

SPEAR NEWS
SPRING 2024 Edition

2024 began a bit slow for our Club, but once the weather started to cooperate, our club's golfing plans are now rolling along.

Let's begin with our 2024 Tournament Schedule. We tried to get started in February with the **Coyote Creek GC** in Morgan Hill. Unfortunately, rain postponed our tournament until April 7th where there was a very strong showing. But our actual 2024 golfing experience began in March at the Tracy Country Club in Tracy where we had a strong participation in the Tracy Tournament.

Our Spear 47th Annual Tournament held at the **Wente Vineyards GC** was a complete success. 64 golfers played in our tournament. There were four flights, all named after 4 black trailblazing golfers. (Renee Powell, Lee Elder, Charlie Sifford and Calvin Peete). We owe Darren Avent a big thank you for ensuring our tournament being well planned and organized. Al Brown for catering a wonderful meal after round one. Yasmynne and James Brewer, Ena Harris and Jessica Harris for their registration volunteerism. The registration process ran very smoothly and was efficient. Damon Brooks for making sure our 50/50 contest was operated fairly and honestly. Gwen Brown-Mckay and her team for providing entertainment, music, and card games. Byron Deadwiler for paying our expenses on time, buying our goodie and gift bag items, and for organizing the after-tournament wine tasting event for our volunteers and guests.

Though we had 64 golfers, our plan called for us to have 70 players. It was borderline as to whether we would finish in the black for this tournament. Fortunately, we didn't lose any money in hosting the 47th. We all owe a special thank-you to Jill and Robert Brown's and their team. The planning, organizing and executions of the tournament raffle activities was exceptional. The estimated ~ \$1,800 they earned from the raffle made sure the tournament operated in the black. As president of the club, I want to thank everyone who donated items to raffle.

We are currently looking at hosting our 48th tournament at the Yocha Dehe Golf Course. Let your leadership know if you have better courses in mind. If so, do it quickly. We need to enter a contract very soon.

Baylands GC in Palo Alto will be our next scheduled tournament. Followed in July will be **Half Moon Bay GC** in Half Moon Bay. We will be closing out the remaining of the year with the **DeLaveaga GC** in Santa Cruz, **Callippe Preserve** in Pleasanton, **Bartley Cavanaugh** in Sacramento, and **Eagle Ridge GC** in Gilroy

The 70th WSGA Annual Tournament will be held June 20 – 23, 2024. at 3 of Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Alabama. As I stated earlier,

this represents a historic milestone for WSGA. 2024 is WSGA platinum year. WSGA has been in existence since 1954. If you haven't registered to participate yet, please do so. I expect it to be an enjoyable experience.

Just remember the WSGA tournament will be played on the Judge, Senator, and Legislator courses. The host hotel will be the Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel which also provides tennis courts, a pool, full fitness center and activities for kids. If you don't golf, the area also provides canoeing, hiking, fishing, and a rich history in the Civil Rights movement.

We are looking into hosting a few non-golf Socials at various locations throughout Northern California. We have things in mind and should be getting back to you soon.

There will be no 2024 golf getaway. Not enough time to plan a 2024 trip. Thinking about the following locations: Jamaica or Bermuda in late 2025 or early 2026. If you have suggestive locations, please share with your Spear CG leadership.

NCGA Tournaments:

If you are interested in participating in NCGA 2024 sponsor tournaments. Please contact Greg Bennett. He is our NCGA Tournament Director. He has already identified 2 selective tournaments for our members. They are:

1. Associate Club Championship Aug 19-20 Poppy Hills

Qualify on July 23-31 at 7 different golf courses.

Team Pick qualifying golf course.

Best Balls NET stroke play, 4-person team (ONLY 1 TEAM)

The top 24 teams advance to the Championship.

Cost \$160 pp

ENTRY DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2024

2. Senior Four-Ball NET Championship September 9-10 Poppy Hills

Qualify on August 12-22 at 8 different courses.

Team Pick qualifying golf course.

Men 55 years old, Women 50 years old

Best Ball NET stroke play, 2-person team (up to THREE TEAMS)

Cost \$160.00 pp

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 28, 2024

Please contact him for details.

Administrative Matters:

Though we were planning on getting club golf hats this year, several members feel we should focus on getting new club shirts. Many are not pleased with the style and tan color of our latest shirt. Therefore, I will see if I can form a team to identify an affordable style and color club shirt. Please let either Darren, Byron, or I know if you want to be on this team. If we can also fit the cost of hats into our avail budget for the remaining of the year, we will do so.

As I was writing this, two of our dear members have left us to be with the angels. Ann Bryant and Beverly Thompson are no longer with us. Please share your prayers and condolences to their family members and dear friends.

Just 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**