



The Lake Windcrest Ledger

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

With two months of our regular season behind us, we are beginning to see consistently warmer temperatures. However, the course is early into its growth period with areas on damaged tee boxes and certain greens still recovering. Please note in the April club newsletter that major aerification is scheduled for Monday April 29 through Thursday May 2. Our course, the driving range and the clubhouse will all be closed during that entire time. If you are likely to suffer from "golf withdrawal", and you have X-life as part of your membership, talk to our Golf Pro Brett about arranging to

play at a neighboring Invited club for cart fee only.

There is a great deal of info in the club newsletter each month. April has a number of golf and social events planned. If you are not seeing this e-bulletin of monthly events, it could be going to your spouse's email which is usually the email on file.

Our 2nd annual quarterly meeting has been moved to this Thursday, April 4th (details below). Among the items on the agenda is a review of recommended changes to the Standing Rules. You will find all sections to be reviewed, complete with the current lan-

guage (with a red line drawn through), the proposed new language (in blue print) and the rationale for each change. Please review this information on pages 4 and 5 of this issue and be prepared to discuss and vote. We need a quorum (30% of members of the WGA) to take any action, so please take time to attend this important meeting!

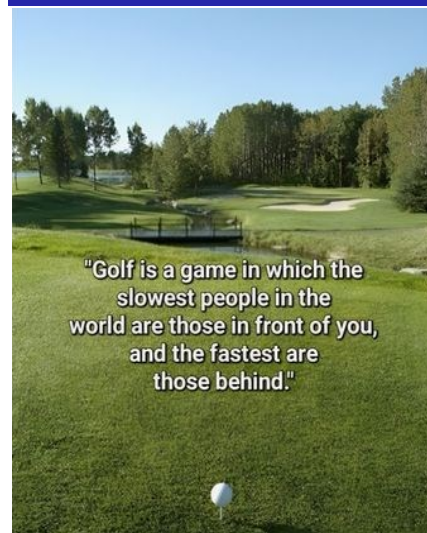
Just a reminder—always be cognizant of the time allowances noted on your play day scorecards...these time checks help to keep the pace of play.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Thursday!

Joni Stoy
Editor

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IMPORTANT WGA QUARTERLY

meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH 6:00 PM

IN THE CLUBHOUSE....BE THERE!!

MARCH PLAYDAY WINNERS

MARCH 1 & 2 GAME: LOW NET

MARCH 6, 8 & 9 GAME: ODD HOLES

DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS	DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS
FRIDAY	Melba Aguilar	Jina Auger	WEDNESDAY	Marcia Wilkins	Jina Auger Shirley Robertson
SATURDAY	Joni Stoy	Kathleen Sullins			

MARCH 13, 15 & 16 GAME: STABLEFORD

DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS
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WEDNESDAY	Charmelle Vondrak	Donna Moore
FRIDAY	Charmelle Vondrak	Jina Auger
SATURDAY	NO GAME	

MARCH 20, 22 & 23 GAME: PAR 3's & PAR 5's

DAY	GAME WINNER	LOW PUTTS
WEDNESDAY	Mary Armbruster	Kathleen Sullins
FRIDAY	Chey O'Rourke	Chey O'Rourke
SATURDAY	Sheri Caprio	Kathleen Sullins

MARCH 29 & 30 GAME: LOW NET

DAY	GAME	LOW PUTTS
FRIDAY	Chris Hofmann	Jina Auger
SATURDAY	Patricia Thompson	Kathleen Sullins Marion Nojek

MARCH 27 WEDNESDAY



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The following ladies had a birdie or chip-in during the month of March!



Jina Auger, Shirley Robertson, Pam Almandoz, Sheri Caprio, Mary Armbruster, Marion Nojek, Donna Moore, Chris Hofmann

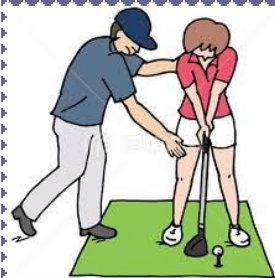


Charmelle Vondrak, Joni Stoy, Patricia Thompson, Jina Auger, Patty Howard, Marion Nojek, Lisa Robbins, Donna Moore, Mary Armbruster, Sheri Caprio, Kathleen Sullins



APRIL CALENDAR

W, F & S APRIL 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 & S APRIL 10, 12 & 13	**WEDNESDAY PLAYDAY PLAN TBA DEPENDING ON HOW MANY ARE NOT PLAYING IN INTERCLUB BLIND NINE: AT THE END OF PLAY, THE PROSHOP WILL PICK WHICH 9 (FRONT OR BACK) WILL COUNT FOR THE GAME. THE PLAYER WHO HAS THE LOWEST NET SCORE ON THE NINE HOLES SELECTED SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.
W, F & S APRIL 17, 19 & 20	STABLEFORD: THE PLAYER WITH THE MOST POINTS SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT. NET BOGEY= 1 PT., NET PAR = 2 PTS., NET BIRDIE = 3 PTS., NET EAGLE= 4 PTS, NET DOUBLE EAGLE= 5 PTS.
W, F & S APRIL 24, 26 & 27	BEST NINE HOLES: MUST INCLUDE AT LEAST BUT NO MORE THAN (2) PAR 3'S, AND AT LEAST BUT NO MORE THAN (2) PAR 5'S. THESE HOLES CAN BE FROM THE FRONT OR BACK NINE. ALL TIES WILL BE BROKEN VIA A SCORECARD PLAYOFF. THE PLAYER WHO HAS THE LOWEST NET SCORE ON THE NINE HOLES SELECTED SHARES THE CASH POT WITH LOW PUTTS AND EARNS PRO SHOP CREDIT.



IMPROVE YOUR GAME WITH BILL'S DRILLS

Bill Wening, Lake Windcrest's Director of Golf Instruction, offers one hour small group sessions every Thursday from 9 am until 10 am. Seasoned golfer having an issue with your game or a newcomer to golf— all are welcome. Ladies Golf Clinics are designed to help you increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the game of golf . \$40 per/person/per session. Sign up directly on the links below.



Thursday April 4th Topic— Full-Swing
<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/ml1dl0n04645nn/>

Thursday April 11th No clinic

Thursday April 18th Topic— Chipping/Pitching
<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/m1taexvg1v6u2rx/>

Thursday April 25th Topic— Bunker
<https://lakewindcrestgolfclub.wufoo.com/forms/m1dgl3jq1mdho36/>



Our most recent Interclub event was held at Deerwood Golf Club in Kingwood. While we are always permitted to take 11 players, we were fortunate to have six of our ladies step up to play this very challenging course on Thursday, March 28th. Thanks to Donna Moore, Inja Korn, Patti Howard, Charmelle Vondrak and Annemarie Tobin for joining me in representing our club.

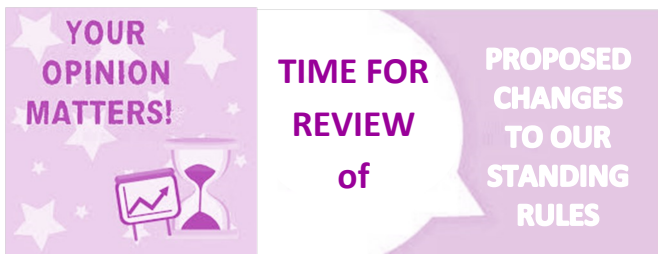
Once again we had players in the winners' circle. Congratulations to Inja Korn who won a scorecard play-off for third place in her flight with 30 points and Annemarie Tobin for taking third place in her flight with 25 points.

The top four scores from each club are added together at each Interclub event; these points are cumulative over the course of the year and determine each club's over-all standing in pursuit of the Interclub trophy. The current standings among the 11 clubs in Northwoods Interclub are shown in the table on the right.

Next month Interclub will be hosted by Willow Creek Golf Club in Spring. The invitation to sign up will be emailed to all WGA members two weeks prior to the event. Once again, we are limited to 11 players so signups will be ordered by when they are received. The cost is set at all participating clubs at \$60 which includes your golf fees, lunch and prizes. Mark your calendars now for Thursday, April 25. Let's have a good turnout for our next Interclub !

TOTAL POINTS BY CLUB

CLUB	FEB	MAR	TOTAL
KINGWOOD	140	134	274
WALDEN LK HOUSTON	136	134	270
WOODLAND CC TRADITIONS	147	123	270
WOODLANDS CC	150	114	264
BENTWATER	147	117	264
DEERWOOD	121	142	263
GOLF CLUB OF HOUSTON	137	125	262
LAKE WINDCREST	146	111	257
WALDEN LK CONROE	131	118	249
WILLOW CREEK	133	116	249
NORTHGATE	146	92	238



Two years ago when we formed the Lake Windcrest WGA, it was necessary to establish By-Laws and Standing Rules. It was unnecessary to (as the expression goes) “re-invent the wheel”. In other words, we used existing materials from similar organizations and revised them to fit our situation. However, after two years, we find a

need for additions, revisions or even deletions in order to reflect our current practices.

Below you will find changes recommended by your WGA Board. Any such changes require the approval of a majority of those present at a general meeting assuming there is a quorum present. According to our By-Laws a quorum of our WGA is 30% of the membership. **Below are the proposed changes. Red lines have been drawn through current language to be removed. All new language is in blue print. Please review them and be prepared to ask any questions you may have prior to a vote for approval. A rationale for each change is noted below the proposed language.**

Section 3. WEEKLY COMPETITION PLAY DAYS

C. Each week the game will be the same for all three (3) play days. Pro Shop credit will be awarded to the winner of the scheduled game. There will be an optional \$2 cash buy-in collected by the ~~Playday Reps~~ **Pro Shop** to be split between the game winner and ~~low putts~~ **whatever proximity has been selected (i.e. low putts, closest to the pin. etc.**

RATIONALE: Pro shop offers service of collecting fees; low putts only is too restrictive.

E. Players shall sign up on-line **by noon** a minimum of two (2) days prior to the playday. If a player needs to cancel after the cut-off date, she must contact the appropriate play day representative and the Pro Shop.

RATIONALE: Updated to correspond with Pro Shop request.

Section 4. HANDICAPS

~~C. To maintain the pace of play, any golfer in difficulty may pick up and mark a 10 gross score with 4 putts. Note for GHIN posting purposes a player's max score should be entered as her Net Double Bogey (par +2 + her strokes on the hole.~~ **To maintain the pace of play, any golfer who is having great difficulty is encouraged to pick up and is to record a 10 gross and 10 net with 4 putts for the game. However, a player who is having difficulty but feels she may still be competitive for a low putts game, may opt to continue to play the ball and is to record the actual number of strokes and putts (for example, a player could have an 11 with one putt). In either case, for posting purposes, a player is to post her maximum which is par +2 + her strokes on the hole (when posting hole by hole, the maximum is calculated automatically).**

RATIONALE: The major change requiring a score on a hole that is picked up to record a net 10 as well as the 10 gross is to remove the strokes factor. Since we are essentially a net league, the net score is the score that should be impacted most by the “pick up penalty”. This requirement has no effect on scores posted to GHIN...only on the game score.

Section 5. USGA RULES shall govern all play with the exception of local rules. If in doubt about the interpretation of a rule, a player shall play a second ball and get a ruling from the Tournament Chairs or the Pro Shop

LOCAL RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS: Addition of part C.

C. When the game indicates low putts as a competition, counting putts begins as soon as a player's ball is on the putting surface. All strokes, whether still on the green or off the green, in any lie or with any club, will be counted as putting — once you start to putt, you are putting through the hole.

RATIONALE: Currently in practice, but not in writing. Note: you cannot have a chip-in once you start putting.

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SECTION 6. MONTHLY COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

C. All putts must be “holed out” in all regular play day competitions, **unless specified otherwise by the play day rep.**

RATIONALE: This change allows for the possibility that certain conditions might permit giving putts or setting a maximum number of putts ... examples—newly aerated greens, excessive heat.

SECTION 7. CANCELLATION OF RESERVATIONS

Members will be charged for meal reservations for tournaments that were not canceled **within 4 hours of the cancellation deadline. The luncheon selection for the tournament may not be altered unless there is advance notice of a medical concern (including allergies). If a player does not choose to participate in the tournament meal selection, the lunch may be boxed for carry-out and the player may order from the menu at her own expense.** The Pro Shop may also charge members a cancellation fee.

RATIONALE: Our kitchen prepares for tournament food based on the number participants and a price is set; deviation from the planned menu by individuals is disruptive to preparation and billing.

SECTION 8. ANNUAL AWARDS

Annual Awards shall be given for various achievements as noted below. ~~While all WGA members are encouraged to play on any play day, they will need to declare their designated play day for Annual Awards competition.~~ Awards will be presented to golfers breaking 100, 90 or 80 for the first time on **any** monthly competition on any regular playday. Awards will be presented for Eagles and Holes-In-One made at any time at a WGA event during the year.

- A. BIRDIES: There will be (1) winner per ~~flight~~ **play day** for the golfer making the most birdies during the golf year. Two (2) or more prizes will be awarded in the event of ties.
- B. CHIP-INS: There will be (1) winner per ~~flight~~ **play day** for the golfer making the most chip-ins during the golf year. Two (2) or more prizes will be awarded in the event of ties,
- C. MOST IMPROVED GOLFERS: This will be awarded to the golfer ~~in each flight~~ who shows the best “~~adjusted~~” reduction in handicap **using the recommended formula from the USGA.** A player’s handicap on the first day of play with the WGA for a season and her handicap at the official end of the season will be used ~~to calculate the adjustment~~ **as the start and end dates in the formula.**

RATIONALE: Birdies and chip-ins should be recognized on all playdays rather than just one. However, no one player should dominate all 3 playdays.



Next week is a big week for us with respect to LCC since we have two back to back competitions on Monday, April 8th and Wednesday, April 10th. While it is unusual to have matches so close together, keep in mind that this year scheduling required working around the calendars of 10 clubs instead of 5. There is a major advantage, however, because both matches are at home. Good luck to all who have stepped up to play against Elkins Lake on Monday and Walden on Lake Conroe on Wednesday. Specifics about who will be playing and pairings will be forthcoming in the next few days from our LCC planners, Donna Moore and Shirley Robertson. **GO TEAM!**

It's Back! BYOB

BRING YOUR OWN BEAU

Bring your favorite guy for a 9 hole fun Sunday afternoon!

WGA COUPLES GOLF EVENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST 2:30 pm SHOTGUN

FORMAT: Better Ball

ENTRY FEE: \$20/couple (cash in, cash out)

GROSS & NET WINNERS

All players must have a valid GHIN handicap

Sign up directly with Joni at stoyville@comcast.net by Wednesday , April 17

Include your partner's name and the tee from which he usually plays.

Food & beverage on your own.

WGA Opening Tournament Results



Chilly temps and cloudy skies greeted the “daring dozen” who signed up to play in our opening tournament. Nevertheless, dry conditions prevailed and our ladies enjoyed being part of a team effort. Thanks to Tournament Chairs Sue Ball and Chris Hofmann for planning a lovely first tournament of the season.

A delicious luncheon was served on a colorfully decorated Easter table. Both gross and net teams were awarded pro shop credit prizes and the “non-winners” — a much more delicate way to put it :) — received a consolation prize of a group session with our teaching pro Bill Wening... some consolation...more of a treat! Everyone enjoyed the day of golf, the luncheon and the camaraderie!

WGA ABCD TOURNAMENT

TEAM	SCORE
Team 1 A ROBERTSON, S B BALL, S C MULLARKY, PJ D ARMSTRONG, M	162/127
Team 2 A HITTNER, L B CAPRIO, S C JONY, STON D ROBBINS, L	175/138
Team 3 A ALMONDOZ, P B SULLINS, K C HOWARD, P D TOBIN, A	168/128



It has been customary to always try to address in this column, any rules questions that occur during a regular playday. Recently one of our players had a ball that landed in the mulched area in the center of the cart turn around on Hole # 12. The ball landed in the mulch close to the flagstone that borders the tree in that area. She asked if there was free relief based on the fact that this is a man-made area which is not an integral part of the course — or is it?

What constitutes an integral part of the golf course? According to the USGA Rules of Golf, an integral object on the golf course is: *“an artificial object defined by the Committee as part of the challenge of playing the course from which free relief is not allowed. Artificial objects defined by the Committee as integral objects are treated as immovable (see Rule 8.1a). But if part of an integral object (such as a gate or door or part of an attached cable) meets the definition of movable obstruction, that part is treated as a movable obstruction. Integral objects are not obstructions or boundary objects.”* Got that? I don’t! That explanation simply adds to my confusion! The flagstone border is definitely immovable in the sense that the player cannot simply move the stones readily to make a shot. The key word to me in that excerpt is “Committee”. I believe

that our “Committee” essentially consists of our Professional Golf Staff...they determine the boundaries and penalty areas on our course. Golf courses can vary on how planted areas are treated. Some expect a golfer to play the ball as it lies in spite of being in a planted area. For example, one might say our player could have taken an unplayable lie, moving the ball back two club lengths farther into the mulch for a one stroke penalty. And maybe, some might even offer full relief out of the bedding area entirely...but then, where is relief? Certainly not on the cart path that encircles the planted area! **This area on our course is deemed by the “Committee” to be an integral part of our course and therefore, does not allow the player relief.**

Some clubs provide for relief from tree roots while others do not. Similarly, some clubs afford relief from sprinkler heads in the line of a putt from the fringe of the green while others do not. Often, a **local rule** may be adopted to cover such situations as those noted above. We have neither a root allowance nor provision for a sprinkler head in the line of a putt on the fringe. (Of course you get relief if your ball sits on the sprinkler head or it interferes with your stance or swing). Our club has adopted a local

rule (which was recommended by the USGA) which allows a player to take a two stroke penalty instead of the familiar stroke and distance penalty for lost or OB balls. If you have no idea where your errant shot went, then you have no option but to take a stroke and distance penalty. However, if you can estimate the spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds and then find the nearest fairway edge that is not nearer the hole than the estimated spot, you can drop a ball in the fairway within two club-lengths of that fairway edge point, or anywhere between there and the estimated spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds for a two stroke penalty. Some players think immediately that the two stroke penalty is more severe when actually it may not be at all. If your errant shot had good distance, then taking this option puts you in the fairway without the risk of another mishit. The stroke and distance penalty is one stroke to take the ball back to where you hit from and then you hit again and hope to get the same distance and land in the fairway. So, actually you have already added 2 strokes to hopefully get to the same place. It is always worth it to carefully assess your situation!

WGA SCRAPBOOK

THE "DARING DOZEN" enjoy THE FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON!



First Place Gross Winning Team
L to R: Shirley Robertson, PJ Mullarkey,
Mary Armbruster, Sue Ball

Congratulations



First Place Net Winning Team
L to R: Pam Almandoz, Annemarie Tobin,
Patty Howard, Kathleen Sullins



THIS HALF DOZEN DARED TO PLAY DEERWOOD IN INTERCLUB



Annemarie Tobin
placed 3rd in her flight



Inja Korn
placed 3rd in her flight

