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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Thanks to all who came out for the WGA General Meeting hosted by Troy and Brett.

The focus of the meeting was to share with members management's plan to expand membership in the WGA. In order to achieve this end, Brett will assume an active role on the WGA Board and will specifically oversee tournament planning.

Among the changes expected will be the use of wufoo for tournament signup. Wufoo is an online form builder that allows users to create and customize forms to collect data, process payments, and automate workflows. Wufoo is a general-purpose tool from SurveyMonkey that can be used by anyone, not just businesses. It is the preferred tool for the pro shop as it lends itself to more options than the currently employed SignUp.com tool used by the WGA. This current tool (SignUp.com) will be used through the end of the year for playdays, while researching using wufoo for all WGA registrations is explored. A look into whether a more deluxe program from Golf Genius is feasible is also expected but may be cost prohibitive.

Basic to this goal of attracting new WGA members is emphasizing a more relaxed approach for regular playdays. Introducing less competitive opportunities is believed to be a major factor that would bring in newer golfers or any who feel

their skill levels don't measure up.

Among the ideas offered was a return to a previous day of play which allowed mulligans, gimmee putts and generally focused on "fun" as opposed to performance. The Board is charged with designating one of the three days currently reserved for WGA activities for a less competitive activity. A decision regarding this will be made within the next week and the calendar of WGA activities for the remainder of the year will be revised accordingly.

In keeping with the recommendation from Troy and Brett, a regular meeting date for the WGA Board will be established rather than the existing "meet as needed when everyone can attend" approach. The first Wednesday of the month at 6 pm is the likely schedule, with the first routinely scheduled meeting next Wednesday, August 7th.

The need now arises to also re-evaluate the documents of the WGA (By-Laws and Standing Rules) which we recently updated. Concerns about games, pairings, and pace of play, coupled with the focus on relaxing the approach, create inconsistencies that ultimately may need to be altered.

It is important for members who seek the competitive opportunities available through the WGA to know that Ladies Challenge Cup and Interclub participation are not affected by any of these proposed changes. And any rules that apply to these specific events are in effect. Donna and Shirley will continue to manage

Ladies Challenge Cup. (It appears that enough players have stepped up to play in the August 9th re-schedule vs Traditions WCC away). Joni will continue to manage sign-ups for Interclub (next scheduled date is August 29th at Walden Lake Conroe).

There are several activities on the forefront which promise to be "fun"...see page 3 for details of coming events.

Stay cool and hydrated!

Joni Stoy
Editor



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July Playday Winners

Two weeks of play were cancelled as a result of severe weather conditions...

the weeks of July 10,12 & 13 and July 24, 26 &27

JULY 3, 5 & 6 GAME: LOW NET			JULY 17, 19 & 20 GAME: STABLEFORD		
DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS	DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS
WEDNESDAY	JINA AUGER	INJA KORN	WEDNESDAY	JINA AUGER	DONNA MOORE
FRIDAY	SHERI CAPRIO	SHIRLEY ROBERTSON	FRIDAY	SHIRLEY ROBERTSON	DEB NELSON
SATURDAY	ANNEMARIE TOBIN	PJ MULLARKEY	SATURDAY	SHERI CAPRIO	KATHLEEN SULLINS

JUL Y 31		DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS
GAME: LOW NET		WEDNESDAY	CHARMELLE VONDRAK	CHARMELLE VONDRAK SHIRLEY ROBERTSON KATHLEEN SULLINS

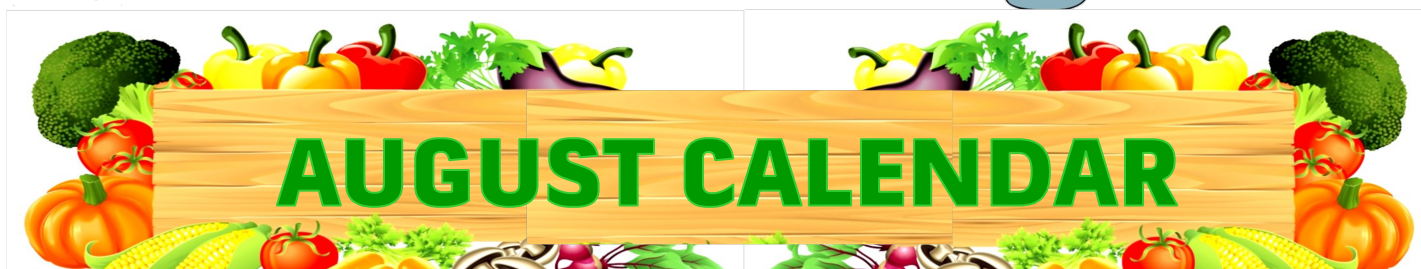
CONGRATULATIONS to the ladies listed below who had at least one birdie or one chip-in during the month of July!



JINA AUGER, INJA KORN, SHERI CAPRIO, CHEY O'ROURKE,
SHIRLEY ROBERTSON, DEB NELSON, DONNA MOORE
CHARMELLE VONDRAK



SHERI CAPRIO
PJ MULLARKEY



**F & S
AUGUST 2 & 3**

LOW NET: THE PLAYER WHOSE GROSS SCORE MINUS HANDICAP IS LOWEST SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.

CALENDAR OF GAMES



In light of the current re-assessment of games for WGA players, the SignUp schedule for the remainder of the year is currently under revision. Notice of the play day plan at SignUp will include the usual description of the activity.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Mixers = Ladies & Gents mixed teams !



THE ANNUAL MGA/WGA GOLF EVENT

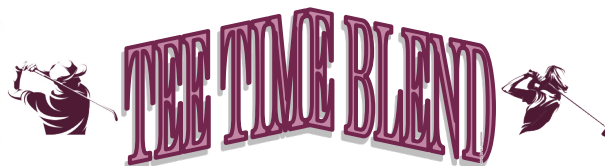
WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 10TH
8:30 SHOTGUN
FORMAT: ONE DOLL TEAMS UP WITH 2 OR 3 GUYS
IN A BEST BALL FORMAT
PAIRING PARTY FRIDAY, AUGUST 9TH 6:00 PM
\$60 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES :
APPETIZERS AT PAIRING PARTY
LUNCH & "BREW" FOLLOWING GOLF
PRIZES

LADIES CHOICE FOR TEAM SELECTION

JOIN THE FUN!!!

SIGN UP DIRECTLY ON THE LINK BELOW

<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/qhdo8ht0bpcn3k/>



Back for another fun mixed event, the fellas of the Phil Crawford group join with the ladies of the WGA for a second round of playing together rather than being the "before and after" groups!

The plan is to have a two person scramble consisting of teams of one male and one female. This event is scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st at 9 am. The payouts will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd net and two closest to the pin and the buy-in is \$5 for the scramble pot and \$2 for the closest to the pin. A bonus is "gimnee" putts that are within 18 inches.

Sheri Caprio is the coordinator for the WGA, so be sure to sign up with her. The more...as you know...the merrier!



While our WGA program may be undergoing some changes, as we move away from competitive games dominating playdays, certain responsibilities are inherent in golfing. The WGA is not abandoning all competition and the club will continue to sponsor some typically competitive events. Therefore, posting scores is still a fundamental requirement of **any golfer who engages in competitive golf.**

Unfortunately, for whatever reason, we are seeing some laxity in posting. In addition, we are experiencing some carelessness in signing cards. Whenever there is money involved in a golf game, the aspect of fairness is magnified...that's just human nature. Sometimes failure to post is simply forgetfulness...and other times there may be two motivations...a really bad score is embarrassing and the golfer thinks it will just drive a handicap higher. On the other hand, a player having a really low score may think, this is a fluke...if I post this it may drop my handicap unfairly. Let's all do the right thing—post your scores! What about posting if the round is more relaxed and you get mulligans and "gimnee" putts? You can still post your most likely score ...that is an acceptable practice in any situation where you might pick up on a hole.

As far as signing cards, that's supposed to spare a golfing partner any embarrassment for faulty recording or calculating. Perhaps we have become too complacent by not exchanging cards...returning to the practice of trading cards for scoring may assure more accuracy because all the handicap information is shown. Keep your own record and let a playing partner keep the official card. Then, at the end of the round, take the time to compare, sign AND attest.



One of the most elusive accomplishments in golf is hitting a hole-in-one. Some golfers can have a lifetime of playing golf and never have one. In order to collect the cash pot as a HIO Club member at Lake Windcrest, the fete must occur on our course. However, any HIO is worth crowing about!

Congratulations to Annemarie Tobin
for having a hole-in-one
in Michigan while
attending golf school
no less!

Ladies Only



The last of the Summer Specials offered by our Director of Instruction, Bill Wening, is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th from 3 until 4 pm. The session addresses those aspects of the game that the participants request...any number of topics. There's enough daylight after to play a few holes and practice new skills. Cost is \$40 per person. Sign up directly on the link below:

<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/qq1w6p90yzyzh>

Weekly clinics every Thursday return in September...watch for details



**JULY INTERCLUB WAS CANCELED DUE TO
EXCESSIVE RAIN & WET COURSE CONDITIONS!**
THE NEXT INTERCLUB IS SCHEDULED FOR
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29th
AT WALDEN ON LAKE CONROE

WATCH FOR THE SIGN UP INVITATION ON AUGUST 15th

LADIES CHALLENGE CUP



As you already know, due to the excessive rains and hurricane Beryl, WCC Traditions had to cancel hosting the match against us in July and the rain date is next week on Friday, August 9th. A second match this month occurs here at home when we host the regularly scheduled match against The Woodlands Country Club on Monday, August 26th. Make a note of it as Donna and Shirley will again be seeking willing players. Monthly matches continue through November. While we won 1st place low net last year, at that time LCC was divided into two divisions and we competed against only four other clubs. This year there are no divisions and we are competing against 9 clubs. Currently, we are right in the middle of the rankings for net with four matches remaining.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR TEAMS THIS MONTH!
THANKS FOR STEPPING UP TO REPRESENT US!



COMING SOON...

OUR SIGNATURE EVENT!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

REGISTRATION FORMS

WILL BE E-MAILED NEXT WEEK.

FIELD LIMITED TO 72 PLAYERS—

Reserve your team's spot early.



1 ON THE LIST OF GOLF ISSUES!

PACE of PLAY

Keeping the pace of play is critical if we as an organization hope to keep reserved tee times. Below are some tips for keeping within the 4 hour time frame for an 18 hole round.

Plan Ahead

As you walk or ride to your golf ball, start thinking about the distance of your next shot and what club you will use. Don't wait for your partners to hit before deciding on a club. Instead, be at your ball, with club in hand and ready to go as soon as it's your turn.

Be Timely

Strive to play in 20 seconds. That includes selecting your club, proceeding through **your pre-shot routine (which should not be more than 10-12 seconds)** and executing the shot. Limit yourself to one or two practice swings, and don't stand frozen over the ball for 30 seconds. That will only create tension and anxiety and most likely lead to a poor swing. **(Do a little at home test of timing your pre-shot routine...take your kitchen timer out to the backyard and set it for 12 seconds as you do your usual set up for a shot...you may be surprised at how much time you spend!)**

Know Your Limitations

If you're playing a par-5 and you've got 250 yards to reach the green, and you average 220 off the tee, why are you waiting for the green to clear? Go ahead and hit your second shot.

Learn How To Share a Cart

Too many golfers sit in the cart while their partner hits and then drive to their golf ball. Instead, get out and walk to your ball, or have the driver drop you off, so you're ready to hit when it's your turn. If walking to your ball, take different clubs, giving you options of what to hit.

Play Ready Golf

Nothing speeds up play more than this. If you're at your ball ready to hit and your partners are not, go ahead and play. If a playing partner is looking for a lost ball, hit your shot first and then go help look for the ball.

Know Your Turn

Too often, you'll see beginners standing around staring off into space until someone says, "You're away." At that point, the beginner starts to go through their pre-shot routine, and the waiting ensues. Stay focused and don't wait to hear those frustrated words from your playing partners.

Be a Good Partner

Follow the flight of others tee shots and help your partners locate their balls in the fairway. If a partner is facing a blind shot, walk ahead to the top of the hill so you can watch where the ball lands. Grab divots and toss them back, volunteer to rake a bunker and repair ball marks on the green. All these things will speed up play and make you popular.

Be Efficient on the Green

Nothing slows down play more than putting. When you arrive at the green, immediately mark your ball and start the process of reading your putt, even if it's not your turn. If you leave a putt three feet short or long, putt out instead of re-marking your ball. (Failure to follow this tip is why there is a recommendation to eliminate too much focus on the putting game).

Move quickly This tip has nothing to do with how far to hit a shot and everything to do with how you exit a green. If you're walking, leave your golf bag on the most direct line to the next tee. Do the same with any extra clubs you've brought with you. After putting out, walk briskly to your cart or the next tee. Don't stare in disbelief at the hole after missing a putt or try the putt again. And wait until you arrive at the next tee before marking down your score.