

JEFFERSON PARK WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB SPRING MEETING Saturday, March 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Club Captain Judy Ozuna at 1:35.

The following board members and officers were present:

Judy Ozuna (Club Captain)
Barbara Bendrick (Saturday Co-Captain)
Nancy Fukuhara (Tuesday Co-Captain)
Pat Owen (Secretary)
Pat McShea (Treasurer)
M.J. Mitoma (Ex-Officio Member)

There were 22 members present. Six board members and 16 members. *Since the club's total membership as of 3/8/24 is 80 members, a quorum constitutes 20 members.* A quorum is considered in place.

1. Announcements – Judy

- a. Fencing on Holes 11, 12 – update: There is no progress. Jefferson is still waiting for city permits to be completed.
- b. A tree fell across the perimeter fence by hole 14 so repair work is underway. The course added large boulders (along the fence line) and new sand traps to hopefully keep more balls on the course and fewer in the street.
- c. Aeration dates: April 1, Sept. 3
- d. Golf Genius app free version now available to JPWGC. Typically used for tournaments, so Barbara will work with the app and discover best options (esp. for Saturday).
- e. WAGolf transitioned to a new operations platform called **Member Planet**. It is a broader application but has some drawbacks. It does not alert the board when a new member joins; it also does not distinguish between Tuesday, Saturday and dual members. There is a way to obtain this information by doing a selective search of the member database, however members who joined before February 20 are not currently identifiable as a Tuesday, Saturday or dual member. WAGolf has said that those classifications will eventually be in place. In the meantime, board members must check last year's roster to identify the Tuesday, Saturday and Dual members.

2. Reports

- a. Secretary – Pat O: The minutes were substantial from the Board meeting. Please read these so you can know what the Board is doing; And please let me know of any issues.

- b. Treasurer – Pat: The club incurs some expenses each year that include dues for the GSWPGA and WSWPLA, website maintenance, awards, and reimbursement to individuals who purchase treats and prizes for special competitions. In 2025, our club will be hosting the annual GSWPGA tournament. In anticipation of the expenses connected with that event, the club is reserving \$1,250 this year to cover half of the possible costs.
 - c. Tuesday Captain – Nancy: There are twenty-eight members currently. Tuesday will start April 9 because of the scheduled aerification. Unlike the past years, tee times will not be available for Tuesday members on August 2. For the Club Championship, Tuesday group did not like the 2 days in a row format from last year; instead, we will play 2 weeks (August 6 & 13) in a row. DISCUSSION: August 13 is the City Championship. Might be best to change Tuesday event to July 30 and August 6.
ACTION: Nancy will check with Tuesday membership about the date conflict and possible date change. She will let the Board and membership know what is decided.
 - d. Saturday Captain – Barbara: First day of play will be April 6. Captain’s cup will be the last 3-Saturdays in June. Men’s club has priority for their tournament on July 13, but we’ll have some tee times after that (no competition). However, Barbara advises that men’s tournament play can be really slow so JPWGC members who play that day need to understand that. The Club Championship will be August 10 and 11th. All WAGolf member clubs now have free access to the standard version *Golf Genius* – Pauline Wilder and Barbara are playing around with the app and have an action to report to the Board. Their focus will be on whether it can be used for Saturday league’s sign-ups and tee time schedules.
 - e. Rules/Handicap – Terry is out-of-town so Judy reviewed the changes: The process to handle nine-hole scores has changed. GHIN no longer waits for a second 9-hole score to calculate for 18-holes; instead GHIN calculates the rest of the holes based on your play history. You also must play sequential holes starting at hole one. If you play just nine or more than 9 but not 18, you should log your scores hole-by-hole in the GHIN app. DISCUSSION: Members should get into the habit of entering each hole’s score in the GHIN app when you post your score.
3. GSWPGA (Greater Seattle Women’s PGA) – Lorrie Alfonsi: We are a member of GSWPGA and may compete in monthly tournaments as well as team match play events against other GSWPGA clubs. Lorrie is the city rep, but Debbie Yee is the team captain and will get teams together for each match play event. All but one (Friday) of these are on Mondays. Let Debbie know if you want to play. All handicaps are welcome but if more than 6 golfers sign-up, GSWPGA dictates that the best handicaps will comprise the team.

Lorrie handles the other monthly tournaments. These are also held during the week. Lorrie will email the membership prior to each tournament with details about time, location and how to enter. The first monthly event is April 11 at Maplewood Golf course with a match play

format. Start time at 8:00.

4. WSWPLA (Washington State Women's **Public** Links Association) – Pauline Wilder: Monthly schedule was sent to everyone. WSWPLA deadlines to enter each event are set in stone. You cannot play if you belong to **ANY** private golf club. Tournaments are always during the week; sometimes there are 2- or 3-day tournaments. The first event is April 13 at Hawks Prairie (2-women best ball) and usually tournaments have lodging/play packages available. Pauline will send out the schedule and reminders as we go.

ACTION: Judy will ask Beth to restore the GSWPGA link to our web site.

5. USGA Rules of Golf seminar – Barbara:

USGA Rules of Golf Mobile App

Encourage all members to download the app (**USGA Rules of Golf Mobile**) to their phones. The app includes rules of Golf, rule clarifications, model local rules plus features including short videos, diagrams, FAQs and quizzes.

Some short, informative USGA videos explaining various rules:

<https://www.youtube.com/@usga/shorts>

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLnU5qUEfww3f5x5gRldQB9yWr5YdBwWwV>

Every JPWGC member should know the options and how to take relief for the most common situations that we run into regularly on the course, including if ball comes to rest:

1. On a cart path
2. In ground under repair
3. Out of bounds (white stakes)
4. In a penalty area (red or yellow stakes)
5. Against an immovable obstruction or if the ball is determined to be unplayable.

USGA rules of golf are on a 4-year refresh cycle, with the last set of changes landing in 2023. Key changes:

- Modifications for players with disabilities (Rule 25)
- Handicaps on scorecards (stroke play): players are no longer penalized for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play.
- Club damaged during round: the rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided that the player did not damage it through abuse.
- Ball moved by natural forces: A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed, or replaced.
- Back-on-the-line relief procedure: the back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty areas and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the

player now drops their ball on the line and the ball must come to rest within one club length of where it is dropped.

6. Old Business

- a. Individual awards for Captain's Cup and Club Champion will be available starting in 2024

JUDY: Board grappled with this for a long time. We decided to provide a ball marker with the Jefferson logo on it and either Captain's Cup or Club Champion. Judy ordered 10 of these (5 for each championship) for the 2024 season and beyond.

- b. Strategies to educate members on Rules of Golf: 1) list common rules on the website and in the Standing Rules, Captain's Cup Rules and Club Championship Rules, 2) on course education by knowledgeable members, 3) after play, discussion of rules issues that come up during the round.

7. New Business

- a. Amendment to Constitution/Bylaws for secretary job description:

4. The Secretary shall on behalf of this organization keep minutes of Board of Directors and General Membership meetings.

- a. Maintain a roster of the membership
- b. Serve as Secretary on the Board of Directors
- c. Create minutes draft of all meetings to include action items, updated actions and final decisions
- d. Distribute to the Board for review and updates as needed.
- e. Upon completion, distribute the meeting minutes to the entire membership for review and posting to the web site.
- f. Track action items and Inform the Captain of overdue action items.

APPROVED by unanimous vote

- b. ECCY competition for 2024 season **DISCUSSION:** Several believe the original paperwork and guidelines are in the Saturday members bin. Sue Rasp agreed to manage the paperwork but asks for assistance with the calculations. **ACTION: Pauline will check the bin for that paperwork and let Sue know what she found.**

- c. Fall party (Pat Owen volunteered) – Pat: I will consult with Tuesday leaders about their perspective of the year-end party. **ACTION:** Talked to Nancy and MJ.

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I will also take everything through the Board and talk to Saturday leaders and the greater membership. Information to follow.