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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The official start of our WGA playdays is scheduled to begin on Friday, February 2nd. Hopefully we will begin to see a change in the weather and an escape from sub-freezing temperatures.

In preparation for the new season, President Deb Yarbrough called a general meeting of the membership on Thursday, January 18. We had a very respectable turnout with 17 members in attendance.

Our membership currently stands at 42 members. Deb and VP/Membership Chair Sheri Caprio announced a new plan for Tuesday Fun Golf Days designed to attract ladies who are club members but not necessarily WGA members. Rounds can be as few as 3 holes or as many as 18. No scoring or handicaps required...just a chance to find out how much fun a game of golf can be!

Treasurer Kathleen Sullins

reported that we are up-to-date on all revenues from the club and reimbursements, but are awaiting resolution of a discrepancy on our December bill.

Tournament Chair Sue Ball, announced a change in the date previously set for our member/member tournament...moving it from Saturday June 29 to Wednesday, July 10th. She acknowledged that weekday tournaments were planned in order to include associate members who are restricted on weekends. In addition, during the months of July and August, putts may be given except on Low Net and Stableford weeks. On those occasions when putts may be given, the cash payout will be shared between the game winner and closest to the pin. The criteria for "gimmee" putts, will be announced before the allowance is put into effect.

Shirley Robertson reported on Ladies Challenge Cup and the new scheduling

plan. Instead of having two divisions and competing against four other teams, every club will play each other either home or away. See the Calendar at a Glance on page 2 for tentative dates.

Joni Stoy reported on our new Interclub status. Mary Armbruster raised the question of shirts for Interclub and it was suggested that since LCC is considering new shirts for this year, ladies interested in Interclub might also order the same shirt. That would allow us to have a logo shirt that could be used for LCC and Interclub.

President Deb reminded all members of the club requirement to meet sign up deadlines of Monday noon for Wednesday play, Wednesday noon for Friday play and Thursday noon for Saturday play. She also announced that High Meadow Ranch would like to have a swap day on one of our playdays. Greens fees to play at HMR is \$65. More details to come.

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Having the Secretary handle the bulk of emails to the membership was discussed and it was decided that Secretary Mary Armbruster would handle all "non-official" communications such as info about other tournaments, personal notices, illnesses, etc. Notices about LCC, Interclub, WGA Tournaments and the like will continue to come from the individuals responsible for the event.

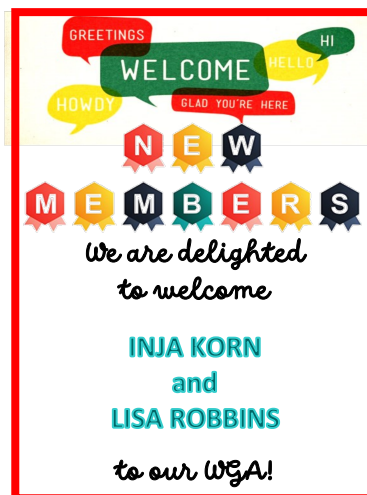
The new SignUp link for the 2024 season has been sent out, so get into the swing of the season and set up your February playdays. Looks like a fun and busy season ahead. Join the fun!

Joni Stoy, Editor



NEVER TOO LATE... TO CELEBRATE!

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHIRLEY ROBERTSON FOR HER VERY FIRST HOLE IN ONE! Within a few days following the end of our official season, Shirley enjoyed the winnings from the hole in one club by sinking her tee shot on hole #14 using a 3 hybrid! As we all know, this par 3 is ranked as the 8th most difficult hole on the course! With this shot of 131 yards, this hole-in-one ranks in the more rare occurrences! Way to Go, Shirley!





2024 CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

**LOOK
WHAT'S
NEW!**

As previously mentioned in the Editor's column on page 1, the WGA is introducing Tuesday Fun Playdays. While these rounds are designed for ladies who are non- members, any WGA regular members are certainly welcome to participate on occasion, providing these ladies with an opportunity to meet new golfing friends. Check with Sheri Caprio for more details.

Another change that is new is the change in the deadlines for signup. ...by noon two days prior to play. While the WGA never wants to turn away interested players, the number of tee times needed is vitally important for the pro shop to know. If you fail to sign up by the deadline and hope to play, you must contact the playday rep to see if there is room for you to be added. There are no guarantees that late-comers can be accommodated. Similarly, it is not new, but equally important —cancellations must be received by the playday rep and the pro shop in sufficient time for pairings to be re-grouped — especially if a tee time must then be relinquished. Your playday reps for 2024 are listed below...make a note of it:

Wednesday...Charmelle Vondrak

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Friday...Marcia Wilkins

mmw0407@gmail.com

Saturday...Cindy Bailey

crbbailey@yahoo.com

Something new that hasn't been mentioned previously in this issue...players will no longer have to declare the day on which a birdie or chip-in is made to be counted toward end of year awards! This means that every birdie and/or chip-in goes into each person's tally, no matter which of the three playdays it occurs. Instead of being disappointed that your achievement doesn't count, you can celebrate it! There will still be three winners at the end of the year for each respective day, but no one person may win all three.

Finally, an important change in pairing procedures... on Low Net and Stableford game days, players will be grouped by handicap, whereas, on the other game days, pairings may consist of a mixed group of abilities. What is unchanged is playdays will always be net focused. However, tournaments may recognize some gross as well as net wins .

FEBRUARY	Fri 2 Thu 8 Sat 17 Thu 22	Playdays begin officially LCC at Augusta Pines * MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead Interclub at WCC Traditions
MARCH	Sat 16 Wed 27 Thu 28	MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead WGA Kick off tournament 9 AM Interclub at Deerwood
APRIL	Mon 8 Wed 10 Thu 11 Thu 18 Sat 20	LCC vs Elkins Lake at home* LCC vs Walden Lake Conroe at home* WGA General Meeting 6 PM Interclub at Willow Creek MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead
MAY	Wed 15 Fri 17 Sat 18 Thu 23	WGA Round Robin Tournament 8:30am LCC at Bentwater* MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead Interclub at Northgate CC
JUNE	Tue 4 Mon 10 Sat 15 Thu 27	National Women's Golf Day Event at LW LCC vs Kingwood at home* MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead Interclub at home
JULY	Wed 10 Fri 19 Sat 20 Thu 25	Member/Member Tournament 9 am LCC at WCC Traditions* MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead Interclub at Golf Course of Houston
AUGUST	Sat 10 Mon 26 Thu 29	MGA/WGA Guys & Dolls Scramble 8:30 am LCC vs Woodlands CC at home* Interclub at Walden Lake Conroe
SEPTEMBER	Fri 13 Th 19 Sat 21 Wed 25	Interclub at Bentwater LCC at Falcon Point* MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Invitational 8:30am
OCTOBER	Fri-Sun 4-6 Thu 24 Sat 26 Sun 27	MGA Member/Guest- WGA playday TBA Interclub at Walden on Lake Houston Men's & Ladies Club Championship Men's & Ladies Club Championship
NOVEMBER	Tue 12 Wed 13 Sat 16 Thu 21	WGA Eclectic Tournament Day 1 9 am WGA Eclectic Tournament Day 2 9 am MGA Event-WGA playday tees off ahead Interclub at Kingwood
DECEMBER	Sat 7 Sat 14	WGA End of Year Golf 8:30 am Awards Luncheon following WGA/MGA Front Tee Fiasco

* All LCC dates are currently tentative.

february calendar

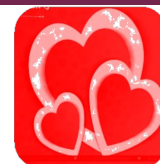
F & S FEBRUARY 2 & 3	LOW NET: THE PLAYER WHOSE GROSS SCORE MINUS HANDICAP IS LOWEST SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.
W, F & S FEBRUARY 7, 9 & 10	YOUR BEST NINE HOLES MUST INCLUDE (2) PAR 3's, AND (2) PAR 5's. THEY CAN BE FROM THE FRONT OR BACK NINE. ALL TIES WILL BE BROKEN VIA A SCORECARD PLAYOFF. THE PLAYER WITH THE LOWEST NET SCORE SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PROSHOP CREDIT.
W, F & S FEBRUARY 14, 16 & 17	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 FEBRUARY 21, 23 & 24	EVEN HOLES - ADD UP ONLY YOUR SCORES FROM ALL EVEN NUMBERED HOLES. TIES WILL BE DETERMINED VIA SCORECARD PLAYOFF. THE PLAYER WITH THE LOWEST NET SCORE SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PROSHOP CREDIT.
W FEBRUARY 28	LOW NET: THE PLAYER WHOSE GROSS SCORE MINUS HANDICAP IS LOWEST SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.



LADIES GOLF CLINICS



It's a sweetheart of an opportunity! Thursday golf clinics just for the ladies! Develop new skills or sharpen established skills. Join Lake Windcrest's Director of Golf Instruction, Bill Wening on Thursday mornings from 9 am until 10 am for small group lessons. Cost is \$40 per person, per session. Sign up directly below on the wufoo links provided.



Thursday

February 1st

Topic— Full-Swing

<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/mxyin921bmcx4b/>



Thursday

February 8th

Topic— Short game Chipping/Pitching

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Thursday

February 15th

Topic— Bunker Play

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Thursday

February 22nd

Topic— Putting

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Thursday

February 29th

Topic— Full-Swing

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IMPORTANT NEWS...MAKE A NOTE OF IT! There are three key changes coming through the USGA from the World Handicapping System in 2024. The first has to do with rating short courses...a topic which isn't high on the list of our "need to knows". The other two, however, are changes about which we should know and understand.

Effective in January of 2024, nine hole scores are to be treated differently. Previously, when a 9 hole score was posted, it was not considered for handicap calculation until another 9 hole score could be combined with it. With the new change, 9 hole scores will not require a second score be combined but will immediately be included in daily handicap calculations.

Another key change has to do with posting incomplete rounds that include holes NOT played. Previously a nine hole score could be posted if 7-9 holes had been completed. Now all 9 holes must be played for the score to be acceptable. Similarly, in order for 18 holes to be posted, a minimum of 10 holes must be played. So, what happens when holes are not played. Direct from the 2024 Handicapping Rules...if *"one or more holes has not been played for a valid reason, a 9-hole or 18-hole score differential will be created using the player's expected score for the hole or holes not played."* The senior director of handicapping/membership at the Texas Golf Association offered the following explanations and examples of what would appear on GHIN for a random player/course:

"A 9-hole score will automatically be "scaled up" using expected score and posted as an 18 hole Score Differential™. It will include the following in GHIN® as shown in Example A: an "N" score type, meaning you only played 9 holes; your 9-hole Adjusted Gross Score; the 9 Hole Course Rating™ and Slope Rating® of the tees that you hit from; the 18-hole *Score Differential* equivalent for that score."

A score for 10-17 holes completed must be posted hole by hole and score differentials are automatically calculated for the un-played holes. The example offered is as follows: "If for example you complete 16 holes, then the 16 holes played will be used to calculate expected score and it will automatically be scaled up into an 18-hole Score Differential. When between 10 and 17 holes are played, the scoring record will display the following: The actual adjusted gross score, and the number of holes played, in parentheses, next to the adjusted gross score, and the 18-hole CR/Slope Rating, and the 18-hole Score Differential™ equivalent. Example B shows how it would appear in GHIN.

EXAMPLE A

Used	Type	Date	Score	C.R./Slope	PCC	Dif	ESR	Adj.
	A	4/10/24	88	72.2/135	—	13.2		—
→	★ N	4/07/24	41	35.8/130	—	9.8		—
	★ H	4/03/24	82	71.7/130	—	9.0		—
	A	4/01/24	90	71.3/133	—	15.9		—
	A	3/25/24	88	71.5/133	—	14.0		—
	A	3/22/24	88	72.2/135	—	13.2		—
→	★ N	3/20/24	40	36.1/132	—	9.2		—
	A	3/15/24	90	72.2/135	—	14.9		—

EXAMPLE B

Used	Type	Date	Score	C.R./Slope	PCC	Dif	ESR	Adj.
★	A	4/10/24	89	72.2/135	—	14.1		—
★	H	4/07/24	87	71.7/130	—	13.3		—
	H	4/03/24	96	71.7/130	—	21.1		—
	A	4/01/24	100	71.3/133	—	24.4		—
★	A	3/25/24	91	71.5/133	—	16.6		—
	A	3/22/24	95	72.2/135	—	19.1		—
→	★ A	3/20/24	78 (16)	72.4/126	—	14.8		—
★	A	3/15/24	88	72.2/135	—	13.2		—

I continued with my inquiry for clarification about 9 hole scores... they are only acceptable for posting if either holes 1-9 or 10-18 are ALL completed on a rated front or back 9 (our two 9's both are rated as separate 9's). That means even if you play 8 of the 9, the scores ARE NOT acceptable for posting....you can no longer use par + strokes to enter a score for hole 9. What about shotgun starts...suppose you start on hole 15 and you play a total of 9 holes...too bad...not acceptable for posting. As you can see, these changes are significant! The rules governing "unfinished" (as opposed to unplayed) holes are unchanged (such as conceded holes in match play or pick ups in stableford)—you are to post your "most likely" score.

Nothing new in the following but worthy reminders as we begin another season — the following scores are not acceptable for posting: when the number or type of golf clubs to be used is restricted, when not playing the required number of holes (specified above), when a player does not play his/her own ball such as is the case of a scramble, and finally...when the score cannot be verified by another person (that means a "lone" round, is not acceptable).



Unfortunately, January Interclub was canceled due to weather. The WCCT hosts next on Thursday, February 22nd. The invitation to sign up will be in your email by noon two weeks in advance of the event. Since we are limited to 11 players, the order in which you respond that you wish to play will determine the first 11...any above that will be placed on a wait list. Fee is \$60 for golf, lunch and prizes. Watch for email on Thursday, February 8th.