

Swinging Fore Green Valley Pickleball Club Golf Outing

The first annual Swinging Fore Green Valley Pickleball Club Golf Outing was held on Sunday, April 22. And from the 76 golfers, 30 dinner guests, and a dozen volunteers, the ratings overall were high ones. The San Ignacio course offered a beautiful venue for golfers followed by a dinner, live and silent auction, and dozens of raffle prizes for the participants.

The event committee was made up of Carol Hammerle, Kris Servais, Louise Bouck, Nancy Demmith, Ellen Brancazio, Dean Olson, Melva Irving, and Mike McCarry. Donations from club members and local business owners comprised hundreds of prizes, including a five night stay in San Carlos, an ATV off-road-trip to Patagonia, vintage and fine crafted jewelry, and turquoise inlay mesquite tables, made by club member Mark McIntosh. Additional fund-raising came from generous hole and cart sponsors, managed by Mike McCarry.

Many special thank-you's are needed for an event with so much success, starting with Ronnie Black, golf pro at San Ignacio. Nancy Demmith was masterful as the tournament director and Carol Hammerle shared her hidden talents as an auctioneer. Ellen Brancazio, Kris Servais, Louise Bouck, and Joanie Davis provided incredible time and energy to collect hundreds of donated gifts, store them, transport and finally, arrange them at the event.

The purpose of this event was clear: raise money for our club's future Pickleball complex. This required time and talent from still another club member, treasurer Donna Talariski. Donna collected, managed, and organized the many fund-raising activities that needed to accurately add up in the end to her final excel document! And add up it did. The net funding of the first annual Swinging Fore Green Valley Pickleball Club Golf Outing totaled approximately \$12,800.

Nine volunteers were the backbone of the event because they were out on the course assisting golfers, taking pictures and selling raffle tickets. A special "THANK YOU" to the following people: Katie Peterson, Donna Davis, Boyd Goetz, Karen and Glen Riley, Donna Talariski, Lori Clemens, Susan Stussy, Colleen Mellyn and a special thank you to Don Peterson. We could not have made this event such a success without each of you.

Please provide any of the committee members with feedback and suggestions for next year. Consider putting together your foursome for 2019!

Go 24! With Pickleball Pride!

Submitted by Kris Servais