

Summary Bio

Jeff Buckingham



I was born in Palo Alto and grew up in Menlo Park/Atherton, attending Menlo-Atherton High School. I learned to play golf at age 12 while spending summers at the Menlo Country Club. After graduating college, I worked as a banker at Wells Fargo Bank in Palo Alto, and subsequently was an insurance broker for a local agency, Flamer & Company.

After retiring, my wife Ronda and I spent seven years living in Arizona. In 2013, we relocated back to the bay area to be closer to our three daughters and two grandchildren, who all reside in the South Bay. My mother had lived at the Villages for 23 years, so when we moved back I knew this is where I wanted to be. We both love it here.

In addition to my time as a childhood member at Menlo Country Club, I have also belonged to Palo Alto Hills, and Los Altos Golf & Country Club, where I served on the Golf Committee. Since living here at the Villages, I have thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the golfing community. I feel we have the best group of golfing members I have experienced. The formal Men's Club tournaments are top-notch. The less formal games that happen on a weekly basis are fantastic. Overall, I feel the golfing opportunities we have available to us here at the Villages are as good as it gets. I would be honored to serve on our Men's Golf Club.

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David Gonzales, Jr.



My father moved to the Villages in 1991. He and his wife are still in Glen Arden. He taught me to play golf when I was a boy growing up in Milpitas, but it was here where I learned to love the game. He and I played a lot of golf together, many Evergreen Invitationals, and I have had the opportunity to meet many of the club members over the years. It was an easy choice to move to the Villages. My wife Janet and I moved into del Lago about a year ago. We both play a lot of golf and enjoy the company of the many new friends that we have made.

I have been an electrical engineer in the Silicon Valley for 35 years and am currently working at Marvell Semiconductor, in Santa Clara. I design validation hardware for the data storage industry.

I had been a golfing visitor here for a long time. Now that I am a member, it's truly been a wonderful transition.

It would be a privilege to serve the members, the Golf Club executive committee, and continue the effort in making our golfing experience the best it can be.

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Jack McCarthy



Pamela and I moved to The Villages in 2010. Our first residence was on Sauvignon Court in Hermosa where we rented a villa. Well, to our delight The Villages is far more than we could have imagined so we purchased a villa in Montgomery on Blauer Lane in 2011.

After graduating from college in 1969 Pamela and I moved around the country while working for my first two employers. In 1976 we moved to the bay area and through a series of events found ourselves in the residential design business which we incorporated in 1977. Through the years we have designed over 1000 custom residences and remodel/additions mainly in the cities of Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, Hillsborough and Burlingame as well as 40+ houses at the Half Moon Bay Country Club.

I feel that The Villages is a very unique community. It has what I would call great bones in that the natural and the man made elements here blend to create a wonderful place to live. There is a true sense of community here. With that being said, we as a community, must continually work towards maintaining, improving, and updating our facilities to attract future active residents. Shortly after buying our villa I joined the Association Architectural Committee (AC) and for the last 4 years have been its chair. I was also a member of the Montgomery Paint Committee and the Committee that developed the new Montgomery entry sign.

I want to carry those experiences into being a part of the Men's Golf Club. I love the game of Golf and the social life that surrounds it. Our golf course and the large group of golf club members are essential to the future prosperity of our community. I would appreciate your vote and will work hard as a member of the Men's Golf Club.

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Tom Papas



I am the CEO of a non-profit organization and also sit on its' Executive Committee. I have been involved with committee/nonprofit organizational structures for nearly 25 years.

My goal, as it was last year, would include the following: 1) *Open discussion and fairness*, with all opinions considered. Remember, the goal is the best interest of the Club, not any one individual or group of individuals; 2) Seek to *make decisions UNDERSTANDABLE!* Rules that govern the club are worthless unless all that are governed by them can understand them. Plain English please! 3) *Equal governance, led by consensus*. In other words, the loudest and most verbose person doesn't always win the argument. Commitment to working as a team is a must. If you don't get your way and the best you can do is complain, please refrain, lest you become a whiner. 4) *Accountability*. If we make a decision, based on all the facts available at the time and it is wrong, we have to have the gumption to change it. Pride needs to take a back seat to the best interests of the game and the group. 5) *Positivity*. Keep it upbeat and constructive. We will have enough problems that find us. We, as a group, do not need to "create" them.....perceived or real.

Well, that's it. I am willing to help where needed and be constructive to sustain and improve the game we love and the place we are lucky enough to call home.....the Villages.

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Ron Robinson



Lesley and I moved to the Villages in July of 2014 and love this tranquil, hidden gem in the Foothills. We feel committed to doing what we can toward the continued excellence of this community; I feel working on the Golf Club Executive Committee would be an opportunity for me to make such a contribution.

We have a daughter, son in law and three granddaughters who live in Willow Glen; they visit us at the Villages and occasionally partake of the family golf options here.

My previous education and work experience have helped me develop skills that will allow me to work with other committee members for the benefit of all.

My educational background includes: Bachelors Degree, Marketing, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID (1967); JD Degree, Santa Clara Law School (1985); Seven years in consumer products Sales and Marketing with General Foods Corp, and Polaroid Corp as Northwest District Manager, San Francisco (1967-1974); Three years as Director of Marketing, Rockwell International Consumer Group (1974 – 1977); Commercial Real Estate in Santa Clara Valley where my career has included Leasing, Sales and Development of Commercial Properties in the Bay Area, Palm Desert and Sandpoint, ID. In addition, I developed a 93 acre 305 Lot residential Subdivision in Jamestown, CA (1977-present).

Growing up on a Dairy farm I developed a work ethic that carried me through life so far, it defined my life but now I am focusing on my passions...family, golf and travel. From the golf end, I would hope to make some meaningful contributions if I were elected to this Executive Committee.

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Bob Wilk



I enjoy playing golf. I play in as many tournaments that I can, play with the Saturday George Olson group, play with the Roy Crews group, play in the Home & Home group, etc. I am running for the Men's Club Board in an effort to contribute to the continued success of this Club

I moved to the Villages from Genoa, NV where I was on the Men's Club Board at Genoa Lakes Golf Club for 10 years. During this period, I held many positions on the Board and was able to assist in the growth of the club and the improvement of their services.

Prior to retirement, I worked for the Bechtel Corp. which is a large international engineering and construction company with headquarters in San Francisco. While I am an engineer (Illinois), most of my career was spent in middle-management (domestically as well as internationally). My wife, Geri (who also plays golf) and I have three children and four grandchildren. We raised our family in Walnut Creek and two of the children remain in the Bay Area; the youngest son now lives in Seattle.

My mother moved to the Villages in 1978 (Cribari) and I've had a chance to witness the growth and enhancements that have occurred here through the years. This is why we are here.

I am currently on the Association Board here at the Villages and believe the experience received on that Board can be directly related to the Men's Club Board.

With your approval, I will work to represent the members and help guide the club towards continual improvement.