## VIRGINIA BEACH SENIORS GOLF CLUB

## **POLICY FOR "HOLE-IN-ONE RECOGNITION"**

February 7, 2018

**ACTION:** The Virginia Beach Senior Golf Club (VBSGC) Board of Directors hereby establishes this policy for **recognizing and rewarding members who score a hole-in-one** at weekly tournaments during the year.

## **DISCUSSION:**

1. An important purpose of our Club is to promote friendly competition, fellowship and good sportsmanship and to respect ancient and honorable traditions of the game.

2. Although not written anywhere in the Rules of Golf, there is one ancient tradition that a golfer who makes a hole-in-one during a stipulated round is expected by etiquette and custom to celebrate his good fortune in the clubhouse by buying a celebratory round of drinks for anyone playing in his same group, and anyone else who was a witness to the hole-in-one.

3. VBSGC Board of Directors wishes to continue to recognize and honor any member who shoots a hole-in-one during a club sanctioned tournament. But it wishes to discourage any pressure or "requirement" for the shooter of a hole-in-one to include all club members who are present at the event in the post tournament celebratory round of drinks. It should be at his option in consideration of personal circumstances.

## **POLICY:**

1. The VBSGC will continue its practice of honoring each member who makes a hole-in-one during a stipulated round of any club tournament with a cash honorarium of \$50.

2. The VBSGC Board of Directors will not establish a VBSGC hole-in-one insurance program (or similar plan) to facilitate larger post round celebrations for the hole-in-one shooter and involving the entire membership, but poses no objection to members banding together and establishing such a process for that purpose, with the understanding that the club will neither sponsor nor administer it, and that participation in such a plan is voluntary, separate from and not required for club membership.