

Dear Members,

I was looking up the meaning of the 1978 *September* song by Earth, Wind & Fire. Part of the lyrics reflects on good times. But, did you know that the lyric in this song, “the 21st of September,” was chosen “because the melody felt right, not for any specific historical or personal event.” Yeah, it’s the little things to know..LOL!

When I think of September as it relates to golf, I am still excited about the months left to be played in our area, the Bonus of the fairways lined with beautiful Fall colors, the coolness of the air, and the sun still sharing it’s summer warmth. Just 3 more GVGWA tournament events before we check off another season of tournaments, and a season that I think even the ladies who founded this great organization would say ...well done.

Tomorrow, Monday, September 8th, we will be playing the beautiful and scenic Sodus Bay Heights Golf Club. This course opened in 1924, and later in 1969 architect Geoffrey S. Cornish redesigned and expanded the course to include an additional 9 holes. “The 18 hole masterpiece is noted for its challenging design, featuring numerous uneven lies, tough greens with slopes, and unique hole layouts.”

I don’t know if I’ll play well there with all of the above challenges, however, I do know I’ll enjoy the scenery and the fun that comes with playing with good friends, and of course, seeing most of you at the 19th Hole!

On Monday, September 15th is our very special GVGWA 2 Person Team Challenge at Brook-Lea Country Club. Anytime that we can play at a private member course, I consider it an honor and privilege to experience an atmosphere, rich with history and course design like no other. This course was designed in 1926 by Donald Ross, a “renowned golf course architect.” Mr. Ross was born in Scotland, as you know the

birthplace of golf. You may not hear the bagpipes while playing Brook-Lea, but you will certainly appreciate the beauty and surroundings of this special golf course.

Rounding out the end of our GVGWA season is our 2 person Shamble at Sycamore Golf Club (formerly Crooked Pines) on Sunday, September 21st. Shamble combines elements of scramble and stroke play. With Shamble, players tee off, the best drive is chosen, and then each player plays their own ball from that spot to the hole. Each player posts their own gross score, the lowest score is the team score.

Not a GVGWA tournament...the date for Barbie's Annual Fun Tournament at Timber Ridge is coming up on Saturday, September 27th, 1 p.m. shotgun start. Shamble, Scramble, Croquet putting, water balloon putting, tennis racket drive and more! Check your August 29th email for details and registration form. **Deadline for checks is no later than September 13th.**

Check out RDGA's remaining tournaments in September, and one in October. RDGA Women's Open is on Monday, September 22nd at Stafford Country Club. Last I checked there were 64 women registered for this 128 capped event. Let's go!

Perhaps you have heard about the newly formed (January, 2025), women's golf organization. It's called the *Rochester NY Women's Golf Network*. This organization gives women golfers the benefit of not only competing in tournaments, but also to play in evening leagues, weekend and weekday travel leagues, overnight trips, and to participate in RDGA and NYSGA Tournaments. Check out their website, and sign up for their newsletter, *News FYI (FORE Your Information)*. In this newsletter you will find ample information about golf events, and golf leagues for 2026. GVGWA welcomes RWGN, a wonderful organization and an addition to women's golf. One can never have too many organizations when it comes to women's golf!

Don't forget to pencil in your calendars (yes I still have a paper calendar!), **Thursday, October 23rd for the GVGGA Fall Awards Banquet at Lakeshore Country Club.** Registration will be coming out Soon!

Enjoy these beautiful Fall days. The golf season is not over yet for Rochester! It just got more colorful! : ~)

Golf Funny:

What do you call a wizard who can turn himself into a golf club?

Answer: Harry Putter : ~)

That's all...for now!

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