

Westchester Women's Golf Association

WWGA Board Meeting

January 7, 2025

Carol Earle's Home

Call to Order: 11:43 AM

Attending: Carol Earle, Debby Christian, Sheri Wiggett, Jane Wortman, Heather Daims, Cheryl Sandy, Mary Hale. Guests: Pat Martzen, Michelle Chavez, Janet O'Donnell

Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2024

- Jane Wortman moved to approve, Carol Earle seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer – Sheri Wiggett

- 2025 Budget review discussion. After a lengthy discussion of all the line items a budget was agreed upon. Heather moved to approve budget, Jane Wortman seconded. 2025 budget was approved. Final budget attached.

Discussion notes:

- Social budget was reduced based on 2024 actual...taking into account very successful fundraising at the luncheons to subsidize.
- Club Champion prize, and low net over-the-field at the Championship tournament were added to the budget. These items were erroneously omitted from the 2024 budget. Budgeted amounts reflect the traditional awards.
- Website expenses were reduced. 2024 costs reflect site development. On-going costs reflect a substantial reduction.
- Blue book costs were increased. There was much discussion re: blue books...do we need them? Do members want them? Should we just do electronic distribution of information? Should they be optional, with a \$5 line item on the renewal form for those who want them? In the end it was decided to continue producing them for all members. The full amount was budgeted for production of 2026 books in the 4th quarter of 2025. The cost of the 2025 books in excess of the budgeted amount carried over from 2024 (budgeted \$150, Cost \$390) will be donated by Dan Christian Homes, in exchange for an acknowledgement/ad in the back of the book.

Handicap – Toni Mannix

- Toni was absent (traveling). It was noted that SCGA fees have increased to \$41.

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Weekly Games – Jane Wortman

- Jane noted that at the general meeting she will request that game scores where particular holes are applicable, be noted on the line below the regular line score. (i.e. when listing players, skip a line to allow a line for game score tabulation)

Major Tournaments – Heather Daims

- Heather presented her proposed schedule. No changes were made. (attached)

Membership – Ruthie Cote

- Ruthie expressed concern regarding the delay of confirmation of membership once qualifying rounds are completed. It was agreed that once ALL the requirements for membership were completed the board would affirm with an electronic vote (if a general meeting was not imminent).
- Recently a member objected to personal photo and information being posted (New Member Spotlight). Debby agreed to modify the questionnaire to include an explanation of how the data would be used, where it would be posted; instructing the member not to include information they did not want shared.

Rules – Mary Hale

- Mary shared the new rules review she had prepared as part of the new member initiation. (attached)
- There was a lengthy discussion regarding the protective fence/boundary fence on hole #13. Local rules specifically address the protective fence on hole #12. Official rules do not address protective fences; they are immovable obstructions. The quandry comes when a ball is between the two fences; and which fence is causing the obstruction. Mary will do further research to determine how best to handle this for clarity.

Social – Cheryl Sandy

- Cheryl requested we solicit donations for the Spring Fling luncheon. She felt members might have unused holiday gifts, gift cards to donate. Additionally, as we all do a New Year's purge there might be new golf items members don't want. Debby will send out a notice.
- Cheryl suggested that the Holiday luncheon be moved to Wednesday to avoid any conflict with LACWGA team play. (This year, if WWGA had won their last event they would have progressed to finals – held on the same day as our luncheon.)

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Debby shared that LACWGA had committed to having all team play competition completed prior to Thanksgiving. Moving the luncheon is unnecessary.

Old Business

- No shows and cancellations. Our current policy is that last minute cancellations will be tracked. The forth one will result in a \$5 fine, to be paid to WWGA. It is important to note that both Los Verdes WGA and Rancho WGA are required to pay the full greens fees for any member on the tee sheet who does not show. In an effort to avoid this development at Westchester we are attempting to minimize cancellations. Last minute cancellations are any cancellation made on Monday or Tuesday morning. This will be reiterated at the General Meeting 1/21.
- Coverage / backup for duties. Some gmail logons and PW were shared to allow access. We need to further formalize this data.

New Business

- It was agreed to add the WGC café to the luncheon rotaton.

Next Meeting Dates

- **General Meeting**
January 21, 2025 at Hacienda del Rey
- **Board Meeting**
TBA

Adjourn-1:35

Respectfully Submitted:

Deborah Christian
Deborah Christian, Secretary

Budget 2025

	2025 Operating Budget
Cash brought forward	\$ 6,814.00
Required minimum balance	\$ (2,000.00)
Invoice accrued (2024 expense)	\$ (150.00)
Cash brought forward includes revenue from	
2025 membership drive	
Members dues (62 @ \$60)	
Associate Dues (3 @ \$20)	
Late fees (\$50)	
Iniation Fees (10 @ \$15)	
Available funds	\$ 4,664.00
Expenses	
Weekly Tournaments	\$ 1,400.00
Birdies & Chip-Ins	\$ 350.00
most improved	\$ 80.00
low net tournament	\$ 360.00
Club Championship	\$ 100.00
Low Net O-T-F at Championship	\$ 60.00
Engraving cost	\$ 40.00
3-Day Play- Away Support	\$ 350.00
Roster Printing	\$ 390.00
Scorecard Printing	\$ 128.00
Social Committee for Luncheons	\$ 416.00
President's Gift	\$ 125.00
Golf Starter	\$ 50.00
Assistant gift (Caesar)	\$ 50.00
Stationery, Stamps	\$ 25.00
Unbudgeted Items	\$ 150.00
Website maintenance	\$ 500.00
LACWGA Club Fee	\$ 10.00
LACWGA Team Play	\$ 20.00
WPLGA Club Fees	\$ 10.00
WPLGA Team Play Registration	\$ 50.00
	\$ 4,664.00
Surplus/ (short-fall)	\$ -

MAJOR TOURNAMENT DATES 2025

TOURNAMENT	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	TYPE OF TOURNAMENT
Eclectic	2/5/25	2/11/25	2/18/25		2 WEEK BETTER BALL
President's Cup	2/26/25	3/4/25	3/11/25	3/18/25	MATCH PLAY
Spring Fling	4/9/25	4/15/25			SCRAMBLE
Club Championship	8/27/25	9/2/25	9/9/25	9/16/25	INDIVIDUAL PLAY
Captain's Cup	11/5/25	11/11/25	11/18/25		PARTNER BETTER BALL



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2025 Tournament Schedule

Eclectic Tournament

2 week better ball

February 11 & 18

(registration deadline 2/5)

President's Cup

Individual match play

March 4, 11 & 18

(registration deadline 2/26)

Spring Fling

Team Scramble

April 15

(registration deadline 4/9)

Club Championship

Individual 54 holes score

September 2, 9 & 16

(registration deadline 8/27)

Captain's Cup

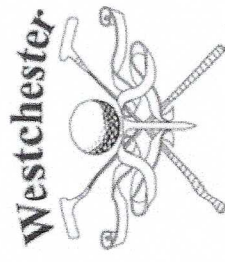
36 holes partner better ball

November 11 & 18

(registration deadline 11/5)

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Rules Review



This Rules Review is provided to help ensure that WWGA members have a basic knowledge of the USGA Rules of Golf as well as the Local Rules adopted by the club.

The Review consists of a quiz that can be completed and submitted to the WWGA Rules Chair <wwgarules@gmail.com> who will reply with an answer sheet that has the correct answers with explanations and applicable rules for each question.

Don't worry, there is no requirement to pass this test for any existing members or potential new members, but potential new members must take and submit it to wwgarules@gmail.com before becoming a member of the club.

All the questions are in context of Weekly Play at Westchester Golf Course. The Rules for Major Tournaments and play at other course have slightly different rules and are not covered in this Rules Review.

This is an open book quiz so feel free to reference the [USGA Rules of Golf](#) including [Definitions](#) and [Clarifications](#). Also reference the rules on the back of the WWGA scorecard shown here.

USGA Rules govern all play except as modified by these Local Rules.

The sod farms on Hole 5 and Hole 17 are deemed ground under repair.

OB stakes between Hole 3 and Hole 7 apply only to play of Hole 7.

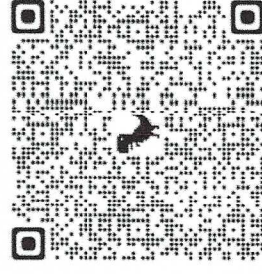
The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, and is:

- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and
 - Within two club-lengths of the ball.
- Exception – There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

As to the protective fence **between** Holes 12 and 13, Rule **16** is modified so that the player shall determine the nearest point of relief without crossing over, through or under the obstruction.

The PVC pipe at the boundary fence back of Hole 5 is an integral part of the course. No relief.

Alternative to Stroke and Distance. When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds the player may proceed as follows: For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the prescribed relief area. Scan below for the description of rule and how to proceed.



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After completing the review, please save and email it to wwgarules@gmail.com and the answers will be emailed to you.

Question**Answer** (Select one choice only per question)

1. A player's tee shot on hole #1 lies up against the fence between the course and the driving range. The fence is attached to the driving range side of the large fence posts. Which options are allowed under the rules? ([Diagram](#))

- ☐ A. Play the ball as it lies
☐ B. Drop the ball within 2 club lengths, no closer to hole for one penalty stroke
☐ C. Take stroke and distance relief
☐ D. Take free relief within one club length, no closer to hole
☐ E. A, B & C but not D

2. On hole #2, a player attempts to hit their ball from the middle of the fairway to the left side of the pond rather than hitting over the pond at the hole. Their ball lands just outside the left edge of the pond but rolls into the water. There are no markings to indicate what kind of penalty area the pond is. Which spot may the player **not** drop a ball to take relief? ([Diagram](#))

- ☐ A. Within 1 club length of where last shot was made, no closer to the hole.
☐ B. On a line between where the last shot was made and where the ball last crossed the edge the penalty area, not closer to the hole.
☐ C. On a line that extends from the hole through where the ball last crossed the edge the penalty area with no limit how far back but not closer than where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.
☐ D. Within two club lengths of the spot where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area, but not in the penalty area.

3. On hole #12, a player's ball is one foot from the cart path next to a protective fence, interfering with her stance. The nearest point of complete relief is on the cart path, so she instead finds the nearest point of complete relief from both the cart path and the fence, drops the ball within one club length no closer to the hole from there, and takes a stroke. Did she take relief correctly? ([Diagram](#))

- ☐ A. Yes. There is no penalty since they are allowed free relief.
☐ B. No, and the player receives a two-stroke penalty for playing from the wrong place.
☐ C. No, and the player receives a one-stroke penalty for an incorrect drop plus a two-stroke penalty for playing the ball from the wrong place, for a total of 3 penalty strokes.

4. On hole #4 a player hits their second shot onto the green. Upon reaching the green they see that they hit a stray ball instead of their ball. They find their original ball and hit it onto the green, then two putt to finish the hole. What is their score for the hole? ([Diagram](#))

- ☐ A. 4
☐ B. 5
☐ C. 6
☐ D. 7

Question	Answer (Select one choice only per question)
5. On hole #5 a player hits their ball into the fenced area around the radar tower. They are virtually certain (95% sure) that the ball remained in the fenced area and others in the group that saw the shot are also virtually certain it is still there. Which relief option(s) are not allowed in taking relief under the rules? (Diagram)	☐ A. Drop another ball from where the last shot was taken – 1 stroke penalty ☐ B. Find the nearest point of complete relief for lie, stance, and intended swing from where the ball last crossed the fence – No penalty ☐ C. Take relief back on a line between the hole and where the ball last crossed the fence – One stroke penalty ☐ D. B & C
6. On hole #7 a player hits their tee shot 150 yards into the left rough. They find their ball out of bounds. To take relief, they drop a ball a few inches onto the fairway, just behind a line between where the ball crossed the out of bounds boundary and the nearest point on the fairway, that is no closer to the hole, plus two club lengths along the line to the right. The player then completes the hole and adds 2 penalty strokes to their score. Did the player follow under WWGA rules? (Diagram)	☐ A. Yes ☐ B. No
7. On hole #11 a player hits their tee shot into a tree. She cannot find her ball but thinks it is still in the tree; however, she does not know, nor is she virtually certain that it is. Which of these options are available to them under the rules?	☐ A. Take relief for an unplayable ball within two club lengths from where you believe the ball to be in the tree, no closer to the hole for 1 penalty stroke ☐ B. Take relief without penalty within one club length behind the tree, not closer to the hole ☐ C. Tee up another ball in the tee box under penalty of one stroke. ☐ D. None of the above

