



# The Lake Windcrest Ledger

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

The magical month of May...a prelude to summer with tolerable temperatures and flowers in bloom! Yes, flowers in bloom — thanks to Daniel and his crew not only for their efforts on the course, but for the beautiful flowers around the clubhouse. You cannot help but notice the flowerbed that greets you as you approach the clubhouse from the parking lot as well as those in the beds on the veranda behind.

Most of the rustiness of winter play has worn off as we see our games improve as course conditions also improve. It is fair to say that many of us experienced "golf withdrawal" during the four days the club was shut down for spring aerification and we eagerly returned even though the newly aerated greens provided an additional challenge to the usual.

May brings a variety of activities for us all with the club sponsored events and with the WGA's second major

event of the season...the Round Robin Derby. Scheduled just a week after The Kentucky Derby, there will be some distinct similarities which you can see in the tournament details below. One of the best features of this tournament is that it is individual match play and each hole is a new competition. Winning a hole with the best net score is worth one point and in cases of a tie, each player gets a half point. Those of you who have played in LCC are familiar with match play. For those who have never played match play, there is a different set of rules. For example, if you know there is no chance that you can win a hole, you can concede the hole. In match play, you also can give putts...but a cautionary note...it is courteous to give putts that are obvious but if you really believe the putt could be missed, don't feel obligated to give the putt. The match play segment of the tournament is the "round robin" because you play your matches within your foursome. The "derby" segment of the tournament is a stroke play contest.

The top point earners from segment one play in an elimination stroke contest on holes 1 through 4. Many who've played in this event before declare it to be their favorite tournament...so don't miss it!

Enjoy the weather and the game—a great way to spend your day!

Joni Stoy, President  
LW WGA



to the  
WGA

**ANNEMARIE TOBIN**

**WE ARE DELIGHTED  
THAT YOU HAVE JOINED  
OUR GROUP!**



Derby Hat Contest

## THE ROUND ROBIN DERBY

**WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 13**

**TIME: 9 AM SHOTGUN**



### ORDER OF EVENTS

- 1. MATCH PLAY WITHIN FOURSOMES**
- 2. WINNERS ANNOUNCED, LUNCH (INCLUDED)**
- 3. OPTIONAL BETTING ON HORSERACE  
(ALL BETS CASH, \$5 MINIMUM, CASH PAYOUTS)**
- 4. HORSERACE WITH TOP POINT WINNERS**

**ENTRY FEE:\$40**

**SIGN UP AT SIGNUP.COM**

**BONUS OPPORTUNITY: BUY A STRING FOR \$5... one use string (like one mulligan); 24" long that can be used anywhere i.e. for a putt or out of a hazard or bunker.**

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# APRIL PLAYDAY WINNERS

APRIL 1 <sup>ST</sup>		DAY	GAME WINNER		LOW PUTTS
GAME: BEST NINE		SATURDAY	Charmelle Vondrak & Kathleen Sullins		Charmelle Vondrak
APRIL 5, 7& 8 GAME: LOW NET					
APRIL 12, 14 & 15 GAME: EVEN HOLES					
DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS	DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS
WEDNESDAY	Marcia Wilkins	Christina Debo Marcia Wilkins	WEDNESDAY	Kathleen Sullins	Joni Stoy
FRIDAY	Wet conditions... game cancelled		FRIDAY	Shirley Robertson	Jina Auger
SATURDAY			SATURDAY	Sheri Caprio	Cindy Bailey
APRIL 19, 21 & 22 GAME: STABLEFORD			APRIL 26, 28 & 29 GAME: ODD HOLES		
DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS	DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS
WEDNESDAY	Janice Knott	Christina Debo	WEDNESDAY	Course closed for aerification	
FRIDAY	Game cancelled		FRIDAY	1st Christina Debo 2nd Marcia Wilkins	
SATURDAY	Karen Christian	Marion Nojek Karen Christian	SATURDAY	Cindy Bailey	Christina Debo

**WORTHY of NOTE...** The following players had a least one birdie and/or one chip-in March not necessarily on their designated day:



**BIRDIES:** Marion Nojek, Charmelle Vondrak, Donna Moore, Shirley Robertson, Chey O'Rourke, Gwen Bartz, Deb Yarbrough, Laura Hittler, Cindy Bailey.

**CHIP-INS:** Marcia Wilkins, Charmelle Vondrak

# May Calendar

W, F, & S MAY 3, 5 & 6	LOW NET: THE PLAYER WHOSE GROSS SCORE MINUS HANDICAP IS LOWEST SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.
W & F MAY 10, 12	PAR 5's: THE PLAYER WITH THE LOWEST TOTAL NET SCORE ON THE PAR 5 HOLES WINS AND SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.
SAT May 13	ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENT... DETAILS ON PAGE 1. SIGN UP AT SIGNUP.COM
W, F & S MAY 17, 19 & 20	STABLEFORD: THE PLAYER WITH THE MOST POINTS SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT. NET BOGIE= 1 PT., NET PAR = 2 PTS., NET BIRDIE = 3 PTS., NET EAGLE= 4 PTS, NET DOUBLE EAGLE= 5 PTS.
W, F & S MAY 24, 26 & 27	PAR 3's: THE PLAYER WITH THE LOWEST TOTAL NET SCORE ON THE PAR 3 HOLES WINS AND SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.
W MAY 31	STABLEFORD: THE PLAYER WITH THE MOST POINTS SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT. NET BOGIE= 1 PT., NET PAR = 2 PTS., NET BIRDIE = 3 PTS., NET EAGLE= 4 PTS, NET DOUBLE EAGLE= 5 PTS.

# You might not reach your golf goal until — you attend a ladies golf clinic with Bill!



Bill Wening, our Director of Golf Instruction, offers weekly clinics for women of all experience levels. Each session focuses on a fundamental skill....full swing, putting, bunker play, short game. Cost per participant is \$40 and registration can be completed by clicking on the appropriate link below. Reach your golf goal by strengthening your skill with Bill!

Thursday 9:00am May 4<sup>th</sup> Full Swing

<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/mw93xny0ng5izi/>

Thursday 9:00am May 11<sup>th</sup> Chipping/Pitching

<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/m1pxq7da1p8cd6r/>

Thursday 9:00am May 18<sup>th</sup> Bunker

<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/mtaduuz00weo3t/>

Thursday 9:00am May 25<sup>th</sup> Putting

<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/m1jwi6ku0x16vrr/>



# BYOB

## APRIL RESULTS

Mother Nature cooperated by giving us a warm and sunny day for our April WGA sponsored **Bring Your Own Beau** event. Eight couples came out to play in the 9 hole best ball tournament on Sunday, April 16th at 2 pm. Three places received cash payouts as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place gross ... Chris & Mark Hofmann

1<sup>st</sup> place net ... Joni & Bob Stoy

2<sup>nd</sup> place ... Cindy Bailey & Hale Baugh

Catch our couples in the Scrapbook "Foto Fun" on page 5.

# COMING NEXT MONTH!



## CLUB SPONSORED COUPLES EVENT

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR...**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**COUPLES 18 HOLE SCRAMBLE**

**\$20/PERSON**

**8:30 AM SHOTGUN**

**MERCHANIDISE & CREDIT BOOK PRIZES**

**WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS SOON!**





There are some rules that we seldom think about because they apply to our basic setup routines. For example, making sure we tee up behind the tee markers is routine. A player is allowed to tee up

as far back as two club lengths behind the markers but not an inch ahead. In serious competition (like LCC), you could be called on it and be penalized.

In our league, a new golfer is typically warned of an infraction in advance and it is treated as a teaching moment. However, even the most experienced golfers can be surprised by a ruling that results in a penalty. Here's one that recently came as a surprise at a rules clinic some of our players attended dealing with taking free relief. The following scenario (paraphrased from liveabout.com website) is a clear step by step explanation of WHAT TO DO and WHAT NOT TO DO!

"Your golf ball is sitting in a place that allows you free relief. Now what? As an example, we'll use a paved cart path as the condition that interferes with your lie, stance or swing. So picture your golf ball sitting on a cart path. Start by considering the shot you would play from that spot if the cart path wasn't in the way. Would you hit, say, a 7-iron? Then pull the 7-iron out of your bag. Now, look around the cart path. What direction can you move the ball? You can't move it closer to the hole, so forward is out. Can you go left? Right? Behind? Using the club you would have used, in this case your 7-iron, try setting up for a shot (or picture doing so) in each direction it is possible to do so. Make sure you are taking full relief from the cart path (feet off the path, path not interfering with your swing) and look at where your ball would sit in that case. How far is it from these potential locations to where your golf ball actually came to rest on the cart path? The spot that is closest to the original position without being closer to the hole is your nearest point of complete relief (referenced as your NPR).

Once you find the NPR, put a tee (or other marker) in or on the ground at that spot. Using any club (you don't have to stick with the 7-iron from our example for this part), measure one club-length over and one club-length behind the NPR. This is the area within which you must take your free drop - a radius of one club-length, no closer to the hole, from the NPR.

Follow normal dropping procedure from this point. **You should always determine where your nearest point of relief is, and decide to proceed with the drop, before lifting your golf ball. If you lift your ball first, then discover the NPR is in a bad spot and decide not to take relief, you incur a penalty. So remember: ONLY LIFT YOUR BALL AFTER YOU'VE DECIDED TO USE THE NPR. THE TENDENCY FOR MANY OF US IS TO PICK UP THE BALL AND THEN DECIDE WHERE THE CLOSEST POINT OF RELIEF IS..SURPRISE...DO**

**THAT AND YOU INCUR A PENALTY!** And remember, the "relief" in "nearest point of complete relief" is relief from the original condition interfering with your shot. It is NOT relief from interference or issues caused by any other condition.

What does that mean? Well, your nearest point of relief might be behind a big tree....or in the middle of a bush. Those are the breaks. If the NPR results in your ball winding up in a bad spot, you'll just have to deal with it as you would any other bad spot: punching out from behind trouble, declaring your ball unplayable (and going through the drop procedures for that, after the initial free relief), etc.

The nearest point of relief might also result in an improved situation: moving your ball out of rough into the fairway, for example. The NPR might result in your golf ball moving to a similar situation, a better situation or a worse (possibly much worse) situation. A little good luck never hurts!

Be aware that you are not required to take free relief except in the case where your ball has landed on a wrong putting green (golf courses also have the option to implement a local rule requiring that you drop without penalty out of ground under repair). Except as noted above, you have the option to play the ball as it lies. If your nearest point of relief is in a terrible spot, then you can choose to (sticking with our example) play the ball off the cart path rather than take the free relief."

There are so many rules in the game of golf and for the average recreational golfer, there can be unexpected surprises. Even the pros ask for an official interpretation of the rules whenever in doubt... for them there's big money a stake. For us, it's more about the integrity of the game.



Perhaps our most formidable opponent this season, our Ladies Challenge Cup players face The Woodlands Country Club on the Player course on Thursday, May 11th and at home on the Monday, May 22nd.

Playing the Player Course as opposed to the usual TPC provides us with somewhat of a break. The slope and rating of Player is closer to that of our own course in difficulty. You've got this ladies! **Go get 'em team!**

# WGA SCRAPBOOK

## BYOB FOTO-FUN



*Charmelle & Mark Vondrak*



*Sharon & Ernie Phillips*



*June & Bob Stoy*



*PJ Mullarkey & Blake*



*Chris & Mark Hofmann*



*Cindy Bailey & Hale Baugh*



*Thanks to Chey O'Rourke ...  
the gal behind the camera.*



*Kathleen & George Sullins*