

Since the WSCGA Foundation's inception in 2002, eighty-five WSCGA clubs have hosted a fundraising event, tournament or donated funds to the Foundation. Over the years, we have solicited clubs for copies of their flyers and information about their Foundation fundraisers that we could share with other clubs. The effort and imagination members have used in conducting these events is commendable and well worth sharing.

Following are ideas and inspiration for your club's Foundation Event.

- ***What's the best time of year?***

Of course, the best time of year maximizes participation by your club members. For most clubs that falls in the spring, between February and May, and during the fall, September through November.

- ***Best excuse for not holding a fundraising event?***

No room in our tournament schedule. Foundation events do not have to be a separate or special tournament. Many clubs use a general meeting day or a regular play day. Some clubs, however, hold a special tournament especially where non-members or male members are invited to participate. It can be low key or extravagant and include fundraising activities such as raffles, mulligan sales and wagering holes to supplement fundraising efforts. Some events include breakfast and lunch. Others follow an afternoon of golf with dinner, making the event open to other members who may not have been able to participate in tournament but wish to support the Foundation.

- ***What are some formats that we can use?***

Clubs often use tried and true formats such as better ball and stroke play variations. Some clubs use different formats to augment fundraising. Some of the more interesting formats used by clubs include the following:

- Three clubs and a putter; net score
- Shamble
- Set up the course as all par threes
- Step-away scramble (good mixed format) where player whose drive is selected cannot play until team reaches the green
- 9-hole alternate shot, mixed (non-spouse) with 28-stroke spread (with lots of wine and food at the conclusion)!
- ABCD; 1 better ball front and 2 better ball back nine
- Blind draw, 2 best balls of 4
- 2-Day eclectic

- ***What if it rains?***

Clubs that hosted events in early spring had contingent plans in the event of rain. One club had a gin rummy day. Another club set up an indoor putting contest with the pro donating a putter for the winner. Others went ahead with either breakfast or lunch and conducted their raffle as planned.

- ***What about prizes?***

Many clubs use a white elephant table asking members to wrap their gifts, and one club gave the winner a permanent name plaque for her locker.

- ***How have other clubs raised monies at their events for the Foundation?***

- Various golf skill and luck-related contest such as putting contests (\$5 to participate); chipping contest; wagering holes. One club had a wagering hole that was sponsored by the Pro Shop whereby on a par three, for \$5, you would get back 2x your money if you were within 40', 3x your money within 30' and 4x your money within 20' feet. This would all be in script, of course!
- Horse race or Derby
- Baked goods auction, cakes in particular
- Raffles and silent auction. Donated items from members
- Mulligans and more mulligans
- String (for putting) and hand wedges (free throw) for a price
- Prize exchange and raffle
- Charge \$1 for three putts, \$1 for each hazard hit – water and sand; \$3 for OB
- Pay fee to have pro hit your drive on designated hole
- Glass bowl raffle. Place your ticket in bowl next to raffle item
- Cakes and baked goods made by husbands and S.O.'s
- Popular raffle items – gift certificates of any kind for lessons, dinner at club, Pro Shop

- ***Fundraising ideas for General meetings***

- 50/50 raffles at each meeting with proceeds collected for the Foundation sent at the end of the year
- \$1 or more buys a chance for free cart for the month
- Assess a fee for each member - \$1 to \$5 per member
- General donation from the Women's Club

- ***How much are we expected to raise?***

Any amount helps support the mission of the Foundation to foster a lifetime interest in the game of golf by sponsoring academic scholarships and supporting girls' junior golf programs throughout Southern California. Palm Valley Country Club has raised over \$82,000 since 2002; Birnam Wood Golf Club has donated over \$61,000. Eighty-five WSCGA clubs have financially supported the WSCGA Foundation. **All contributions** whether \$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000 are equally valued and appreciated.