maybe they should get a substantial reduction in paying dues after contributing dues for a lengthy period of time.

Santos moved to adjourn the meeting. After the adjournment of the meeting, Santos introduced Patrick Brocco from EZLinks to present to the membership an education seminar.

Sincerely,

Marty Caifano, PGA
Southern Chapter Secretary