

## **SPEAR NEWS**

### **SUMMER 2023 Edition**

**Let me begin this Newsletter with News about Ann Bryant. As we all know, Ann experienced a very bad accident during Spear's Annual Tournament held at the Wentz Golf Course. I have had several phone conversations with her since the accident. Let me inform you all that she is doing well but is still recovering from her accident. She wanted badly to attend the WSGA annual tournament but wasn't healthy enough to be there. She is so appreciative of everyone's well wishes. She is hoping that she will be able to see everyone soon. She is aware of the planned social gathering at Vino Godfather Winery scheduled for 9/2/23 and hopes to make it to this event.**

**Since our last Newsletter, we played Spanos Park, participated in the WSGA Annual Tournament held in June and just played Poppy Hills at Pebble Beach. Even though Spanos had a small showing, it proved to be a delightful outing for those who played in the tournament.**

**Then there was the WSGA Annual Tournament. We had a very strong turnout from our club. Out of a field of 103 golfers, 18 golfers were from the Spear Golf Club. We had our share of winners. There were five flights. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Flt, 1<sup>st</sup> Gross went to Robert Brown. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gross went to Lewis Braxton III, 1<sup>st</sup> Net went Jill Bornor-Brown and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place net went to Natasha Parks. In the Senior Flt, 1<sup>st</sup> Gross went to Howard Hathorne, 2<sup>nd</sup> Net went to Terry Bowie. But we also had daily Flt, CTP and Skin winners, they were Maurice Borden, Esther Wilson, Darren Avent, Larry Morgan, Vernon Rhyne, Yasmyne Brewer, James Brewer, Tim Brown, Byron Deadwiler, and Michael Alston. Hope I didn't miss anyone. We follow are tradition from last year by finishing our WSGA tournament experiences by the Spear's members dining together Saturday night. What five days. O, yea, some of us did win some money at the Peppermill Casino. Well, just a little bit of money.**

**But our experience at Poppy Hills was just as rewarding. Before we even began to play on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> of July, half the field met on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> at Deja Blue Jazz Bar. All I will say here is, that what happens at Deja Blue Jazz Bar, stay at Deja Blue Jazz Bar. We did provide a couple of pictures which Greg has already updated the website with. As for our play at Poppy on Sunday, let's just say we all felt like we were experiencing survival training. It was cold, foggy, and windy. Our scores validated the conditions. But we all had a great time. Opps, I forgot to mention my son let me know, just before I tee off, I was going to be a grandfather again. Great timing on his part. I triple bogged the first two holes.**

**Our next 4 club tournaments will be Pacific Grove (Poor man Pebble) on 8/13/23, Chardonnay in Napa on 9/16/23, Rancho Solano in Fairfield on 10/14/23 and Lake Chabot in Oakland on 11/18/23.**

**On 7/25/23, 16 of us will be traveling northeast of Sacramento to play the Winchester Country Club Golf Course. We were fortunate to receive several golf discounts certificates at the WSGA Annual Tournament. A group of us decided to take advantage of the offer. Also, there is some talk this may be one of the WSGA Annual Course selected for next year Annual.**

**Even though we had a few hiccups, we finally got this year's golf getaway together. At least 20 Spear Golf members and friends will be traveling to Los Cabos, Mexico to play golf, experience a jazz concert and lay on the beach. We will be joining the WSGA Cosmo Golf Club. We will be flying out on 10/17/23 and return on 10/24/23.**

**To our Spear Women Membership, this year's WSGA North/South Shootout will be on 9/29- 10/1/23 in Vallejo. Please mark your calendars and consider participating. Be on the lookout for the registration forms.**

**Darren is already building our tournament schedule for 2024. Our Annual will be held at Wente again. And he is in negotiations**

**with Halfmoon Bay for next summer. If you have suggestions on courses to consider, let Darren know.**

**We think we can look at getting club golf hats in December or January. Please let Darren, Byron or I know if you support this effort. And if so, what should be the hat color? Some of you said it should be white, since it matches any outfit.**

**Expect our Membership fees to rise for next year. I have already received notices from NCGA they will be increasing their fee to \$49. I expect WSGA to increase as well, since they lowered their rate to \$25 hoping they will increase their overall membership. The Spear Golf club is looking to increase their fee from \$36 to \$40.**

**Speaking of Members, if I am correct, since our last newsletter, we picked up four new members. They are Tim Brown, Bobby Jones, E.K Wade and my son, Lewis S. G. Braxton IV. Welcome aboard.**

**In closing,** I hope you saw the email I sent out about a Social at the Vino Godfather Winery on 9/2/23. The group performing at the Winery is "Top Shelf." A very good local group who bring back many of the Motown Favorites, and more. Consider going to this outing. Let's get to know one another better.

Otherwise, **Remember:**

**We come together to play,  
We come together for fun, and  
We stay together for friendship,**

**Lewis S. G. Braxton III  
Spear Golf Club President**