

## BEGA President's Report

### 2022 Highlights

With Covid restrictions finally winding down, we had a very successful 2022. Over 200 members participated in our Leagues (Monday, Tuesday & Saturday), Monthly Tournaments and Travel'n'Golf events. We finished our Tournament play with a successful Pumpkin Ball event at Burningtrees Country Club with Tim Brooks winning our league playoff to claim the 2022 BEGA Championship.

### BEGA News and Updates

The yearly meeting of the [BEGA Board](#) was held January 31. Reports from the League Presidents, Travel'N'Golf Co-Presidents and the Secretary/Treasurer were presented. Updates and changes for 2023 include:

- Lance Morris was formally approved as Secretary/Treasurer by the board. He is replacing Steve Ellzey who is stepping down after performing these duties for several years. I want to thank Steve for all he has done keeping our communications and finances running smoothly. I also want to thank Lance for stepping up to take over this important function.
- Lance is also taking over the [Monday League](#) responsibility from Blake Burden who is also stepping down. Thanks to Blake for his help in making the Monday League an excellent way to wind down after work.
- The [Tuesday](#) and [Saturday](#) Leagues are ready for the year and the schedules have been posted.
- The [Monthly Tournaments](#) will be continuing as last year with several members volunteering to help. Linda Brooks has already booked all the courses for the year. Linda, Lance and Carl Heater will run point on tournaments but if you would like to help with one or more tournaments, please let them know. Steve Ellzey will continue running the Pumpkin Ball Tournament.
- [Travel'n'Golf](#) is also going through a transition as Mike and Linda Pline are stepping down from what I had hoped would be a lifetime appointment. I know that I am not alone when I say what a great job they have done organizing these always fun events. Thanks Mike and Linda! The BEGA Board has agreed to take over responsibility for 2023 as a team effort. Because of our late start, it is not likely that we have a spring event this year but our yearly Perdido Key event is already in motion. Linda and Mike have locked down the four tournament days and the three early bird days will be scheduled in the next few months. Tournament announcements should be coming out in the summer but you can go ahead and put a "save the date" on your calendars for Oct 30 – Nov 5.

On a personal note I want to sincerely thank everyone who helps make BEGA such an enjoyable organization. This includes the Board, Officers, League Presidents and all of our members. Let's have a great 2023.

Rick Rush