

Men's Golf Club Executive Committee – 2018 Elections

Candidate Summary Biographies

RAY BLINDE

After receiving my BA degree, I started my management career in Denver with Samsonite Corporation where I met Marty, my wife of 49 years. With corporate transfer, we moved to Southern California. I served in management capacity with P&L responsibility for several companies. I also became involved as a volunteer with two organizations – APICS (a manufacturing professional society), and PMA (a Trade Association). I participated on these association boards and taught my profession to working adults through several universities. This enlightening “part time career” covered a 23-year span. Our daughters moved to northern California for college and marriage. Upon my retirement 6 years ago, we made our best decision ever and came to the Villages. While in the Villages, I have been active in EPC, SIRS 114, and the Camera Club. Golfing however has been my primary retirement activity. I have enjoyed the sport for many years, but with our golf amenities, have developed a passion for steady improvement. I play several times a week and enter every tournament I can. I am honored to be nominated for executive committee of the Men's Golf Club. The primary assets I bring to the table are a strong work ethic, listening ability, sound judgement, and decision-making skills. I would enjoy the opportunity to help continue the excellent work this group does and would appreciate your vote.

WAYNE BODAMER

I am the "new kid on the block" ...and loving every minute of it. I have had the great fortune of becoming part of this Village family. I have been treated as a new bee with warm smiles, helpful recommendations, and heartfelt inclusiveness! I have been allowed to take, participate, and thoroughly enjoy my first year as a Villager without expectation or responsibility...thank you! I feel now that it is my turn to start giving back. There is a lot of sweat and hard work necessary to make our community work and I would love the opportunity to help. My wife, Kathy (a native San Jose-an) and I retired and relocated to the West coast and the Villages one year ago. We spent the last 31 years living on Long Island, NY where we raised our family and I worked as a Podiatrist running two busy medical practices. While I do not know if that qualifies me to help with the Men's club , I can tell you that without the 60 feet in my face on a daily basis I have both the time and energy to give it my best if you will allow me the opportunity.

GARY CHAPPELL

Still work to be done. We've achieved many things but there is still so much to do. I've served as Evergreen Chairman, and also as General Chairman. I'm on the Home & Home team, and also the NCGA Match-Play team. Currently I'm Co-Chair of the 6 Golf Clubs, and the Men's Club representative to the VGC (Villages Golf Committee). I've worked on standing committees to redesign the scorecard, flip the 9's, raise money for VMA, Contributions to First Tee and local charities. Going forward, I'd like to see:

- Increased Member Knowledge/Awareness
 - How the course is run. How it's maintained. How to provide inputs. How to get mutual positive results.
- Increased participation
 - Across handicaps, across age groups, new golf programs serving a wider audience
- Increased knowledge
 - Better understanding of NCGA, USGA; Rules and all the benefits (many of which we are NOT taking advantage.)
- Better Communications
 - Player Standings; Tournament Results; Upcoming Activities; Calendar Planning

I'm ready to continue to serve and open to ANY comments/suggestions for improvement.

Kyle Finley

Kyle Finley: My wife, Diane, and I moved to The Villages in the spring of 2016 from San Diego to be closer to our kids and grandkids. The biggest surprise of our move is how much we are enjoying our new "lifestyle" at The Villages. I never dreamed that I'd be able to live on a golf course where I can enjoy the game I love. I currently sit on the board of SIR 114, updating their computer records, assisting with attendance and promoting the agenda of the club.

Early in my career I was a Systems Engineer, Sales Executive and Account Manager for companies like Data General, Computer Associates, and IBM. After leaving the corporate world, my wife and I started, owned, and operated an outdoor landscape lighting company in San Diego. My success as a business owner was built on providing excellent customer service, consistent leadership, proper planning, and a quality product. I believe that experience lends itself well to serving on the Men's Golf Club Board.

If elected, my goal would be to learn my responsibilities to the membership and the board, listen to the ideas and concerns of the membership, and provide thoughtful input on the things we can do to make our golf club, golf course, and golf experience even better than it is today. I appreciate your consideration and ask for your support.

Geoff Gault

The best decision my wife and I ever made was moving to The Villages in 2010. The people and life style here are the best. I grew up and went to high school in Cupertino. After high school, I became a Journeyman Carpenter, Foreman and Superintendent in commercial construction. I organized and ran the construction of commercial buildings until the mid 1980s, when I started my own Commercial General Contracting firm. In 1994 I changed careers and became a Real Estate and Mortgage Broker, later adding a design/build division to my company for development projects. I continue running these businesses, at present. I started playing and fell in love with golf, 15 years ago and so it was a natural progression to become a member of our Men's Club shortly after moving into the Villages. I have had the pleasure of playing on our NCGA Saturday Team for four seasons. In 2015 I was the Sponsor Committee Chairman for the Evergreen Invitational. A record amount of funds were raised by the committee that year, as well. I have served as the Hole in One Chairman and a Sponsor Registrar for the Evergreen Invitational every year since. I'm currently a member of our clubs Handicap Committee, as well. I feel that my business background, experience with our Men's Club and passion for the game, qualify me to be a member of our Men's Club Executive Committee. Please consider me to serve our club in that capacity.

NOEL LANCTOT

My wife, Betty, and I moved to the Villages in 2012. Loving everything about living here we soon became involved with the Deer Wildlife Club, VMA, the Italian club and of course the Men's Golf Club. Being a big fan of the Deer, I am currently responsible for leading a team of volunteers that count the Deer. For the VMA, I make equipment deliveries and help sell the donated golf carts. Being a member of the Italian Club helps us with our social activities. Just recently I was appointed to serve on the Italian Club Board. Loving sports, I still play competitive senior softball. I have served as President of Vintage Senior Softball of Santa Clara Valley and Northern California Senior Softball Association. I have also conducted many Softball tournaments. Even as a San Jose Police officer, I was able to do what I like best. I was lucky enough to spend 15 of my 30 year career working in our San Jose Police Activities League. This included giving school / adult presentations and running youth sports programs. As a member of the Men's Golf Club I have participated in many tournaments and have been the Banquet Chairman of the Evergreen golf tournament for the past 3 years. Thank you in advance for your support.