

WWGA Board Meeting
September 30, 2025
Debby's home - Noon

Call to Order 12:02

Pat Martzen, Sheri Wiggett, Heather Daims, Mary Hale, Toni Mannix, Ruthie Cote, Carol Earle, Cheryl Sandy, Debby Christian attended. Guest: Lynn Brewer

Approval of Minutes June 10, 2025

- Cheryl Sandy moved to approve minutes
- Toni Mannix 2nd motion
- Minutes approved

Treasurer's Report – Sheri Wiggett

- Will send report electronically (attached)

Handicap – Toni Mannix

- GHIN app has some new features: "check status," and renew online. Toni will review these features with the general membership at the meeting 10/21
- In 2025 two members had problems vis-à-vis their GHIN/WWGA membership due to a misunderstanding of the requirements. Toni proposed a clarification to the Constitution to alleviate this problem in the future (to discuss under new business)

Weekly Games – NO REPORT (Jane is traveling)

Major Tournaments – Heather Daims

- The last 2025 tournament is the Captain's Cup, scheduled for November 11 & 18.
- Heather proposed the dates for WWGA tournaments in 2026, based on information provided on LACWGA & WPLGA schedules (2026 calendar attached)
- Heather proposed an increase of tournament fees to \$15. All monies will go to tournament prizes. Board approved.
- Tournament rules issues – deferred to the Standing Rules amendments under new business

Membership – Ruthie Cote

- Jill Wong has completed her qualifying rounds, paid and submitted membership application. Rules review is scheduled for 10/2. The board agreed to hold a vote contingent on the completion of the rules review.
 - Debby moved that Jill Wong be approved for membership, approval affective upon completion of rules review
 - Ruthie 2nd motion
 - Membership approved pending contingency completion (NOTE: Rules review was completed and verified by rules chair, Mary Hale on 10/2)
- Cris Manasse has completed her qualifying rounds and rules review. We are awaiting submission of membership application and dues.

Rules – Mary Hale

- Mary proposed a modification to tournament rules which would call for a 2-stroke penalty for failure to sign scorecard, rather than DQ. This is aligned with SCGA rules. The board agreed, and Mary will research verbiage for inclusion in Standing Rules amendments.
- Harrison (WGC AGM) arranged for additional OB stakes between holes 3 & 7.
- Mary's request for more aggressive maintenance/markings of ground-under-repair has thus far not panned out. She will make further inquiries. The board agreed that if WGC doesn't take a more proactive stance on this issue, we as a club will (with the approval of course management) mark the most egregious situations ourselves on tournament days.
- Mary is working on creating a short video presentation of rules issues at WGC specifically, that present the most questions/misunderstanding to our members.

Social – Cheryl Sandy

- Holiday Luncheon – December 8 – Lido di Manhattan
- Cost will be \$62
- Board agreed Lido di Manhattan is an excellent venue for our club (location, parking, price, quality, selection etc.)
- Bar/drink costs were mentioned as perhaps out-of-line (high!). While most board members felt the high prices were pretty typical, it was suggested that Cheryl ask about a corkage fee. IF they offered a corkage fee, and it was reasonable/normal, some members might prefer to bring the vintage of their choice as an option. Cheryl will inquire.

Old Business

- Nominating Committee for 2026: Ruthie Cote, chair, Jayne Geisler, Lynn Brewer

- 2026 Slate
 - President – Sheri Wiggett
 - VP-handicap – Toni Mannix
 - Secretary – Debby Christian
 - Treasurer – Carol Earle
 - Weekly Games – Jane Wortman
 - Major Tournaments – Heather Daims
 - Social – Janette Clarke
 - Membership – Cheryl Sandy
 - Rules – Mary Hale
- Ruthie will present this slate at the General Membership meeting on 10/21
- General election for 2026 Board will be held at the meeting on 10/21
- Late Cancellation Fee Assessment (YTD attached)
- In general this system is working and those impacted have paid
- That there is some confusion as to the “cut-off” was discussed. The board was in agreement that the cut-off for cancellation should be when the tee sheet is published, there was spirited conversation as to the date/time of publication. Some felt Monday at 10 was fine; others were passionate about wanting to know their tee time on Sunday. In the end the board agreed that Sunday at 4pm would work. Carol will investigate with mail chimp to see if the email publication of the tee sheet can be prepared in advance and scheduled for distribution on Sunday at 4. Until that is vetted the current process will remain (publish Sat/Sun; fee assessed for cancellations made after 10am Monday)

New Business

- Standing Rules – proposed changes (see attached)
- Constitution - proposed changes (see attached)
- Meeting attendance – Los Verdes has a policy: if you do not attend meeting you are ineligible to golf the following week. WWGA will not implement this, but there was discussion regarding attendance and getting more members to attend. No resolution.
- Good Will fund for cards, flowers, etc. was discussed. There is no line item in the budget for such things. Prior to the proliferation of email sending one card from the club made more sense. In today’s world a notice to the membership would allow each individual the opportunity to respond in her own way. There was no consensus. A solicitation for voluntary donations from the Good Will rep at each instance was discussed. Tabled for further conversation.
- 2026 Calendar – LACWGA & WPLGA & WWGA (DRAFT attached)

Next Meeting Dates

- Board Meeting - TBD
- General Meeting – October 21 – Hacienda del Rey

Adjourn - 1:30

Respectfully submitted: Deborah Christian
Deborah Christian, Secretary

Treasurers Report Board Meeting 9-30-25

June 1 st Beginning Balance	\$ 9,417
June 30 th Ending Balance	\$ 9,465

July 1 st Beginning Balance	\$ 9,465
July 31 st Ending Balance	\$10,090

August 1 st Beginning Balance	\$10,090
August 31 st Ending Balance	\$12,451

Presidents Cup

Income	\$ 300
Prizes	\$ 300
Club Champion	\$ 100
Low Net OF	\$ 60

Luncheon

Income 37 attendees	\$ 2294
Restaurant Exp	\$2421.93
Cheryl Sandy Exp	\$ 71.01
Balance	\$ 198.94
Credit Spring Fling	\$ 592.83
Positive Lunch \$ carried fwd	\$ 393.89

September 1 st Beg Balance	\$12,451
September 30 th end Balance	\$11,995

Money owed to member for Tournaments and wkly games As of 6/17/25	\$ 4067
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Respectively Submitted
Sheri Wiggett
WWGA Treasurer

9/23/2025	Hyon, Angie Liebenson, Diane McDonald, Noal	
8/26/2025	MaryJo Zahyna Suzanne Borenstein	
8/18/2025	Susan Wheeler Crystal Nichols	Waived Waived

STANDING RULES

Handicap

1. Per the USGA Handicap System, players should post scores immediately following play. Failure to post scores in a timely manner may result in assessment of a penalty round.
2. Play Day Posting - Players must post their **TOTAL** adjusted score using the GHIN app prior to 5:00 PM on day of play. Adjusted score is to be computed using the hole handicaps and procedures as directed by the Handicap Chair.
3. To be eligible for Most Improved Player of the Year award, a player must have 20 rounds in their scoring record (10 of which are WWGA rounds) on December 1 with no penalty rounds in her scoring record for the preceeding 12 months (December – November).
4. Procedures on posting and adjusting scores will be included in the introduction package for new members and issued to Regular members on an annual basis.
5. WWGA members must post all rounds. Instances of non-compliance will be addressed by the Handicap Committee.
6. Penalty Rounds - If the Handicap Committee concludes that a player failed to submit a score or complete a round for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage, it may withdraw the player's Handicap Index, and/or apply an appropriate penalty score (high or low depending on intent) and consider further disciplinary action for players who repeatedly fail to submit their scores or who fail to complete rounds.
7. When a hole is not played you post nothing for that hole. You must enter score hole-by-hole and leave the hole you skipped blank. GHIN has a program for handling that situation. Your scorecard should also be blank for a skipped hole.
8. When picking up (not finishing a hole) and marking "x," the score recorded is the LOWER of:
 - Equitable maximum: par + handicap "pops" + 2, OR
 - What the player would reasonably expect to score had she played out.Your scorecard should read X8, but when entering your score in the GHIN app, enter "8," NO "x."

Pace of Play

1. All WWGA events (Tuesday play, tournaments, Play Away) require adherence to pace of play. A foursome is expected to keep up with the group in front of them.
2. Foursomes are to tee off on time. It is imperative that groups NOT tee off early but wait for their scheduled tee time to start their round.
3. When a foursome has fallen out of position, the first two golfers finished on the putting green are expected to advance to the next tee and tee off.
4. WWGA plays "ready golf." No more than 2 practice swings. Determining distance, club selection and strategy should be handled unobtrusively while others are hitting.

- d. For multi-week tournaments playday handicap in subsequent weeks will be used for play; but flights will NOT be modified. EXCEPTION: The eclectic tournament uses the same H/C for both rounds.
- e. Field size will determine the number of flights and the number of winning places in each flight. The objective is to payout approximately 1/3 of participants.
- f. Payout for last place, shall be equal to the entry fee, at a minimum. (except as noted in 5.i below)
- g. Flights will be equal in size. If this is not feasible, inequities will – to the extent possible – skew to favor lower handicap golfers.
- h. Publication of flights will include GHIN Index for each flight, in addition to course handicap.
- i. Ties will be paid. The Tournament Chair will compute results; then determine prize for 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc. for each flight (paying ties), insuring prize levels are equal for all flights and do not exceed total prize pool. (except as noted in 5.b. above) NOTE: this may result in unequal total payouts/flight; insuring that all 1st, 2nd, etc. prizes are the SAME in each flight.

EXCEPTION: In the event of a tie after the completion of the Club Championship (*for the Title of Club Champion ONLY*) the tied players will immediately commence a sudden death play off.

- j. Except where specified here, decisions regarding tournaments prizes are at the discretion of the Tournament Chair.
6. Match Play Tournament – the number of flights is determined by field size. Tournament field will be capped by Tournament chair to insure flights of 8; resulting in 3 weeks of play w/o bye rounds.
- Handicap variance shall be limited to a maximum of 8 strokes. In the event there is a greater than 8 stroke variance between two opponents the higher handicap player will have her handicap adjusted down to 8 strokes higher than her opponent.
- Pairings within each flight shall be: lowest handicap (index) player vs. highest; next lowest vs. 2nd highest, etc. Index shall be used to refine process.
7. Club Championship – In addition to the Tournament prizes a Senior* flight may be identified and receive special recognition.

*Senior TBD determined by board, based on field size and age of players.

8. Tournament Rules

- a. Club rules as outlined on the back of our weekly scorecards and the bulletin board, shall prevail. If you don't know what to do, take pictures and notes, play two balls if necessary and report the problem on the day of play to the WWGA Rules Chair and Tournament Chair for resolution.
- b. 2-stroke penalty for placing or receiving an unmuted phone call during the round

- d. Upon reaching a consensus a score is agreed upon.
- e. If a consensus can not be reached the group will continue to play. Scorecard will have the score in question circled and those objecting to the score used will sign the scorecard with U.P. (under protest) after their name. The score card will be submitted to the Rules Chair at wwgarules@gmail.com. The rules chair will discuss the matter with all players involved and make a determination of the score to be used. The Handicap Chair will modify posted score if necessary.
- f. In instances where a player seems to consistently state scores that come into question among the other members of the foursome, the following steps are suggested:
 - i. Players keep track of the player-in-question's actual strokes by making "tick marks" on the scorecard; and/or
 - ii. Confirming stroke count of all players upon reaching the green (each player states: I am lying "x," prior to anyone putting.

Low Net (administered by Weekly Tournament Chair)

1. Low Net will be tracked annually. Dates: December 1 – November 30.
2. Twenty (20) qualifying scores required for eligibility. All eligible net scores will be averaged for an annual low net average. For members with > 20 rounds, the 20 lowest net rounds will be used.
3. The players with the lowest annual average of 20 scores will contest for the Low Net title in the Low Net Tournament each January. Availability to play will be confirmed; and a player not available to play will be replaced by the player with the next lowest average. Tournament field size: minimum 12. Actual field size will be determined by Chair based on year-end data vis-à-vis a natural "break" in standings and any ties.
4. The Low Net award monies:
 - Each member in the tournament field will receive an award.
 - An additional 1st, 2nd, 3rd Low Net for the Tournament itself will be awarded.
 - Prize values TBD in annual budget meeting.
5. Eligibility for Low Net score entry for the week is contingent upon player posting her adjusted score using the GHIN app and submitting WWGA scorecard prior to 5:00 PM on day of play.
6. An "X" on any hole by a member renders that day's score inadmissible for low net consideration.
7. Scores for players in any tournament which allows and/or recommends picking up to enhance pace of play, will not be included for Low Net consideration. Each year the board, in conjunction with the Weekly Tournament/Low Net Chair will decide if scores for non-tournament players will be eligible for Low Net submission. This will be re-visited throughout the year during each tournament; and may vary.
8. Two signatures are required on the weekly play scorecard to have scores eligible for Low Net submission. In the case of an individual with a disputed score, she must also sign.

Miscellaneous

1. The decision to implement preferred lies (winter rules) will be assessed on an as-needed basis and announced and/or posted on the bulletin board by the Rules Chair or her designee.
2. With the exception of the Hole-in-One payout, all cash prize winnings will be aggregated and issued in the form of a gift card annually for December 1 – November 30 winnings.
3. Except for the perpetual Club Champion trophy, cash prizes will be issued in lieu of trophies.
4. Guests are ineligible for WWGA budgeted items and/or subsidies. (For example: luncheon/play away budgeted expenses, subsidies as determined by the Board to defray costs to members)
5. The Lynn Smith Award for Distinguished Service will be awarded at the discretion of the Board.
6. WWGA local rules are printed on the back of the WWGA scorecard.
7. Pro-rated Membership Fees (based on fiscal year Jan-Dec):

Jan-May	100%
June-August	50%
Sept-Oct	25%
Nov-Dec	gratis

- (3) months from Association receipt of payment of the application fee which time limit can be waived by the Board if warranted due to circumstances beyond the control of the applicant;
- (iv) Attended a General Membership Meeting and been accepted by a majority of the Active Members present and voting at the meeting. If circumstances preclude an applicant from attending the General Membership Meeting where her membership is considered for acceptance, she may be voted into membership by a quorum of the Board;
 - (v) Paid the annual Active Membership dues which include Weekly Tournaments and other activities as determined by the Board;
 - (vi) Paid the fee for the applicable handicap service **as a member of Westchester Womens Golf Association. Note: this may result in multiple fees if a member belongs to multiple golf clubs.**
 - (vii) Agreed to play to no more than the maximum allowable handicap as determined by the Association's then-current handicap service in all tournaments and weekly play;
 - (viii) Participated in an Open Book Rules Review;
 - (ix) Agreed to comply with the Association's Constitution and By-Laws, as well as the eligibility requirements and general information regarding Association membership distributed to members on an annual basis;
 - (x) Met with the Membership Chairperson(s) to review hole handicapping procedures, USGA procedure for holes not started or completed, birdies and chip-in procedures, hole-in-one pot, USGA posting procedure for adjusting score, and WWGA local rules; and
 - (xi) Agreed to play according to the USGA Rules of Golf and post all scores promptly per USGA handicapping requirements.
 - (xii) A former member (one who has previously been on the Regular Membership roster) who possesses an active GHIN number must pay the membership application fee, be voted in and pay the regular membership dues and the handicapping service fee. The required number of three (3) rounds shall be waived provided that their active GHIN number reflects ten (10) rounds in their scoring record within the previous twelve (12) months.
- (b) Only Active Members may vote on Association business and compete in Association tournaments, subject to eligibility requirements.
 - (c) Active Membership is afforded to members whose Active Membership dues are paid.
 - (d) An Active Member receives all benefits of Association membership, including eligibility for handicap services.
 - (e) An Active Member may vote on all Association business brought forth in a general membership meeting including the election of Association Board members.
 - (f) Only Active Members are allowed to join, participate and/or represent the Association in events offered by third-party golf associations, golf clubs and golf organizations which the Association underwrites, sponsors, funds or is otherwise permitted to be affiliated.
 - (g) An associate Member may be reinstated to Active Membership after paying the Active Membership dues (or the difference between Active and Associate Membership dues) and the applicable handicapping service fee.

2. Associate Membership.

- (a) Associate Membership is afforded to members holding prior active membership and who have paid the then-current Associate Membership dues. Handicap services are not available to

ARTICLE VI – MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

1. The Association may hold tournaments as determined by the Board and the Major Tournament Chairmen.
2. Each tournament is subject to rescheduling or cancellation due to unforeseeable circumstances that prevents the tournament from being held. Any rescheduling or cancellation shall be decided by the Board and the Major Tournament Chairmen.
3. Tournament entry fees shall be determined by the Board and shall be due and payable prior to a tournament on a date set by the Major Tournament Chairmen.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING RULES

1. Standing Rules shall govern general operational aspects of the club's activities including, but not limited to:

- handicap maintenance and posting requirements
- major tournament entry requirements, prize payout guidelines, field size etc
- weekly games requirements
- scoring disputes procedures
- low net competition eligibility, awards etc
- tee time cancellation procedures

The Standing Rules are on the website. Hard-copy information and procedures passed from one officer/chair to the next are for reference purposes only. Standing Rules govern all aspects of club operations and supercede all printed matter.

2. Revisions to Standing Rules may be made by majority vote of the Board. Substantive changes, at the discretion of the Board, may be deferred for a majority vote of the General Membership.

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Kick Off (Jan 26)
Eclectic (Jan 27)

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Pres/Rgn (Feb 12)
Eclectic (Feb 26)

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Pres. Cup (Mar 10)
Pres. Cup (Mar 17)
Pres. Cup (Mar 24)
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Spring Fling & Luncheon (Apr 14)
Eclectic (Apr 23)

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Away-Lakehouse (May 4)
Play Away (May 18-21)
Tournament-Rp Honda (No monthly play) (May 28)

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Eclectic - TBD (Jun 16)
Eclectic - TBD (Jun 17)
Eclectic - TBD (Jun 25)

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Championship - Ventura (Jul 13)
6-6-6 (Jul 21)
Championship - Ventura (Jul 23)

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Senior Tournament Lakehouse (Aug 17)
Championship (Aug 27)

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LACWGA Cup (Sep 14)
FAFH - Whistler, BC (Sep 21)
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FAFH - Whistler, BC (Sep 25)
FAFH - Whistler, BC (Sep 26)
Championship (Sep 29)

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Championship (Oct 6)
Championship & Luncheon (Oct 13)
Fall Classic-Championship (Oct 19)
Fall Classic-Championship (Oct 20)

NOVEMBER						
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Captain's Cup (Nov 10)
Captain's Cup (Nov 17)

DECEMBER						
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Mtg/Tourn (Dec 7)
Luncheon (Dec 14)