



**AGENDA
GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2025
4:00 PM
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
204 ASH STREET
FERNANDINA BEACH, FL 32034**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 4.1 December 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes (Approval Of Minutes)
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - 6.1 Equipment Purchases, Driving Range, Course Rating (Updates / Discussions)
- 7. FRIENDS OF FERNANDINA GOLF CLUB UPDATE**
- 8. MGA UPDATE**
- 9. WGA UPDATE**
- 10. STAFF COMMENTS**
 - 10.1 Staff Update (Review)
- 11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT**

All members of the public are invited to be present and be heard. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate in this program or activity should contact the City Clerk at (904) 310-3115 or TTY/TDD 711 (for the hearing or speech impaired). All interested parties may appear at said meeting and be heard as to the advisability of any action, which may be considered with respect to such matter. For information regarding this matter, please contact the Golf Course Manager.

GOLF COURSE ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 23, 2024

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL: Present:** Member Sikorski, Chair Pelican, Member Camera, Member Corbett
Absent: Member Kelly.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - 4.1. Member Corbett made a motion to approve November 26th Meeting Minutes. Second by Member Sikorski. All Aye.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**
 - 6.1. Jeffery Biggers, General Manager, Fernandina Beach Golf Club gave an update on the driving range/Top Tracer. Replacement poles and replacement netting will be a two-step process. Two Fairway mowers have arrived today.
7. **FRIENDS OF FERNANDINA GOLF CLUB UPDATE:** Jeffery Biggers reported on the success of the tree trimming project and reported that we had twenty plus volunteers assisting with the project.
8. **8. WGA UPDATE:** Lynn Sikorski reported on the WGA. They are currently on winter break but are still experiencing a growth in membership.
9. **MGA UPDATE:** Jeffery Biggers gave updates on the December 14, 2024 MGA points tournament. Chairman Pelican discussed ways to increase event turnout.
10. **STAFF COMMENTS:**
11. 10.1. **GENERAL UPDATES:** Jeffery Biggers, GM speaks: Reviewed golf course numbers for November 2024. Other current projects and activities at the club were discussed. Member Camera brought up the status of our new mowers and sand in the bunkers.
12. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Chairman Pelican stated that the golf maintenance staff has done a great job getting the course back into shape. Member Camera remarked on greatly improved course conditions.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:** @ 04:35 p.m. Motion made by Member Corbett, second by Member Camera. All Ayes.

Approved by: _____

Chair, John Pelican



Fairway Units

The Fernandina Beach Golf Club is excited to announce the addition of two new John Deere 7700A Precision Cut Fairway Mowers, which were delivered on December 23, 2024. These mowers were selected for their outstanding customer service, reliability, ease of maintenance, and competitive pricing for parts. Known for delivering a high-quality, clean cut, these John Deere mowers will ensure smooth, consistent finishes on the fairways, an essential element for quality play.

The improved cutting quality also promotes healthier grass growth by reducing stress on the turf, supporting optimal conditions for fairways. One of the mowers is equipped with a vertical cutting unit, which enhances turf quality further by improving grass recovery, managing mower clippings more efficiently, and reducing soil compaction in high-traffic areas.

As we head into the growing season, the club looks forward to more consistent fairway height and cutting results, ensuring better playing conditions for all.



Items in near future: (Following Rotation Plan)

- 1) Greens Mowers (2)
- 2) Bunker Rake
- 3) Roller



Driving Range





FSGA Course Rating Agreement

The FSGA is authorized by the USGA to provide USGA Course and Slope ratings to its member clubs in Florida. There is **no charge** for member clubs that utilize the GHIN Handicap system to compute their USGA Handicap Indexes. Clubs that do not utilize GHIN will be charged \$2,500.00

The USGA Course Rating process requires an accurate measurement before we rate the golf course. We also will rate for both men and women. To accomplish this we have two teams (men & women) for each section within the state. Most clubs will schedule dates with two Captains to get the measurements and ratings completed. The Captains along with the teams are all volunteers. Availability of course rating teams cannot be guaranteed, so clubs are therefore advised to contact the FSGA as soon it is known that a rating is needed. Our time frame for the course rating process, from the submission of the Course Rating Agreement form and the release of the final ratings, is about two months. We will always strive to finish ratings as soon as we can, but we experience delays in this process due to a multitude of reasons.

The FSGA does not recommend including Course Ratings on scorecards. If your club needs to have ratings on scorecards, please allow enough time between the request and the date you need scorecards, because we may not be able to rush the ratings in order to have the ratings completed in time to meet your scorecard deadline. Suggestion would be to order temporary scorecards without ratings. Once the ratings have been approved, they will become the ratings of the course and will be entered into the GHIN system. Any scorecards with the old ratings become obsolete at that point.

Fernandina Beach Golf Club
(January 2025 Meeting)

GOLF SHOP

- **DECEMBER NUMBERS** – (\$7K more total revenue than Dec 2023 with no range revenue)
- Rounds of Golf- 2737 Total
- 1617 18-Hole Rounds / 1120 9-Hole Rounds
- 91 Rounds per day average 2024 vs 80 Rounds per day average in 2023
- Total golf course revenue: (\$89,038) cart fees (\$29,210), greens fees (\$48,723), proshop sales (\$11,105), range balls (\$0.00).
- Ave GF/CF per round = (\$28.47)
- Range Update: Poles are going to Commission on 1/21

GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

- All debris removed from golf course and grounds following tree trimming
- Added new mulch to areas around the immediate clubhouse
- Plan to add new mulch around Toptracer and parking lot as well
- Friends of Fernandina Beach Golf Club Meeting 1/14 – potential stump grinder rental and interior/exterior 3-bathroom painting
- Fairway Mowers used Monday, 1/6 for first time – much more consistent cut

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- **DECEMBER NUMBERS** – (\$1K more than Dec 2023)
- 32 events total in December
- Total F&B Revenue: (\$62,465)
- No December Monthly Dinner due to holiday event schedule
- Pizza Night 1/17 - Canceled due to lack of reservations (8 as of 1/13)

MEMBERSHIP SALES

- As of Tuesday January 14th – 142 Memberships sold

MARKETING

- Updates sent out - Facebook Posts, Club Update emails, and Newsletter.
- News-Leader, Amelia Now, Amelia Island and Paxton Marketing

MGA – SATURDAY TOURNAMENT

- January 18th (SAT) – CANCELED
- February Tournament as scheduled below

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 11th & 13th (T/TH) – Florida State Golf Association - Rate Course
- February 18th – (Sat) MGA 4-Man (2 Best- Ball) – 9:00AM Shotgun
- February 21st – (FRI) Baseball Tournament – No Blitz
- February 22nd – (SAT) Beyond the Badges Tournament – No Mixer