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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Happy New GOLF Year! Here we are in the 23rd year following the millennium...almost a quarter of the way through the 21st century!

To quote an old adage..."Time flies when you're having fun!" That certainly applies to those of us who love the game of golf and to our first year as a Women's Golf Association at Lake Windcrest—the time has flown by. Beginning our second year, we promise our members that the coming season will provide many opportunities for competition and camaraderie.

Your WGA Executive Board has set the calendar for the 2023 season (see Calendar at a Glance on page 2).

You will see that the calendar for

this year once again includes a celebration of National Women's Golf Day in June and what is now our annual invitational in late September, "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun". In addition, our tournament chairs, Sue Ball and Chris Hofmann, have met with the playday reps to plan weekly games and have many great ideas for tournaments this year.

All 2023 WGA members will have received a new invitation to the SignUp.com site for the coming season. We encourage all of you to follow the sign-up deadlines established by our WGA as much as possible. **The cut-off for signing up for Wednesday play is Monday at 5 pm, for Friday play the deadline is Wednesday at 5 and Saturday play deadline is Thursday at 5 pm.** If you wish to sign up after a deadline and

signup is locked, you must contact the appropriate playday rep. If you must cancel, you should contact the playday rep AND the pro shop. Following are the playday reps for 2023:

Wednesdays: Marcia Wilkins
Email: mmw0407@gmail.com

Fridays: Deb Yarbrough
Email: deb84078@att.net

Saturdays: Cindy Bailey
Email: crbbailey@yahoo.com

See page 2 for details of the games and awards for the season.

THINK SPRING. We look forward to having you join us for another season of ladies golf.

Joni Stoy, President
LW WGA

The schedule of games for 2023 officially begins on Wednesday, February 15th. Below is the schedule for February.



February Calendar



FEBRUARY 15,17 & 18	LOW NET: THE PLAYER WHOSE GROSS SCORE MINUS HANDICAP IS LOWEST SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PROSHOP CREDIT.
FEBRUARY 22, 24 & 25	STABLEFORD: THE PLAYER WITH THE MOST POINTS SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PROSHOP CREDIT. NET BOGIE= 1 PT., NET PAR = 2 PTS., NET BIRDIE = 3 PTS., NET EAGLE= 4 PTS, NET DOUBLE EAGLE= 5 PTS.



WGA GENERAL MEETING

WHEN: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHERE: LAKE WINDCREST CLUBHOUSE

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE TO LAUNCH THE 2023 SEASON

BRING YOUR IDEAS AND QUESTIONS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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Below is a quick reference which you can print and clip out to hang on your fridge.



2023 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



Our Tournament Chairs, Sue Ball and Chris Hofmann met with our playday reps in January to select the schedule of games for the 2023 season. Most of the same procedures remain unchanged. For example, the \$2 cash game is always optional and is paid out to game winner(s) and low putts. In addition, whether in the cash game or not, the game winner(s) receive pro shop credit. There is a slight change this year since we have some history on how our budget and finances worked out last year. Last year \$5 in pro shop credit was awarded per game. If there happened to be two winners (example: the game blind draw partners), the \$5 in pro shop credit was split with each earning \$2.50 credit. This year, each winner will receive \$5 in the credit book.

Because our end of year awards include prizes for most birdies and chip-ins during the season, again this year all players will be asked to select one of the three playdays, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday, as their designated day for recording birdies and chip-ins. This system "levels the playing field" for players who may have more limited playing opportunities and can only play on certain days.

Recently all of you received a new link for the SignUp.com site. This will enable you to access the playday calendar for this year. Please note the signup deadlines listed on page one. Our season opens officially on Wednesday, February 15th. Come play with us!

FEBRUARY	Thu 9 Wed 15 Thu 16 Sat 18	WGA General Meeting 6 PM Playdays officially begin LCC at Falcon Point MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA
MARCH	Thu 2 Fri 17 Sat 18	LCC vs Falcon Point at LW WGA Kick off tournament MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA
APRIL	Thu 13 Sat 15	WGA General Meeting 6 PM MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA
MAY	Thu 11 Sat 13 Sat 20 Mon 22	LCC at Woodlands CC WGA Round Robin Tournament 8:30am MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA LCC vs Woodlands CC at LW
JUNE	Tue 6 Sat 17 Fri 23	National Women's Golf Day Event at LW MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA LCC at Elkins Lake
JULY	Thu 6 Thu 13 Sat 15 Sat 29	LCC vs Elkins Lake at LW WGA General Meeting MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA Member/Member Tournament 8:30am
AUGUST	Thu 3 Fri 11 Sat 12 Mon 21	LCC vs Walden Lake Conroe at LW Mars/Venus Pairing Party WGA/MGA Mars vs Venus 8:30 am LCC at Walden Lake Conroe
SEPTEMBER	Tue 26	Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Invitational 8:30am
OCTOBER	Sat 16 Thu 19 Tue 31	MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA WGA General Meeting 6:00 PM WGA Eclectic Tournament Day 1 8:30am
NOVEMBER	Wed 1 Sat 11 Sun 12 Sat 18	WGA Eclectic Tournament Day 2 8:30am Men's & Ladies Club Championship Men's & Ladies Club Championship MGA Event-WGA playday plan TBA
DECEMBER	Sat 2	WGA End of Year Golf 8:30 am Awards Luncheon following

Regular play days are Wednesdays at 9 am, Fridays at 9 am (unless noted above) & Saturdays 9 am (unless noted above).



DRILL INTO THE GOLF BASICS

Lake Windcrest's Director of Instruction, Bill Wening, invites ladies of all skill levels to participate in one hour clinics offered weekly, focusing on golf basics. Whether a beginner or a seasoned player, "Bill's drills" offer an overview of the game and emphasize developing specific skill sets. Sessions are offered on Thursdays from 9 am until 10 am for a fee of \$40/person. Sign up directly on the active links below.



Thursday, February 2nd Full Swing
<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/mix1bz318vn77s/>



Thursday, February 9th Short Game
<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/m4o68mm16b8emg/>



Thursday, February 16th Bunker
<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/m1kou9041jc2040/>



Thursday, February 23rd Putting
<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/m1arc3bk00g6qp4/>



DON'T DELAY in responding to Donna Moore's request for LCC players for the first match scheduled in just two weeks from Thursday, February 16th.



As we approach the start of the 2023 season and deal with the unpredictable weather forecasts that are characteristic of this time of year, it is meaningful to discuss how weather-related course conditions affect the game and the rules.

Normally, a ball may be cleaned only when necessary to identify it, when taking relief, and always when on the putting green. However, in co-operation with the pro shop, until further notice, the LWWGA has adopted a local rule which permits a player to clean her ball of mud resulting from extremely wet course conditions.

Beware, however...local rules are just that! If you are competing somewhere else, this rule may not apply.

If conditions are such that your ball becomes muddy, what if the ball lies in a muddy area? The rules of golf allow for relief from "abnormal course conditions". Is mud considered an abnormal course condition? We've

answered before and the answer stands...no! By definition in the USGA Rules of Golf, abnormal course conditions consist of "*An animal hole, ground under repair, an immovable obstruction, or temporary water.*" Of the above, perhaps the most ambiguous condition is temporary water. It is described as "any temporary accumulation of water on the golf course, for example, puddles of water left after a rain. **You must be able to see water either before or after you take your stance to get relief from temporary water.** Snow or natural ice can be considered casual water."

So are we literally "stuck in the mud"? Make note of the following conditions which **do not** constitute abnormal conditions—

- Grass clippings left in place after mowing (i.e., not piled for removal).
- **Wet ground, spongy ground, mushy ground that does not**

have any water showing above ground even after you take your stance.

- Dew or frost on the ground.
- Holes made by worms and insects also don't count as abnormal course conditions (worms and insects themselves are classified as loose impediments).

Here's your ball—what are your options?

You can play it as it lies or take an unplayable lie. The penalty for doing the latter is one stroke. You then have three options which include going back to the point where you played your previous stroke, taking a drop within two club lengths, or moving straight back anywhere along an extension of a line between the flagstick and where your ball originally came to rest. A simple case of bad luck! Click on the link below to see a helpful video on playing from abnormal course conditions.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/videos/2018/09/12/2019-rules-of-golf-explained-abnormal-course-conditions-2.html>

