

GVWGA May 2026 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Memorial Day honors the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The long weekend may also be a time to join friends for a round of golf. Many golf courses mark the holiday by placing American flags on the pins, and/or at the markers. Organizations like Folds of Honor frequently run events over the weekend to raise funds and scholarships for families of fallen or disabled service members. Whatever you do on this day, I know a special place in our hearts hold the true meaning of what these men and women did so valiantly for our country. May they rest eternally in final peace.

Teeing Off:

2026 Spring Banquet: Our Spring Banquet held at the Lakeshore Country Club was a huge success bringing nearly 100 members together after a long winter's hibernation. Our thanks to the banquet committee; Cindy Casilio, Kathy Gilman, Nora Hall, Rose Hall, and MJ Witkiewitz. I especially enjoyed the chocolate from Andy's Candies in my gift bag! The give-aways were pretty special which made for some very happy members! Shout out to Member Linda Cardot for her donation of handmade can toppers for all those in attendance that her nephew made on a 3-D printer. It's a cover for canned beverages and keeps unwanted bugs from enjoying your drink before you can! I've already used it...multiple times..it works! Board members gave their reports respectively during the business part of our event. Minutes (to be officially approved at our 2026 Fall Banquet) from the Spring Banquet will be available on our GVWGA Website for your review.

Off The Tee Apparel: At the Spring Banquet, Member Tammy Bills officially kicked off the GVWGA apparel for purchase. A percentage of sales go to GVWGA (thank you Tammy)! The quality of the merchandise is amazing given the fact that materials are UPF rated and easy wash and wear. Lots of different apparel to choose from too including, polos, sleeveless, and rain wear. Drinkware cups are coming soon. You can have your order shipped directly to your home, or Tammy will bring it to a GVWGA Tournament for pickup. GVWGA Off The Tee Apparel is available at: gvwgaapparel.com

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On The Fairway:

At our GVWGA Tournament at Big Oak in Geneva on May 15th, Member Tammy Schreiner made a hole in one on Par 3 Hole #5! Congratulations Tammy on lifetime dream for many of us! : }

Tournament Registration Tips:

With our first two tournaments completed, registration for future tournaments is coming fast and furious with our calendars also filling up. For events, and if you know who your foursome will be, it's best to have One Person Register (unless directed not to for a particular format). Let your 4-some know that you are going to be the one to register them for a particular tournament. When you register, you can select whether to pay for all of them or just yourself. If you are just paying for yourself, the players in your 4-some will get an email that states payment is pending for that tournament. Let your teammates know to Wait for the Email notifying them of payment due.

Playing in a Tournament:

First and 4-Most, please **Read** the detailed email that is sent to you regarding the tournament you are playing in. Not only does it contain playing specifics about the tournament, it contains General Golf Course Rules, General Golf Course Etiquette & Courtesy, Local Golf Course Rules as it pertains to that course. It may also contain Lunch Options as well.

As you know, Live Scoring through Golf Genius Premium has been initiated this year. In a foursome (no matter the event), one golfer in one cart should keep score on the paper scorecard. One golfer in the other cart should keep score using the Golf Genius App.

Please have your Golf Genius App ready to go before tee-off.

I have found using the Golf Genius App very user friendly.

My Golf Genius App is enabled to remember my email, and password. In fact, when I click on this app, it automatically goes to a list of tournaments that I have currently registered for that use Golf Genius for live scoring. I just click on the tournament I'm playing in, and this takes me to "On the Course". I then select Enter Scores, and my 4-some's names pop up. Going back to the "On the Course" menu item, you can also select

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“Leaderboard”, which provides a live in-progress leaderboard for that tournament. Pretty cool and far out!

Ok..I know what your're thinking. Why are we filling out a paper score card if we were are using Live Scoring? Filling out the paper score card validates the results at the end of a round. Once compared to the live scores and the paper card is signed attesting to those scores, it becomes official! Handing in that paper score card which is required, (or emailing, or texting a photo of the score card) to the Tournament Golf Genius is an additional tool for completing the tournament results.

At The Turn:

- **Play Ready Golf.**
- **If not on the green after 8 strokes, pick up the ball, record a 10 and circle that score.**
- **Enter scores for completed hole when you arrive at the next Tee.**
- **Please Dispose of trash (including trash in your golf cart) in receptacles on the course or at the clubhouse.**
- **Cans and bottles brought from home should go home with you.**
- **GVWGA wants to maintain a continued and cordial relationship with the courses that we play and enjoy. Please don't jeopardize this relationship as it could result in not being invited back because of indiscriminate acts of foolishness.**

And last but of course not least, have fun, and enjoy the beautiful scenery that golf courses bring! ; ~)

At The Club House:

Genesee Valley Women's Golf Association: gvwga.org

Off The Tee Apparel: gvwgaapparel.com

Posted from Barbie Huckle on Face Book:

The older that I get, the farther that I walk
Not always down the fairway...But that's golf talk.
Some days the driver listens, some days it disappears.
And sometimes all you really hit is memories and years.
I've laughed beside the cart path,
I've cursed beneath the sun,

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But every round reminds me why this game is never done.
Because somewhere past the rough today, one perfect shot took flight.
And for a little moment there, the whole world felt just right.

That's all...for now : }
Cindy Keller
Your GVWGA President