

# **BYLAWS**

of

# **THE BLARNEYBALLERS**

# **GOLF CLUB**

## **Article #1 – Name**

The name of this club shall be THE BLARNEYBALLERS GOLF CLUB.

## **Article #2 – Purposes**

First: To promote and foster among its members a closer bond for their mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

Second: To enforce uniformity in the rules of the game by creating a representative authority.

Third: To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the regulations of the Northern California Golf Association in cooperation with the United States Golf Association.

Fourth: To afford a convenient and authoritative body to govern Club tournaments held at various courses.

## **Article #3 – Membership**

Section 1. Membership shall be available to anyone meeting the criteria set forth in Section 4 of this Article.

Section 2. The fiscal year for the Club will be December 15 through December 14.

Section 3. Memberships are individual and non-transferable. Dues include membership in the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA). The NCGA provides \$1.00 toward a subscription to the quarterly magazine, NCGA News, a monthly computerized handicap, NCGA tournament eligibility and other special membership services available.

Section 4. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by two active members in good standing. The Board of Directors shall act upon each proposal by vote and two negative votes shall disqualify any candidate.

Section 5. In the event any member of this club shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon, or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Directors or the duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after ten days written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or special meeting called for such purposes.

Section 6. The Annual Meeting of The Blarneyballers Golf Club shall be held following the last tournament of each year. The President shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable and shall call special meetings upon written petition signed by not less than twenty percent of the membership.

Section 7. A legal quorum at any Board meeting shall be over fifty percent of the B.O.D. membership. A legal quorum for general meetings is twenty-five members present in person or by written proxy. Each active member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 8. All membership fees and dues shall be established by the Board of Directors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the Club. Members shall be liable for fees until their written resignation has been received and accepted.

#### **Article #4 – Board of Directors**

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of all current officers and all past Presidents.

Section 2. Officers for each year shall consist of a President, Vice-President (the previous President), Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Handicap Chairman, Social Director, Fundraising Chairman, Jr. Golf Chairman, Rules and Decisions Chairman, and Membership and Elections Chairman.

Section 3. At least four weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, the Membership and Elections Chairman shall distribute a request to all club members seeking nominations for the Board of Directors the following year. At least one week prior to the Annual Meeting a list of all candidates nominated shall be mailed to each member at their last known address.

Section 4. Voting shall be by written ballot, (by U.S. Mail or attendance at the meeting), and those names receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared to be elected.

Section 5. The Board of Directors shall meet at such times and places the President selects and a majority shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 6. In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining Directors, even when less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the un-expired term of the Director whose place shall be taken.

#### **Article #5 – Officers and Committees**

Section 1. All officers assume the duties to the Club as their title would indicate as well as any duties assigned them respectively by the President.

Section 2. The President may not serve consecutive terms of office but must serve as Vice-President the year following his term.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

Section 4. The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees, as the President may deem necessary or advisable.

- a. Tournament Committee to arrange, schedule, and oversee tournaments.
- b. Handicap Committee to establish a fair and proper system of handicapping in accordance with procedures laid down by the N.C.G.A and U.S.G.A.
- c. Membership Committee to investigate and act upon all applications for membership and to recommend action they deem appropriate to the B.O.D.
- d. Social Committee to encourage and arrange social and entertainment features for Club events and special occasions.
- e. Jr. Golf Committee to establish a comprehensive instructional and competitive program for junior members under 18 years of age.
- f. Fundraising Committee to seek avenues of revenue to enrich the Club's coffers and benefit local charities.
- g. Elections Committee to hold year-ending elections.
- h. Rules and Decisions Committee to promote knowledge of the Rules and make decisions pertaining to their application.