FRIENDS OF CLEARVIEW GOLF CLUB
"America's Course"

Chapter Guidelines and Procedures

BACKGROUND:

The Clearview Golf Club www.clearview-gc.com located in East Canton, Ohio is the first designed, owned, and operated African American golf course in the world. This significant achievement was done by Mr. William Powell. Mr. Powell bought the land, designed the course, planted the fairways/greens, and opened the course in 1946.

The course still operates in fine fashion today, with some of the best maintained greens in the nation. Just this past summer of 2006, Mr. Powell still runs the tractor and cuts the fairways. His daughter Renee (one of only 3 African American LPGA professionals) is the course PGA Pro, and his son Larry is the overall course superintendent. This course has remained a family owned and operated business. It requires many tireless efforts of this family, and many of their extended family and friends.

True to any well maintained golf course, the operating costs are significant. Although Clearview is a historical registered site, and the beneficiary of some donation funds, there is never enough to do all that needs to be done.

It is the goal of the "Friends of Clearview Golf Club" (FOCGC) regional state chapters to help offset some of the incremental costs, and to fund special projects that will be of benefit to the Clearview Golf Course and its customers (golfers everywhere). A key contribution effort is having your group play a round at Clearview.

The purpose of this document is to help establish guidelines and policies to create regional chapters in every state of the United States of America. This is very appropriate, given the title of the book written about Clearview, called, “Clearview: America’s Course”.

CHAPTER GUIDELINES:

The first official Friends of Clearview Golf Club was formed by Alfred Talley of Southfield, Michigan. He filed his chapter in February 19, 2005. The second chapter was formed in Westerville, Ohio in October 2, 2006 by William Holland. There have been other organizations/individuals that have supported Clearview of the years, and those efforts have all made positive impacts on Clearview Golf Club.

However, to grow the chapters in a consistent and more coordinated manner, guidelines and procedures are needed. This document is the first issue of the official procedures for Clearview support chapters.

This will be a living document, and will be modified and updated periodically. These guidelines are intended to be posted on the official Clearview Golf Club web site, and linked to official chapters everywhere.

The intention is to have a chapter in every state. The Clearview web site will list all official chapters, and give instructions on how new chapters can be formed.

In addition to making a positive contribution to one of America’s great achievements, members of the chapter will enjoy the thrill of a life time. Playing a round of golf at Clearview, America’s course.

CHAPTER FORMATION:

Forming a chapter is very simple. The goal is to have a chapter in every state. One chapter per state. The following steps are needed to make a state chapter:

1) Submit state chapter registration on the Clearview web site.
2) Within 48 work day hours, you will be informed of the registration status.
3) Once reviewed, a chapter application form will be e-mailed to inform the applicant of next steps.
    a) Register name _*(State)*__ Friends of Clearview Golf Club, LLC with the local state government.
        i) A coordinator will be assigned (typically the person who requests registration.
        j) The LLC organization structure is recommended to make the organization officially recognized.
        k) Use the terms used in previous chapters is, "To organize, promote, and sale golf outings, and other related activities."

        l) Create funding efforts:
            a. Create an outing date(s) for your chapter to play at Clearview (or your local state course). These funds help the course revenue and/or help generate funds for Clearview revenue. It also provides for a fun outing for the chapter members everywhere.
            b. Collect tax deductible contributions for Clearview from your chapter. These funds can either:
                - be allocated to a specific project agreed to by Clearview Golf Course and your chapter.
                - be given as a contribution for Clearview to use as needed.
                - stimulate golfing communities of your state to participate as a chapter member.
                - stimulate other states to form Friends of Clearview chapters.
                - other

The basic structure of the regional chapters are as follows:

1) Each FOCGC chapter is intended to be a central registry of existing or newly created golf organizations/leagues for that state.
    a) The golf club/organization will continue to keep their identity, and leadership. The FOCGC "coordinator will help with the Clearview outing scheduling and outing logistics.
2) The FOCGC coordinator will maintain the listing of all state golf organizations that want to be affiliated with the FOCGC.
    a) This listing will have contact information, and will enable golfers who want to be part of a golf organization a central place find golfers in the state. This will help the golf organizations to grow as well.
3) Each state FOCGC will be referenced as FOCGC followed by the official state 2 digit code. An example is FOCGCOH for the FOCGC located in Ohio. This ensures each state chapter can be uniquely identified.

The Clearview web site will be the focal point for keeping track of chapters, and their efforts. The more chapters/members there are, the more impact we can have on preserving the legacy of Mr. Powell and his family.

AFFILIATE CHAPTER:

In some cases, there may not be a critical mass of golfers to support a regional FOCGC chapter. To address this, the Pioneers of Golf (PG) Chapter is a central organization that also supports Clearview. The Pioneers have members of many different states, so golfers who can travel are a very good match for this organization. Additionally, as more golfers of a non registered state grow, they can evolve into a local state FOCGC.

SUMMARY:

If we are not part of the solution, we are part of the problem. It is important that the legacy of the Clearview Golf Club be sustained for all time. Clearview is supported by all races, and is specifically designed to allow all races to play golf; we as Americans must take a role in helping to support this great institution. Creating chapters everywhere is one small step toward that goal.

Happy golfing at Clearview, to all our chapters and members!

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