

Dear Members,

“An April golf saying is Swing into Spring! This phrase captures the excitement and energy of the season while also referencing the golf swing. It’s a fun and lighthearted way to welcome the warmer weather and the return of golf season.” Leave it up to AI to come up with golf- isms. However, this also says and puts into perspective what excites all of us. The beginning of the 2025 GVVGA Tournament Season!

Our Spring Banquet is right around the corner, Tuesday April 29th at Ontario Golf Club at Pub On The Green in Ontario, N.Y. Deadline for registration is this Friday, April 18th. You still have time to get your check for \$45.00 (payable to GVVGA) mailed to Kim Montois, 1200 Shoecraft Road, Webster, N.Y. 14580. During the business portion of the evening, minutes from the Fall Awards Banquet, October 2024, will be reviewed by membership, and formally approved. The minutes have been posted to the GVVGA website, and I have attached them here for your convenience. We will also be discussing our new tournament this year – The GVVGA Team Challenge at Brook-Lea Country Club (2 Person Team, Multi-Format). Come and catch up with friends at this year’s banquet and meet new members. I guarantee it to be a wonderful evening with good food, and of course a birthday cake celebrating 90 years of GVVGA!

The Official 2025 GVVGA Tournament Schedule (finalized with pricing) has posted to our website and is attached to this newsletter. This year we will begin a new sign-up feature for tournaments powered by Golf Genius. Thank you, Liz Prescod and Judy Hazelden, our GVVGA “Golf Geniuses” for implementing this feature designed to reduce manual work for our GVVGA Genius Team. The sign-up instructions that Liz sent will help you easily navigate tournament participation. Once you receive the tournament announcement, simply by clicking Playing starts the process. Remember, you still have to print the registration form, and send this in with your check . We appreciate your patience as our organization “**boldly goes**” where it needs to go to improve processes for our GVVGA Volunteer Golf Genius Team. If you find you have additional questions or concerns regarding this or need other technical support, please email: gvwga.webteam@gmail.com.

By now you have received information regarding our first tournament of the season; Get Acquainted at Island Oaks on Saturday, May 10th. Registration closes for this tournament on April 26th. And don’t forget (extra plus reminder), to print the registration form along with payment to be mailed to the tournament chair.

With the email that was sent to you regarding Golf Genius Sign-Up Instructions, Liz included the new password to access our website. At the Genesee Valley Womens Golf Association website, click the Members Only tab, and enter the new password. This Members Only page gives Members access to the Constitution and Bylaws (Revised 8/27/2024), 2025 Membership Roster (please do not share with nonmembers), Tournament Information/Results, and topics of interest including Common Golf Rules & Situations (something I need to refresh my memory now that the season is starting!).

Two tournaments of interest you may want to pencil in on your calendars. The first is a fundraiser tournament for Friends of Deaf Women of Rochester (DWR) on Friday, July 18, 2025 at the Lima Golf & Country Club. DWR is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving and uniting Deaf Women in the greater Rochester, N.Y. area by providing accessible networking opportunities, professional development and promoting personal growth. This 4 Person Team (Shotgun/Scramble) event tournament is being chaired by GVGWA member, Mindy Hopper. The registration form for this event will be available, April 18th. For more information and to sign up your team, please go to:

<https://www.deafwomenrochester.org/freindsofdwrgolf>

The second tournament of interest is the 23rd Annual Tee'd Off at Breast Cancer Golf Tournament, Monday, July 28th at Midvale Country Club. This event continues their mission to provide free programs and services to anyone who has received breast or a gynecologic cancer diagnosis. Registration for this tournament is currently open. For more information, please visit their website:

<https://bccr.org/teed-off-at-breast-cancer/>

Looking forward to our Spring Banquet and swinging into our 2025 GVGWA tournament season!

Happy Spring! Happy Easter!

Golf Funny: Golf is a lot like taxes. You go for the green and wind up in the hole! : ~)

Take care and see you all soon!

Cindy Keller