

GENESEE VALLEY WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
SPRING BANQUET. - LAKESHORE COUNTRY CLUB
APRIL 28, 2026

MINUTES

Welcome! Cindy Keller, President introduced herself and welcomed all in attendance to the beginning of the 91st year of the association. A special welcome to our new members joining us tonight. We have 107 members present and 2 guests.

A heartfelt thank you to the banquet committee, Cindy Casilio, Kathy Gilman, Nora Hall, Rose Hall and MJ Witkiewitz. We can't have a banquet without great volunteers. Thank you also to Sue Stojanovich for putting together our beautiful power point presentation. We have two special guests with us, Kate Young and Abigail Brown from RIT/NTID Interpreting Services for American Sign Language to assist our deaf or hard of hearing members. We appreciate you.

At this time, Cindy introduced the Executive Board for the 2026 season.

Vice President, Cathy Smith who has been involved with our organization for many years.

Cathy has partnered with Liz Prescod to keep our GVWGA website current.

Secretary, Judy Gagnier - every organization needs a good secretary/minute taker.

Treasurer, Jill Reichhart - you have to keep the numbers straight and Jill has been taking care of our funds since before the calculator!

Membership Chair, Luisa Sam. Although Luisa could not be here, her membership records are meticulous and also Luisa took to our new Golf Genius Program like a pro.

Rules and Handicap Chair, Kathy Myers. In addition to keeping us current with new rules, rulings, and handicapping, Kathy was pivotal in assisting with Golf Genius training, documentation and in the pilot's seat for our zoom meetings.

Tournament Coordinator Chair, Barb Huckle. There is no one else who could do this as well as Barb; she might have been playing golf and organizing tournaments since golf was invented.

Nomination Committee Chair, Michele Miller. Michelle receives nominations for election. This will be a busy year.. Although she doesn't think she does anything for us, she gets our beautiful medals for the Awards Banquet, and was the one who got our new champions' plaque, and has it updated. Michelle also helped with the AV equipment tonight.

Board Advisor, Lissa Schaefer. When a new president takes office, it's important to have an advisor who has been a former President, who can guide and advise the new kid!

WRDGA Representative, Cheryl Ferguson. Cheryl could not be with us this evening, you are missed.

Webmaster-Golf Genius, Liz Prescod. Our webmaster, golf genius was born with a computer in her hands and IT in her brain. Liz has been our go to person for IT for many years.

Implementation of our Golf Genius Premium program is largely due to her knowledge. Liz also keeps our membership website current and very cool looking.

Cindy indicated that on the tables are copies of tonight's agenda, the treasurer's report, and the minutes from the 2025 Fall Awards Banquet.

Cindy introduced Judy Gagnier who provided the invocation titled, "Lessons from Geese."

At this time we took a break to have dinner.

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Business Meeting

The official Business Meeting was called to order by President Cindy at 6:45 pm.

Cindy read a message from long time member Sylvia Franz who is recuperating from heart surgery. Sylvia sent thanks for your prayers and well wishes that she has received and unfortunately will not be able to play for most of the season.

Cindy also shared that Linda Cardot's nephew made the can top on a 3-D printer. You can use this to cover your canned beverages; it should keep unwanted bugs from enjoying your drink before you can.

Approval of Minutes

At this time Cindy called Judy Gagnier to the podium for 2025 Fall Banquet Minutes approval. Judy announced that the minutes had been sent out to the membership, as well as a copy on the table. She asked for additions or corrections. Hearing none, Judy asked for approval of the minutes by a show of hands. The Fall Banquet 2025 minutes were approved.

Membership Report

In Luisa Sam's absence, Judy gave the membership report. We have a total of 189 members; of that total 164 are full returning members; 4 associate members; 20 new full members and 1 new associate member. Judy introduced the new members in attendance and asked them to stand - Susan Burgholzer, Debra Celestino, Mary Faggiano, Fredda Gilmartin, Marcia Hover, Antonetta Lazzaro, Janice Schillaci, and Theresa Seil.

Treasurer's Report

At this time, Jill Reichhart gave the Treasurer's Report, a copy of which is on each table.

WRDGA Report

Since Cheryl Ferguson could not be with us, Cindy noted that GVVGA is strongly represented in the Women's RDGA. We have some great golfers in our membership.

Tournament Chair Report

Barb Huckle welcomed the new members. The Tournament Chairs were introduced making note of the three new chairs who stepped up to volunteer: Island Oaks, Deb Loughlin; Webster, Nancy Schlinger; and Red Creek, Jen Cole. Barb encouraged everyone to participate in the Championship Tournament in one of the three divisions - we now have both senior and super senior opportunities. Barb also spoke about the Sycamore Tournament which will be a 4-person team - cha, cha, cha format. The various formats for our tournaments are all explained on the website. At this time, Barb reviewed the policy regarding outside food and drink brought to tournaments. If you do please be aware that you should make sure to clean any trash from your cart before returning to the pro shop. We want to maintain our good relationship with the courses we play. Better still, buy from the course. Barb announced that her FUN Tournament will be October 3 this year. This is not an official GVVGA tournament, just a day to get together with friends for a good time.

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Rules and Handicap Committee

Kathy Myers announced that the next major change in rules will not come until 2028. Try to remember that we play USGA rules. If the PGA makes changes, they don't necessarily affect us. You can download the USGA rules APP to your phone. If you have rules questions while playing, you should first contact the pro shop - they can assist and share any local rules you may not be aware of. Kathy introduced her Committee: Kathy Emison, Tammy Bills, and Amy Hay.

Golf Genius Premium

Liz noted that to find the Golf Genius link, just go to the GVWGA home page and scroll down. She noted that the following information is on the website: Champions List, Schedules and Rules; under the Member section is: the Constitution and By-Laws; General Meeting minutes; the link to the Golf Genius Portal; and section called Pair Me which gives you an opportunity to ask to be paired for a tournament; and golf tournament formats as well as lots of other information. In Golf Genius you have already registered and paid your membership fees and probably registered for at least one of the tournaments. You will also be using Golf Genius for online scoring. There is a link to each tournament in the event schedule. There are instructions to "walk" you through the process. Liz explained the various ways to register for a tournament

Easiest way: register all golfers in your group and pay for all - as a group you can decide how this will work for you.

OR - register all golfers in your group and have each one pay separately. Once you are registered each member who has not paid, will receive an email, which is very easy to follow. Liz cautions to inform your group that you have registered so that things aren't duplicated. Also, when paying, since you are on the internet, be patient with the process, it will take a couple minutes for you to get verification. You can register as a single; contact the tournament chair and asked to be paired with someone.

SCORING: Download the Golf Genius APP to your phone.

2-person stroke play.event: 1 player keeps score through the APP; the other uses a paper scorecard.

4-person event: the same as above; one golfer from each cart keeps an electronic score; the other person in the cart maintains a paper scorecard. All 4 golfers are keeping score.

4 person team event: 1 golfer keeps electronic scorecard; 1 golfer keeps paper scorecard. At the close of play, match your cards to make sure all have the same scores: 2 people must sign the paper scorecard. Submit the electronic scores; email a picture of the paper scorecard to the Golf Genius person for that tournament. There is a video on the website explaining live scoring. Liz introduced the Golf Genius team: Mary Cook, Linda Cardot, Linda Camaan, Kathy Emison, Cathy Smith and Kathy Myers. We also have Facebook and Instagram pages; Sue Stojanovich manages these - watch for postings.

Cindy Announced our 2025 Champions:

GVWGA Club Champion - Jennifer Cole; low net winner - Cindy Keller;
Seniors Champion - Elizabeth Harper; low net winner - Kim Esler
Super Seniors Champion - Janet Lau; low net winner - Joan Hawes

Cindy again thanked our banquet committee for their hard work in putting together a terrific evening.

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Old Business

Cindy reviewed the member input from the 2025 Fall Banquet. The Executive Board discussed the items at the December board meeting and decided to move ahead. Golf Genius Premium is the result of the request to be online for registration and scoring. A question was raised regarding using Venmo or Pay Pal; this has been done using STRIPE through the Golf Genius process. Cindy thanked Georgia Rush for encouraging members to volunteer. Thank you to those who have joined the volunteer ranks.

New Business

This is an election year. We will be voting for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. The Constitution and By-Laws has information about what each position entails. We will be hearing more about the election in the coming months. Remember - Michelle Miller is our Nominations Chair, contact her if you are interested in becoming part of the Board.

Cindy introduced Tammy Bills who is our link to GVGWA logo wear, etc. Tammy has been involved in developing logo apparel for many years. She brought several samples and sizes tonight. She shared that the manufacturer's sizes were generous. Our website will have size charts; also options will be limited this year but more will be added if this proves successful. The GVGWA logo will be included on every item; tastefully. Also, you can personalize what you order. You will order online and pay online. Delivery can be to your home or you can ask to have items delivered to pick up at a specific tournament. The website is gvwgaapparel.com to view what's available.

Member Input

Georgia Rush reminded us that we are a competitive tournament league; we play by USGA rules which means no foot wedges; counting every stroke including whiffs. Play by the rules, have FUN. Georgia also noted that the Executive Board is doing a great job.

It was asked if a link to the apparel website can be added to our website. YES.

There was a question about putting teams together who do not register together. Solution: call, text, or email the tournament chair to let her know you want to be paired.

Kathy Myers wanted to be sure to mention the outstanding job Cindy is doing as our President.

Cindy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Myers motioned; Mary Cook seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Gagnier, Secretary