

FEBRUARY 2025

MEMBERSHIP

The membership at this time is 1,708 members in 84 clubs. We have an interest from a new club in the Southern Division so we will see how that plays out. Remember that we take new members all year long. If you have any questions please contact Janet Herbold, WPLGASC Secretary/Membership [here](#).

Insurance Disclaimer and Emergency Contact information is still being requested from all members. Several of you have updated your Golf Genius profile and I appreciate it. We are looking at past Association Day check-in sheets where you have initialed and agreed to the Insurance Disclaimer and updated those profiles who hadn't done it yet. For those people we still need emergency contact information. I will be sending an email to the Delegates to try and get those members that are missing. I have attached the instructions on how to update on Golf Genius. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Social Media Chair At the November 11, 2024 Board Meeting, Lydia Salcido was appointed by Lou Ann Reichling to be the WPLGASC Social Media Chair. This position will be responsible for updating the website and be our Facebook contact. Yes, we do have a Facebook page. Janet Herbold has been managing it since we originally started the page in 2017 at the Eclectic tournament at Sycuan. If you have any photos from Association Days, Team Play, or any other WPLGASC events, and you want to share with the rest of the association, please contact Lydia [here](#).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The registration period is open for the 2025 FAFH trip to Kiawah Island in South Carolina and will close on March 10, 2025. This is a trip you don't want to miss; Kiawah Island is a beautiful resort. I have received a great response, and I advise those of you who are interested in participating to submit your Registration Form as soon as possible. To access the Flyer and the Registration Form, click [here](#). These documents are also available on [wplga.net](#).

Please contact me, Lou Ann Reichling, [here](#) if you have any questions.

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

The excitement of the 2025 Kickoff Tournament at Rio Hondo has barely worn off. After a weekend of the first rains all winter, 156 ladies came out to play in what turned out to be beautiful conditions. The Pace of Play was very pleasant, and the competition was fierce as the player teams fought to earn the top awards! Congratulations to all the winners. Results have been posted to the WPLGASC website or you can see them [here](#).

Now we turn our sights to the next Major, the Away From Home Tournament in Palm Springs. Registration will take place Monday, February 24 through Friday, February 28. We typically need to use participation points to determine acceptance into this tournament; points used will be for the period of February 14, 2024 through February 13, 2025. Please remember that we have room blocks at two local hotels that are available for booking March 7 through March 15. After that time the rates will no longer be extended. Book now and you can cancel without penalty within 72 hours of the tournament if you are not accepted to play. You can find tournament and accommodation information for the Away From Home flyer [here](#) or on the website.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming WPLGASC events. Please don't hesitate to contact me, Donna Buxton, [here](#) or (714) 585-5879 if you have any questions.

MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS

Our first Association Day for 2025 is on February 13. The game is Select Nine (Select nine holes minus 1/2 handicap). Paying both gross and net.

As a reminder, you do not have to sign up as a foursome for our monthly Association Day tournaments, we will fill foursome as needed. Remember that attendance at our Association Day tournaments earns participation points which count towards acceptance in our Major tournaments. Details and entry forms have been posted on the website through July.

We look forward to your participation in our WPLGASC Association Days and other events. If you have any feedback or questions please contact Kathy Takemura [here](#).

TREASURER

A reminder from our Treasurer, Susan Shimizu, there are several checks from the last Awards Payout (last November) and others that have not yet cleared the bank. After 90 days, the bank will often refuse to accept these checks ... so please deposit them **as soon as possible**. Any questions contact Susan [here](#).

RULES

Rule 12 Bunkers

12.2b (3) No Restrictions After Ball Is Played Out of Bunker

After a ball in a *bunker* is played and it is outside the *bunker*, or a player has taken or intends to take relief outside the *bunker*, the player may:

- Touch sand in the *bunker* without penalty under Rule 12.2b (1), and
- Smooth sand in the *bunker* to care for the course without penalty under Rule 8.1a (Course Played As It Is Found)

Two situations: Are you allowed to rake the bunker

A player in the bunker skulls her shot over the green and in out-of-bounds area. She needs to take stroke and distance in the bunker. She is allowed to rake the bunker before she drops the ball as long as part of the reason why she's raking is to care for the course.

Question: In a match between A and B, A's ball lay in a bunker near the green and B's ball was on the green. B's ball was further from the hole but A played first. B recalled the stroke under Rule 6.4a (2). In the meantime A had raked her footprints. Did A incur a penalty?

Answer: A's ball was **outside** the bunker when she raked her footprints. A incurred **no penalty** as she was permitted to rake the bunker without restriction.

If A's ball still lay in the bunker, then she would, ordinarily, be in breach of Rule 12.2b if her smoothing of the sand improved a lie or line of play with respect to her next stroke. (General Penalty).

TEAM PLAY

Rosters were submitted and accepted for 45 Teams with 717 players in 10 Divisions. Matches start the week of March 3, 2025. We are all looking forward to another year of cordial competition. Cumulative results by Division will be posted on the WPLGASC website at the end of each week. Check in to follow the progress of your Club's Team. Any questions, contact me [here](#). Karen Kiddy, Team Chair.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The first Board meeting of the year was held on Monday, January 13, 2025. Attached are the minutes from that meeting. These minutes are also posted on the website.

2025 CALENDAR

The updated 2025 Calendar is attached and can also be found on our website wplga.net. The only change was the confirmation of a contract for the Senior Tournament on August 11, 2025 at the Navy Golf Course in Los Alamitos.