



## **LAGUNA WOODS MEN'S GOLF CLUB (LWMGC)**

The Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club Board of Directors welcomes you to the Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club and wishes you many hours of enjoyable fun with your fellow members. Our club is primarily a golf club; however, we also pride ourselves on our social endeavors such as raising money for The Foundation of Laguna Woods Village through member donations and from our annual Memorial Tournament. Throughout the years, the LWMGC has donated over \$240,000 to The Foundation.

Each year in January we have the President's Ball, a formal dinner, dance, and award ceremony to celebrate our member's accomplishments throughout the previous year. This is one event we all look forward to as a night to socialize with fellow members.

As you get acquainted with our club, please do not hesitate to ask questions, and seek answers as they come up. Any Board member can assist in helping you navigate all that is available to you as a club member. A full list of the Board of Directors is in the front section of the Club Membership Manual.

Again, welcome to our club and hope to see you on the course!

LWMGC Board of Directors

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## **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION MANUAL**

### **There are three key sources of information for members of the LWMGC:**

#### **Membership Manual:**

Use your Membership Manual to locate the names, phone numbers, and E-mail addresses of all members. In the front of the book, is information about Board Members and the golf staff who can help with your questions. There is a calendar of meetings and important events to keep you up to date on Club activities. There is also a section which defines the Club By-Laws and a section on Tournaments/Events and Rules.

#### **The Laguna Woods Men's Golf Club website – [WWW.LWMGC.ORG](http://WWW.LWMGC.ORG)**

Access our website for the most current information and status of key events. It contains general information about the club and course, member handicaps, all Tournament start times and results, plus other items of interest.

#### **The Monthly Birdie Blast**

This publication is delivered directly to all Members via email, during the last week of each month. Please be sure to have a valid email address on file with the club. Highlights include the President's Monthly Message; the Treasurer's Report; the Regular and Flight Wednesday Tournament; Major Tournament information; Handicap and Membership Committee comments and Rules and Greens Committee updates, as well as contact information for each. It is an easy way to keep you informed about our club.

## Tee Time Bookings

**Online Reservations (Preferred)** - A 24-hour computer-based Tee Time Reservation System was inaugurated April 1, 2021, which allows any resident to secure a tee time up to 7 days in advance; a 7 day period begins at 6:00AM each day. You may include up to 3 additional players provided you have their Resident ID number and their concurrence. (Note: Tuesdays and Wednesdays are set aside for Women's and Men's Club scheduling.) Once you have a Time there are other conditions which may apply. Contact the Pro Shop to establish an Online account; it requires a credit card on file OR your authorization for payment via ACH from your bank.

**Phone In (less Preferred)** - On Thursday through Monday beginning at 6:15AM you may call the Pro Shop to request a Tee Time for up to 7 days in advance (949-597-4276 or 4336). *During those same days* you may call after 10:00AM for same day tee time availability. **The Pro Shop strongly suggests you utilize the online reservation system but will accommodate phone request assistance when possible.**

**Standby with Starter.** On a day when you do not have a reserved starting time, you may present yourself in person to the Starter and ask to be put on a stand-by wait list ("On-the-Rail"). The Starter will page you when a single opening occurs so you must be ready to proceed.

## Quarterly General Membership Meeting

Attending general membership meetings is an important way to be informed and knowledgeable about Club events. Quarterly meetings are scheduled to be held at Clubhouse 2 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the following months: January, April, July, and October. Any changes to time or location will be announced.

Schedule: 7:15AM to 8:15AM. - Coffee and donuts are provided during this social hour. In person Sign-ups and entry fees are received for upcoming Tournaments and a same day Putting Contest (entry fee). 50/50 drawing entries are received (entry fee).

8:15AM to 10:00AM - General Meeting - Club business including the Treasurer's Report, new member introductions, upcoming Tournaments and Special Events, Committee Reports, an open-mike question, and answer period for members and an occasional guest speaker. Free Golf & Hot Dog Raffle Prizes and a 50/50 (a fee to enter) raffle with a cash drawing and assorted other cash drawings may be **interspersed during the meeting.**

## Tournament Guidelines and Practices for Sign Ups and Pairings

- If for health or work-related issues you **require** a targeted tee time, email the request to the Tournament Chairman and every effort will be made to accommodate it.
- Flight Competition pairings and tee times are set by the Tournament Chairman.
- In Tournaments where you are allowed to select a playing partner/s and you do not select any, the Tournament Chairman will make the selections.
- Sign Ups and *Online* Cancellations shall be made through the LWMGC website, [www.LWMGC.ORG](http://www.LWMGC.ORG). On the front page locate the Tournament Pull Down Section at the top of the page - select the Tournament; Majors, Cup Series or Regular Wednesday in which you intend to Sign Up or Cancel. The cutoff to Sign Up or Cancel online is 5:00PM on the Sunday prior to the event. If an entry fee was paid it will be refunded **IF** you cancel prior to Cutoff. If cancelling after the Cutoff, (still subject to loss of entry fee), call the Pro Shop on Monday or Tuesday (949-597-4336 or 949-597-4276) to avoid a greens fee charge.
- General Tournament Rules are included within your Membership Manual. It is important to read those rules and review them prior to a Tournament. **Failure to follow Tournament Rules may be cause for disqualification from a Tournament.**
- Unless specified otherwise in the tournament Flyer, a player's Course Handicap is derived from his USGA/WHS Index published on the Sunday before the day of play.
- Tournament results and awards will be posted on the Club Bulletin Board and the Website.
- Awards for Tournament outcomes are usually grouped by flight. Flights **A, B** and **C**. Indexes of 23.9 and below play from the white tees with each flight having about the same number of contestants. The **D** Flight (24.0 - 54.0 Index) plays from the green (forward) tees. LWMGC Cup Flight assignment Index breakpoints and other details may differ from Major and Regular Wednesday competitions.

## **Major Tournaments**

Major Tournaments are held monthly - usually on the first or second Wednesday of the month (see calendar in your Membership Manual also an on-line calendar is available which is updated with any changes to the calendar). These are either individual or team events with the format varying each month. The cost for most Major tournaments is \$10.00 each. The annual Member - Member tournament entry fee is determined by the LWMGC Board prior to the event.

**Signups for the Major Tournaments can be accomplished by the following method:**

- Signup is On-Line Only
- Signup on-line by visiting [WWW.LWMGC.ORG](http://WWW.LWMGC.ORG) - locate the Tournament Pull Down Menu at the top of the page select Major Tournament select the OPEN tournament and complete the form.

All Major Tournaments distribute award money. The award money distributed is dependent upon the number of players who sign-up for the event. **Payouts will be credited to your Pro Shop Account monthly.**

In the event a Major Tournament cannot be played, due to course conditions or other reasons, it shall be rolled over to the following Wednesday and your pre-existing entry and paid fee remains valid unless you **CANCEL** in the prescribed manner.

There will be a Major Tournament Announcement which contains the format, special rules, and other information specific to that tournament available for viewing at the General Meeting and Online at **WWW.LWMGC.ORG** . Also, a Tournament Rules/Flyer is posted at the Major Tournament Bulletin Board, located outside the Pro Shop and on the LWMGC Website.

- Starting times for tournaments will be posted on the Major Tournament Bulletin Board, on or before Monday 6 P.M. prior to the Tournament, and the LWMGC.ORG Website. Locate the Tournament section for the respective tournament then select **TEE SHEET** to view all pairings.

## **Regular Wednesday Tournaments & Flight Competitions**

The Club schedules a *Regular Wednesday Tournament*, or one of seven *LWMGC Cup Series Flight Competition* qualifying events, in weeks where there is not a Major Tournament. See Membership Manual or visit our website **WWW.LWMGC.ORG** to review the Club Calendar.

**Regular Wednesday Tournaments:** You may sign up as a single or select your own playing partners.

**Signups for the Regular Wednesday Tournaments can be accomplished by following method:**

- Signup is On-Line Only
- Signup on-line by visiting [WWW.LWMGC.ORG](http://WWW.LWMGC.ORG) - locate the Tournament Pull Down Menu at the top of the page - Select Regular Wednesday Tournament - select the OPEN tournament and complete the form.

**Cup Series Flight Competition Tournaments:** All playing partners and starting times are assigned by the Tournament Chairman. These Tournaments are played in Flights of three Brackets based on Indexes, on file as of the first Sunday in January. There is an exception for New Members who are assigned to a Bracket according to their Index on the Sunday before the first Flight Competition in which they participate. The early-to-late tee times are rotated through the groups for each Flight Competition play day.

**Signups for the Cup Series Flight Competition Tournaments can be accomplished by following method:**

- Signup is On-Line Only
- Signup on-line by visiting [WWW.LWMGC.ORG](http://WWW.LWMGC.ORG) - locate the Tournament Pull Down Menu at the top of the page - Select Cup Series - select the OPEN tournament and complete the form.

Regular Wednesday Tournaments and Cup Series Flight Competition Tournaments distribute award money. The award money distributed is dependent upon the number of players who sign-up for the event. **Payouts will be credited to your Pro Shop Account monthly.**

## Handicaps

**The Handicap Committee has set forth the following policies and procedures for all members using the USGA/World Handicap System.**

1. Post all acceptable rounds, including 9 hole scores
2. Major, Regular Wednesday and Cup Series Flight Tournament scores are posted by the Tournament Director.
3. All other rounds and Open Play Day scores are the responsibility of the player to Post. (Do not post Par 3 course scores)
4. Scores must be Posted **within three days** of the game being played.
5. Equitable Stroke Control must be applied to all scores for posting purposes, **(Maximum Score to Post is Net Double Bogey)**

### **What is an Acceptable Score?**

- If 13 or more holes are played in an 18 hole round.
- If 7 to 12 holes are played for a 9 hole round.
- Match play, stroke play and team competitions.
- If a player is requested to pick up when out of contention, including team competitions.
- If a player is disqualified from a competition but has an acceptable score it must be posted

**All acceptable scores must be posted within three days using one of the following methods:**

- Posting computer at any golf course utilizing GHIN
- SCGA.ORG website
- GHIN.COM website
- GHIN Application for Apple or Android Smartphones

Use your SCGA/GHIN number to post your scores in the Posting computer, located outside the Pro Shop near the stairs leading to the 19 Restaurant. Put your score cards in the New Member Score Card Box located near the posting computer.

The SCGA issues an index once you have completed and posted a total of 54 Holes comprised of any combination of 9 or 18 hole rounds.

You will receive a Handicap Index from the SCGA once you have met the 54-hole total as indicated above. Your Handicap Index, once your 54-hole total is met, is based on the lowest 8 of the most recent 20 Score Differentials rounded to the nearest tenth. The scores used to determine your index are designated by a (\*). Your index is updated automatically by the GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) system after every round posted.

Your Course Handicap will vary depending on which combination of the Laguna Woods Courses you play. The SCGA provides a chart to convert your Handicap Index to a Course Handicap for any course you play. This information is posted at all golf courses. At our Course, the information is posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop across from the restrooms. You can also obtain your handicap for each course and tee combination from the posting computer located outside the Pro Shop near the stairs leading to the 19 Restaurant. Also, by utilizing the GHIN App for any Apple or Android smartphone.

SCGA membership cards are available to be printed at [www.GHIN.com](http://www.GHIN.com). Click Handicap Lookup, enter your GHIN number, click Lookup. Click on My Card. Click Print.

## **Derby**

The Derby is a two-man team Scotch Ball (alternate shot) event, currently with a \$18 entry fee, exact change requested, is usually scheduled on the fourth Thursday of every month. Check the handbook for exact dates each month. Teams are chosen by a random draw, matching A players with B players. The format is a 2-man alternate shot through the hole. Depending on the number of teams, more than one team could be eliminated on each hole. Ties are broken with a "chip off". Play is continued until there are 3 teams remaining. These teams will then receive 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place money.

## **Shoot Your Age; Hole In One; Eagles**

Please contact the Tournament Director in which you made your Hole in One, Eagle or Shot Your Age. The Tournament Director will arrange for your Achievement to be Posted on our Website. If accomplished outside of a Tournament, please contact the club Secretary. Achievements are posted online at the Club website [WWW.LWMGC.ORG](http://WWW.LWMGC.ORG), About Us pulldown - Member Achievements. These achievements are often mentioned in Club's Hooks 'N Slices column in the Laguna Woods Globe.

The Club awards a Bag Tag for a Hole-In-One. The Bag Tag is awarded for any attested hole-in-one scored on our Laguna Woods 27-hole course by any Men's Club member during any type of play, open or Tournament.

## **Hole-in-One Club**

**Effective January 1, 2022 the Hole-in-One Club rules have changed.** Please visit [WWW.LWMGC.ORG](http://WWW.LWMGC.ORG) Tournaments, Hole in One Club - Join to view the rules and join the HIOC. **You must be a paid member into the Hole-In-One club at the time of your Hole-In-One.** Contact Shaun Tumpane at 503-701-7781 for additional information.



## **Hooks 'N Slices**

Our LWMGC 18 Hole Men's Club weekly newspaper column is "Hooks 'N Slices" which is found in the Sports Clubs pages of the Laguna Woods Globe. Members are invited to contribute articles and ideas for stories to the LWMGC Hooks 'N Slices Coordinator, Shaun Tumpane at 503-701-7781.

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

Committee Chairmen frequently need the assistance of volunteers. **If you are interested in volunteering for any activity, you are encouraged to contact any Board Member or the Club President.**

## **Pace of Play Rules**

The starting times for groups at LWVGC are set at every eight minutes beginning at 7:00 AM. According to the USGA rating system, 18 holes on the golf course should take no more than 4 hours and 15 minutes to play, which is approx. 14.25 minutes per hole.

It is the responsibility of all players in the group (twosome, threesome, foursome or even fivesomes) to keep up with the group directly in front of them. If one member of the group is having difficulties, the entire group's pace of play is slowed down which effects all players behind them. If the group's slow play continues, they should allow the group behind them to "play through" at any point from the tee through the green. However, if the group's slow play presents a persistent problem, and they do not take the initiative to police themselves and speed up play on their own, the Golf Course's "Player Assistants" are responsible for monitoring and enforcing pace of play requirements.

### **Pace of Play Rules Will Be Strictly Enforced!!**

If a group falls behind by one hole or more at any point during the round, a Player Assistant will be notified, and the proper action will take place to speed up the group that is delayed.

## **USGA Pace of Play Rules**

A group is considered out of position if they are behind by one hole or more during the round. The standard expected time for a round is 4 hours 15 minutes. Per the USGA "Behind by one hole or more" shall be defined as follows. The group reaches the teeing ground of a Par 3 Hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee box. The group reaches the teeing ground of a Par 4 Hole and the putting green is clear. The group reaches the teeing ground of a Par 5 Hole when the preceding group is on the Putting Green.

The reason for all to maintain pace of play is so that all Players on the course can have an enjoyable day of golf without delays.

## Etiquette

**Teeing order** - Golf courtesy is to allow the player with the lowest score on the previous hole to tee first. But, if he is not ready, someone else should go ahead and hit. In most tournaments, “ready golf” is the appropriate choice.

**Where to stand** - When people are teeing or putting, try to stand where they cannot see you. Do not stand directly on a line behind or in front of a player who is putting. Do not step in another player’s line when marking or putting your ball.

**Distracting another player** - An appropriate rule is to never distract another player when he is hitting or putting. Talking or moving should be suspended while another player plays his shot. Do not drive a cart near a teeing area when others are teeing off.

**When you are waved up on a Par 3 hole** - Do not go on the Green while the group ahead is putting. Stay back on the cart path, or at least 20 yards from the green.

**Players are responsible for sanding divots, raking bunkers, and repairing ball marks** - These items are considered a matter of golf etiquette, but at this golf course they are also rules!

## Rules

**Follow the Rules of Golf** - In medal play tournaments, **the ball must be putted into the cup on every hole.** The penalty for failure to putt out is disqualification from the tournament.

**Withdrawing from The Tournament** - A player may withdraw from a tournament at any time he feels he is no longer in contention, or if he feels that following the rules will cause an unreasonable delay to his group and the following groups. This is a matter of the player’s judgment, and whether he feels that he is in contention in the Tournament.

**Scoring** - At least two members of the foursome are required to sign the scorecard. It is best to use two scorecards and compare before turning in the official card. All players should be given the opportunity to verify and add the scores on the official card before it is submitted.

**Scorecards** must be deposited in the Score Card Box located by the Starter Window immediately after play unless stated differently at the start of a Tournament. The player’s full names, SCGA/GHIN numbers and starting time must be put on the card. The names should be in the order they appear on the Starter Sheet.

## Carts on the Course

- Please adhere to the 90-degree rule on all Fairways
- Carts are not allowed past the cart directional signs towards the green within 50 yards of the Green
- Carts are not allowed within 50 yards of the Green unless they are on a cart path
- Park your cart on a cart path while you are on the green
- Please do not drive within any roped off areas

**Failure to adhere to proper cart etiquette while on the course may result in disciplinary action including but not limited to suspension of your Tournament Play**

## Dress Code

All players on the Laguna Woods Golf Course must wear golf appropriate attire. Shirts with a collar (mocks are acceptable) and golf slacks/shorts are considered appropriate attire. Shorts must be of conservative tailoring no more than 3" above the knee. Tank tops, t-shirts, cut-offs, sweatpants, athletic shorts, swim trunks, tennis shorts and blue denim jeans and denim shorts are **not permitted**. Caps and hats, if worn, must be worn with the brim facing forward.

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