

## **SPEAR NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024**

We closed out the 2024 tournament schedule in Gilroy, at the Eagle Ridge GC. Even though the day started out a bit cold, the weather did warm up and we were able to enjoy our golf round.

I would like us all to thank Darren Avent, Byron Deadwiler and Greg Bennet for leading us in making sure we have a successful golfing year. They made sure we had the opportunity to play a portfolio of courses which were adventuring, challenging, and desirable to play. Also, we need to recognize again the support and help we received during our 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament. Al Brown, Yasmynne and James Brewer, Ena Harris, Jessica Harris, Damon Brooks, Jill and Robert Brown, and Gwen Brown-Mckay helped enable Spear to host a great two-day golf tournament.

But let us not forget Ann Bryant and Beverly Thomas who helped trailblazed the Spear Golf Club for over 20 years. They will be surely missed.

### **2025 Spear Golf Club Activities**

**2025 Schedule:** Even though our 2025 Golf Schedule hasn't been finalized, Darren is expected to complete a great schedule by the end of November 2024. Starting in February we will schedule a social at "Top Golf" in Burlingame, CA. Since we often cancel tournaments scheduled in February due to weather, we decided to create an opportunity to begin the year by getting reacquainted with one another. We do have the following tournaments scheduled: **The Course at Wente Vineyards** in April, **Spear and Maples NorCal Invitational** in May at the Rancho Solano and Paradise Valley Golf Course, **Bayonet Golf Course** in July, **Cinnabar Hills Golf Course** in August, **Wildhorse Golf Course** in September. Darren is still working on finding courses for the months of March, October and November. These are the courses Darrent is working on: **Del Monte Golf Course** in Seaside, **Peacock Gap Golf Course** in San Rafael, **Shadow Lake Golf Course** in Brentwood, and **Sharp Park Golf Course** in Pacifica.

**2025 Membership Renewal:** It is time to renewal membership into the Spear Golf Club. Our rates in 2025 remain unchanged from 2024.

**Spear, WSGA and NCGA members** ----- \$146  
**Spear, WSGA members** ----- \$100  
**Spear, NCGA members** ----- \$96  
**Spear only members** ----- \$50

All membership fees are **due by 12/15/24**. This allows our club to pay WSGA and NCGA on 1/1/2025 as required. Our website has been updated by Byron Deadwiler. You can access the membership form through our website.

**Note: NCGA sometime bill their members directly. Please don't pay NCGA directly if you want Spear to manage your NCGA account. Pay the Spear Golf Club directly and Spear will pay your NCGA account.**

**New Club Golf Shirts:** Vonya Taylor and Joseph Scott have agreed to work on identifying a new club shirt. This is responding to concerns shared by several members over our current shirt style and tan color. They have reviewed a few styles and our expected to present to Spear's leadership their recommendations before our Top Golf outing in February 2025.

## **WSGA Activities**

**2024 WSGA Commemorative Golf Bag Tag:** The WSGA 2024 Commemorative Golf Bag Tags (33 in number) have been delivered to the Spear Golf Club to be distributed to WSGA Spear's GC members. Several of the WSGA Spear members received their Commemorative Golf Bag Tag during the Eagle Ridge Golf Tournament. We will distribute the balance either by mail or in person over the next couple of months. Any WSGA nonmember who wants a Commemorative Golf Bag Tags must join the WSGA. WSGA Spear nonmembers can contact Lewis Braxton III to arrange getting a bag tag.

### **2025 71st WSGA Annual Tournament:**

The 71<sup>st</sup> WSGA Annual Tournament will be held in June 2025. The same 3 Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses at Capitol Hill in Prattville, Alabama will be played. They are the Judge, Senator, and Legislator courses. The host hotel will remain 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.

**2024 WSGA Tropical Golf-Away to Jamaica:** WSGA, managed by the Spear and Cosmopolitan Golf Clubs, are presenting to WSGA members and their guest an opportunity to experience a golf getaway in Jamaica. It will be January 6 – 12, 2026 (8 days and 7 nights). Registration has been extended to January 17, 2025 because there are still openings. Currently, if we continue to have openings after 1-17-25, we expect the cost of the outing to increase. The outing features 4 of Jamaica's world-renowned golf courses. They are Cinnamon Hill, Half Moon, The Tryall and White Witch. By the end of November 2024, it is expected WSGA website and facebook page will allow you to register for this golf getaway to Jamaica.

## **NCGA Tournament Activities:**

**If you are interested in participating in NCGA 2025 sponsor tournaments. Please contact Greg Bennett. He is our NCGA Tournament Director.**

## **New Spear Golf Club Leadership:**

**Beginning January 1, 2025, George Henderson will be the Spear's Golf Club president. I want to be the first to thank him for accepting this responsibility. I asked all of you to do the same. Let us all be supportive of his leadership and strongly behind his efforts to ensure we all have a great golf club.**

**As for me, and after 14 years, I will continue to support George, Darren and Byron, but it is time I step aside and allow for fresh ideas and approaches be considered to strengthen our golf club. I will continue to see you all on the links.**

### **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**