

Dear Members,

“March is designated as Women’s History Month in the United States to honor and celebrate the contributions of women throughout history.”

On the topic of golf, women's involvement in golf dates back to the 1500's with Mary Queen of Scots often credited as one of the first female golfers during her reign in Scotland, and where the Saint Andrews Links was built. She is also associated with coining the term "caddy" from the word "cadets" for her assistance! ; )

The history of women’s golf in the United States is marked by significant milestones and contributions from many trailblazing women. The USGA has been a leader in creating opportunities for women golfers since 1895 with the inaugural U.S. Women’s Amateur being held; one of the association’s original championships. The LPGA was founded in 1950, in Rolling Hills Country Club, Wichita, Kansas by 13 women including Patty Berg and Babe Didrikson Zaharias. The LPGA is the oldest continuing women’s professional sports organization.

Despite facing discrimination, and inequality, women’s golf continued to grow.

Back on the Rochester, N.Y. home front, the Women’s Rochester District Golf Association (WRDGA) was founded in 1929, Durand Eastman Women’s Golf in 1931. And then, can you just imagine, back on a warm summer day, June 5, 1935 at Genesee Valley Golf Course. This becomes our day, when four women who loved the game of golf, finalized our organization, the Genesee Valley Women’s Golf Association.

Now entering our 91<sup>st</sup> year, we are just a little over 200 members strong. Even now, women’s golf in our area is still growing with the Rochester NY Women’s Golf Network being formed just last year. All the best to you RWGN! ; )

Suffice to say, “We’ve Come A Long Way Baby,” with much more to be accomplished not only in women’s golf but also in women’s sports across the board.

**At The Turn ; )**

**Let’s take a look at the GVWGA Calendar for March as well as other Important Announcements:**

**Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>**: Handicap & GHIN Clinic hosted by the Rochester Women’s Golf Network (RWGN)

Location: Henrietta Public Library

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

RWGN has invited GVWGA Members to this event. RWGN Director of Handicap & GHIN, Luanna Andrews, will lead the session and provide informative, easy to understand overview of handicaps, scoring, and how to navigate GHIN with confidence.

If you are interested in attending, please register to sign up at:

[rochesterwomensgolfnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterwomensgolfnetwork@gmail.com)

**\*Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>: GVWGA Spring Banquet On-Line**  
**Registration OPENS. (Deadline for registration is Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Please see the attached below on how to register at: [gvwga.golfgenius.com](http://gvwga.golfgenius.com)**

**Details:**

**Cash Bar:** 5:30 p.m.

**Buffet Dinner:** 6:00 p.m.

Tossed Salad Bar w/Assorted Dressings

Fresh Rolls

London Broil with Mushroom Bordelaise Sauce

Chicken French

Baked Ziti

Maple Whipped Sweet Potato

Vegetable du jour

Home Baked Assorted Cookies

Coffee

**\$49.00**

**\*Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>: Zoom Meeting/Training for Golf Chairs**

**\*March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 22<sup>nd</sup> (Friday – Sunday):**

**Spring Kickoff Sale: The Party House At Morgan's Crossing**

760 Scottsville Chili Road, Scottsville, N.Y. 14546

\*Hundreds of Pre-Owned Club Deals

\*Bags from under \$75.00

\*Balls from \$8.00 dozen

\*Gloves from \$3.00

\*Apparel from \$15.00

\*Footwear from \$30.00 AND MORE

**Friday – March 20<sup>th</sup> – 2 pm to 8 pm**

**Saturday – March 21<sup>st</sup> – 10 am to 6 pm**

**Sunday – March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10 am to 4 pm**

**\*Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – 2026 GVGGA Membership Registration-In Person**

We are happy to help you get registered as a Member in person. Bring your credit card and your appetite! We will have lunch at 12:00 then help people get registered at 1:00 pm. OR, come and say hello, and have lunch with us. : ~ )

**Fireside Grill & Sports Bar**

**3939 E. Henrietta Road**

**Henrietta, N.Y. 14467**

**12 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch ----- 1:00 pm In Person Membership Registration**

**\*2025 Unclaimed Prize Money**

Tournament prize money was distributed at the 2025 Fall Awards Banquet, however, some did not attend and need to claim their prize money. I'm attaching this list for your information. If your name is on the list, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the GVGGA Treasurer: Jill Reichhart, 141 Whittier Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624

**Tournament Prize Money not claimed by the Spring Banquet, April 28<sup>th</sup> , will be deposited back into our GVGGA account.**

**\*Friendly Reminder - Regards to Alcohol & Trash Left in Golf Carts:**

Last year our Tournament Chair, Barbie Huckle received numerous complaints from a few golf courses regarding alcohol containers not bought at the course, but brought in from home, and left in the carts after play. Members were also seen in the course bar area with alcohol in hand that was not bought at their course.

\*GVWGA is not going to police members bringing their own alcohol beverages, however, we ask for your discretion. Please take any containers (alcohol/nonalcohol) home with you.

\*Please do not leave trash in the golf carts after tournament play. \*Please leave the golf cart clean after tournaments. Dispose of unwanted materials properly.

**GVWGA does not want to risk the possibility of being barred from courses for future tournament play or be given a bad name. We ask that you adhere to this reminder.**

**\*RDGA 2026 Tournament Schedule:** Attached for your convenience.

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**Tournaments of Interest:** Please feel free to let me know of any tournaments that you would like to share with our members.

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Hole:**

\*2026 GVWGA Tournament Listing with Pricing will be out SOON!

[gvwga.golfgenius.com](http://gvwga.golfgenius.com)

\*Our beautiful **New** Website for On-Line Payment/Registration for membership, tournaments banquets, and tournament results. Thank you Golf Genius Committee Liz Prescod, Kathy Myers, Cathy Smith, Mary Cook, Kathy Emison, Linda Cardot, and Kathy Kamman!

[gvwga.org](http://gvwga.org)

\*GVWGA colorful website of past champions, history, and info!

\*I'm working with fellow Member Tammy Bills in obtaining (embroidered GVWGA) golf apparel for our Members. She will have samples of different women's polo's, and other golf apparel at our Spring Banquet on April 28th! (Sizes run XS to 4XL). Look for more information coming soon!

\*Thank you Kathy Myers and Luisa Sam for handling the 2026 Membership Registration and any minor divots along the way.

\*Thank you Sue Stojanovich for FB/Instagram GVWGA Postings!

**Golf Funny:**

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Whether you are Putting on the Green, or Putting on the Green...Enjoy!

That's an original funny joke! : ~ ) -

That's all..for now.

Cindy Keller,