WOMEN'S PUBLIC LINKS GOLF ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, INC.

BOARD MEETING – August 3, 2026
Anaheim Hills Golf Club

The meeting was called to order by President Donna Buxton at 10:12 am.
In attendance: Donna Buxton, Sherri Little, Carolyn Sherman, Janet Herbold, Susan Shimizu, Karen Kiddy, MariLu Villasor, Judy Hoyt, Jayne Mackley, Amy Bello and Yuri Kantor.
Absences: Lydia Salcido, Monica Becerra, Lou Ann Reichling.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP- Janet Herbold

- Total Clubs to date: 84
- Paid memberships to date: 1824
- Honorary memberships to date: 7

Mid-Year Club Membership Lapses:

- Issue Identified**:** A potential gap may occur when a member's home club membership and WPLGASC membership do not renew on the same schedule. If a current WPLGASC member does not renew membership with her home club, she may no longer meet WPLGASC membership requirements.
  Bylaw Reference: Article III, Membership, Obligation and Discipline
  Section 2: Individual membership in WPLGASC is available to full dues-paying members of a Member Club who are at least 18 years old and maintain a USGA Handicap Index not exceeding the maximum handicap index recognized by the USGA.
- Recent Occurrence**:** One occurrence was identified during the past year.
- Action Taken: The member was informed that she could not participate in WPLGASC events until she belonged to a WPLGASC Member Club.

2026 Nomination Committee Update – Janet Herbold

- Committee Members: Janet Herbold, Chair; Sharon Carpenter, Lakewood; Janett Downes, Temecula Valley; and Julie Boys, River Ridge.
- Open Positions: Treasurer, Team Play, Rules, Contract Administrator, and Division Representatives for the Central, Inland, and Northern divisions.
- Recruitment Status: Recruitment is underway, with potential candidates identified for Treasurer, Team Play, Rules and Inland Division Representative.
- Next Steps: Sharon Carpenter is preparing a recruitment letter, and area coordinators will be contacted for additional candidate recommendations.

SECRETARY- Carolyn Sherman

Secretary Appreciation**:** Carolyn expressed her appreciation to Janet and Donna for covering Secretary duties while she recovered from surgery. She especially thanked Janet for preparing both the April Board meeting minutes and the May 1st newsletter.

Correspondence: Four Items.

1. Kudos for Monica Becerra**:** Donna Buxton received an email from an El Prado member commending Division Representative Monica Becerra for going above and beyond expectations.
   - The member noted that Monica provided water, decorations, and wet towels for players during extremely hot conditions and described her as a very special and exceptional Division Representative. Although Monica was not present at the meeting, the Board expressed its appreciation for her outstanding efforts.
2. Kudos for the Division Representatives**:** A member submitted a letter thanking the Board for its "spirit of volunteerism" and recommending that Division Representatives' green fees be paid on Association Days.
   The member noted that the Division Representative role has become more demanding, with long event days, and recommended increasing A-Day entry fees to cover the added expense.
   Action Taken**:** The Board discussed the suggestion and expressed appreciation for the members' feedback. No action will be taken at this time regarding additional compensation for Division Representatives.
3. USGA Recommended Handicaps**:** Donna Buxton and Marilu Villasor received correspondence from the Morro Bay Women's Golf Club Handicap Chair about USGA recommended handicaps. The matter was addressed under Rules.

4. Roger Dunn Mail Order Issue**:** Donna Buxton received an email from a member regarding a Roger Dunn mail order concern.
    - No WPLGASC gift cards were used in connection with the purchase.
    - The issue had already been resolved and was not Association-related
    - Determined to be a personal rather Association related.
    - Action Taken**:** No action will be taken at this time. The complaint email will be kept on record.

Share Drive: Special project Sheri Peterson and Carolyn Sherman

- Issue Identified**:** To provide a centralized location to store and share Association documents
- Action Items**:**
    - Carolyn will identify and save documents for the shared drive, including membership, monthly tournament, major tournament, finance, and administrative materials.
    - Carolyn will contact Board members to determine which items should be stored for their respective areas.
    - Sheri will oversee the technical aspects of the shared drive, including security and related setup considerations.

Newsletter**:** Carolyn thanked everyone for submitting newsletter materials on time last month and thanked Donna for helping verify the accuracy of the submissions. Carolyn and Donna emphasized the importance of a cohesive, concise newsletter and will continue using Copilot to help prepare the final draft. Board members may also use Copilot to review their submissions before sending them, if they wish.

TREASURER REPORT-Susan Shimizu

Interim 6-Month Financial Report (as of 6/30/2026)

Susan distributed the following documents:

- Balance Sheet
- Profit & Loss Statement
- Profit & Loss for Major Tournaments
- Supplemental Schedules: Deposits for Association Day Tournaments & Major Tournaments, Gift Card Inventory

Key Financial Notes:

Stripe Fees: $3,157 (2.9%) -Board-approved for 2026
Award TIES: $2,595 (26.46%) -Board-approved for 2026
Association Day Awards: $1,203 (10.22%) -Board-approved for 2026

Supplemental Schedule Observations (Majors)

No deposits recorded yet for:
Kick Off 2027
AFH 2027
Eclectic 2027

Profit & Loss Comparison

A $2,000 variance compared to the same period last year. Significant contributing items:

$342 — Training Meetings
$589 — Board Uniforms
$467 — Senior Tee Prizes (timing difference)

Tax Return Update

- CPA Kathleen Gluck has completed the 2025 tax returns.
- Susan is reviewing and responding to CPA questions.
- Taxes will be owed this year due to interest-bearing accounts; expected to be minimal.

Treasurer Candidate Update

- Susan has communicated with multiple candidates.
- Lunch scheduled Wednesday with most recent candidate
- Findings will be reported to Janet and Donna.

Zelle Usage

- Zelle submissions have not yet reached expected capacity as of this date.

PRESIDENTS REPORT - Donna Buxton

Board Meeting Attendance.

- Attendance Requirement**:** Attendance at Board meetings is mandatory. The meeting schedule is provided in advance, and Board members are expected to plan their personal schedules accordingly.

Pace of Play Improvement Initiative.

- Status Update**:** Pace of play has improved. WPLGASC has been using course-approved drop zones on a trial basis to

determine whether they help maintain or improve pace during play.

- Action Taken**:** Sherri Little moved to approve the continued use of course-approved drop zones for Association Days and Team Play. Karen Kiddy seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.
- Drop zones are not approved for Major Tournaments unless specifically approved by the Rules Chair.

Far Away from Home (FAFH) 2026

- Planning Status**:** Detailed planning is underway.
- Participant Communications**:** Donna will email participants with final FAFH trip details, including room registration information and partner golf options.
- Traveler Refunds**:** FAFH participants will receive a partial refund for amounts paid toward the trip due to exchange-rate adjustments. Archer Travel will complete the adjustment, and Susan will disburse the refunds. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

FAFH 2027

- Destination and Contract**:** The destination for the 2027 FAFH trip has been selected, and the Board has approved the contract.
- Announcement Timing**:** Donna is determining when to announce the destination. The announcement may be made as early as the Senior Tournament on August 17th.

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS – Sherri Little

2026 Eclectic

- Feedback and 2027 Planning**:** Sherri reviewed feedback from the Major Tournament at Pala Mesa Golf Resort and is using the results to evaluate potential venues for next year's Eclectic Tournament. She is comparing golf, lodging, and meal rates at several courses to help identify the option that will provide WPLGASC members with the best overall experience.

2026 Senior Tournament

- Pairings Support**:** Sherri thanked Sheri Peterson for the time and effort she devoted to preparing the Senior Tournament pairings.
- Gifts**:** Senior Tournament gifts will be picked up during the week for the tournament.
- Bag Handling**:** The course requested an additional fee to place golf bags on carts. To avoid the added cost, bags will be dropped off at the staging area, and players will place their own bags on their carts.

  Use of Golf Genius (GG) For Scoring: Reduce time needed to score.
- Score Verification**:** Sherri emphasized that all players in each group must verify their scores and sign the scorecard. Once the scorecard has been signed and attested, the scores entered in Golf Genius will be final and will not be changed.
- Scorecard Certification Motion**:** Sherri Little moved to print the following certification on the back of each scorecard, to be signed by all players in the group:
  "My signature on the front of this card certifies that I have verified my score for each hole with Golf Genius and understand that my Golf Genius score will be my final tournament score to be used for awards".
  Carolyn Sherman seconded the motion, and the Board approved the motion unanimously.
- Training Materials**:** Sherri will provide Board members with a training guide and practice scoring sheets before the Senior Tournament. These materials will help scorers become familiar with the process and support faster, more accurate scoring.

2026 Fall Classic

- Flyer is available on the WPLGASC website.
- Registration begins Monday September 14th, 2026 @ 6:00am.
- Hotel Rate**:** A favorable rate of $145.00 plus fees was secured at the Corque Hotel in Solvang.

2027 Kickoff

- Event Overview**:** The Kickoff is one of the most popular major tournaments and is conducted as a team event. Team eligibility is determined by the team's total points.
- Contract and Venue Capacity**:** The contract has been signed. The selected location has two private courses and can accommodate up to 288 players, allowing all registered players to participate.
- Kickoff Team Eligibility**:** The Board unanimously agreed that Board members are not required to play together as a team, as previously suggested. In addition, the Board agreed that any team that includes a Board member, each non-Board player must have a minimum of five (5) points to be on the team when playing a single course venue. In addition, no player on any team may have zero (0) points.

MONTHLY TOURNAMENT CHAIR – Donna Buxton for Lydia Salcido

Transition from ½ Handicap for net calculations.

- Net Scoring Change**:** Beginning this month, half handicaps will no longer be used to calculate net scores.
  - Scores for the game of the day should first be recorded as the total gross score.
  - The total number of handicap strokes, or "pops," allocated to game holes should then be subtracted to determine the net score.
  - Golf Genius Scoring Support
    - Golf Genius will support the new scoring process by helping make tournament scoring more efficient and accurate.
    - Golf Genius will also streamline Division Representative responsibilities, creating a smoother overall workflow for everyone involved.

Status of electronic registration/Zelle

- Zelle should be used only for Association Days that Lydia has approved. Approved September courses accepting Zelle are Los Robles Greens, Rio Hondo and Meadowlark. These courses are in the Orange, Western and Northern Divisions.
- Registration Forms will only be accepted at wplgaaday@gmail.com.

Email Use: the wplgaaday@gmail.com email address should be used only for Association Day registrations and should not be used for any other email communications.

- Board members are urged to pay attention to the correct email address when communicating with Lydia.

DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

Inland – Jayne Mackley: nothing to report.

Northern – Amy Bello: nothing to report.

Orange Division - Judy Hoyt volunteered to pilot Golf Genius Live Scoring at Bella Collina on the August A-day. The Board discussed the potential advantages and concerns and unanimously approved Judy's use of Golf Genius for the Bella Collina event.

Western – Yuri Kantor: nothing to report.

TEAM PLAY - Karen Kiddy

Season Wrap-up:

- Team Leader Survey Highlights**:** Responses from the 2026 Team Leaders focused primarily on pace-of-play concerns. Recommended improvements included:
  - Requiring mandatory ready golf.
  - Requiring all players to ride in carts, with no walkers.
  - Using approved drop zones where appropriate.
    - Action Taken**:** Sherri Little moved to approve the continued use of course-approved drop zones for Association Days and **Team Play.** Karen Kiddy seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.
- 2026 Awards Pickup**:** Awards will be available for pickup at the Senior Tournament on August 17, rather than being presented at the Annual Meeting in December. Any awards not picked up may need to be mailed, which could increase next year's Team fees to cover postage costs.

2027 Team Play Planning**:** Recommendations will be reviewed as preparations for the 2027 Team Play season begin.

Team Play Participation Points**:** The Board reviewed how awarding up to four Team Play participation points could affect Major Tournament qualification and determined that the impact would be minimal.

- Action Taken: A motion was made by Karen Kiddy to award one point for being listed on a team roster and up to three additional points for team games played, for a maximum of four Team Play points. The motion was seconded by Donna Buxton with overall approval by the Board.

Team Eligibility Issue**:** One Team Captain reported, and others confirmed, that another captain had solicited one or more players to join her club solely to participate on that club's Team. The Board noted that there is no evidence that this is a widespread issue.

- Action Taken: Karen Kiddy moved to amend the Team Play Eligibility Requirements. Karen asked for approval to add a requirement that would establish that the player is an active member of the club. Karen will confer with the Team Play Committee to develop specific club membership and active participation qualification requirements for 2027. Team regulations will be amended to include language that requires membership in the team's club for a period of months with a minimum number of games played on the club playday in order to qualify for participation on that club's team. Donna Buxton seconded the motion, and the Board approved it unanimously.
- Action: Karen will speak with the captain in question to clarify and confirm WPLGASC expectations going forward.

- Karen will provide more information on the 2027 Team Play in the October Newsletter.

RULES – MariLu Villasor

Issue: USGA Recommended Handicap Allowances

- Background**:** A handicap allowance is the percentage of a player's Course Handicap used in certain formats of play to calculate the player's Playing Handicap. Handicap allowances are intended to promote fairness and equity among players or teams by adjusting handicaps based on the format being played. USGA**+1**.
- Purpose**:** In team formats such as four-ball or scramble, partner combinations can produce lower scores than singles play. Applying the appropriate allowance helps balance the field by reducing the advantage that certain handicap combinations may otherwise have, resulting in more equitable competition. USGA**+1**.
- MariLu presented charts on examples of Handicap Allowances to the Board.

Action Taken: tabled for November Board meeting.

- Follow-Up**:** Donna Buxton and Sherri Little will meet with USGA Representative Jeremy Pitt to gather additional information before the Board considers any further action.

TECHNOLOGY - Sheri Peterson

Technology Update**:** Technology-related items were discussed under the Secretary's report.

Old Business from April Board Meeting

- 2027 Kickoff regarding venue, points and board members playing as teams was addressed during today's meeting and is included in minutes.
- Drop Zones: Motion for drop zones to be allowed at A-day and team play approved and included in minutes.

New Business for follow up at next meeting:

- GG scoring for Major Tournaments.
- GG use during A- day events.
- USGA Handicap Allowances.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:48.

Next Board Meeting: November 2, 2026 (Location: Navy Golf Course)

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Sherman
WPLGASC Secretary