

## JEFFERSON PARK WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

### Spring Membership Meeting 3/8/25

The meeting was called to order by Club Captain Judy Ozuna at 1:30.  
The following board members and officers were present:

Judy Ozuna, Captain  
Timnit Ghermay, Saturday Captain  
Nancy Fukuhara, Tuesday Captain  
Pat Owen, Secretary (*Pat O*)  
Pat McShea, Treasurer (*Pat*)  
Sue Rasp, Handicap/Rules Trustee  
MJ Mitoma, ex-officio member

There were 24 members present. Seven board members and 17 members. Since the club's total membership as of 3/1/25 is 82 members, a quorum constitutes 20 members.

### Announcements:

#### Judy Ozuna – Club Captain

- New officers for 2025-2026
  - Timnit Ghermay, Saturday Captain
  - Sue Rasp, Handicap Chair
- Aeration dates: March 31, Sept. 2
- New acting head pro: Kyuss Lis
- No update on revision of Hole #11 (appears to be on hold as the course is making money in its current configuration)

### Reports:

#### Secretary – Pat Owen

- The minutes of the December and January board meetings and this Spring membership meeting will be on the web site.
- The minutes for this meeting will also be distributed to everyone. Please take a few minutes to catch up with the actions and activities.

### **Treasurer – Pat McShea**

- Pat reviewed the 2024 year-end summary.
- \$852 per year will be held in reserve for hosting the GSWPGA City Championship at our home course in 2029.

### **Tuesday Captain – Nancy Fukuhara**

- 2025 competitions and championship dates are on the website
- Management asked the Tuesday group not to play on the 31<sup>st</sup> because of the planned aerification
- Tuesday will start on April 8
- Method for signing up each week: players are to contact Nancy each week via text or email

### **Saturday Captain – Timnit Ghermay**

- 2025 competitions and championship dates are available on the website
- Method for signing up each week: Use Golf Genius to sign-up. There is a cutoff date to sign-up, so if players are too late, they can contact Pauline or Timnit to be added to the wait list. Final tee time assignments will be emailed to members on the Thursday or Friday before the competition date

### **Handicap Chair – Sue Rasp**

- Summary of USGA Rules Seminar: 4 members attended (Sue Rasp, Pat Owen, Timnit Ghermay, Debbie Yee), members were given a handout of common rules.
- Sue suggested that people download the **USGA Rules app** for a quick reference.
- **Strategies** for informing members of common rules (open discussion):
  - Discuss a rule before each round to educate members
  - Review a rule question at the end of a round with other members, or ask the head pro
  - Email members each week about a rule that came up during a previous round (this was done last year and was well received)

### **Members supported all of the ideas above.**

- People were reminded that if they are unsure of a rule during a round, they should play two balls and adjudicate the proper rule at the end of the round with a knowledgeable person or persons.

### **GSWPGA – Lorrie Alfonsi** (*President/Jefferson Representative*), **Debbie Yee** (*Team Competitions*)

- Lorrie will notify the membership of each monthly tournament; players who wish to compete, must mail a check to Lorrie (address is in monthly notice).
  - Marsha Nakatani volunteered to host and coordinate volunteers for the President's Cup May 8 at our course.
  - Jessica Ostrow agreed to coordinate the raffle basket for this event.
- Debbie reviewed Team competition and format (match play). Each club provides 6 players. Play usually occurs on Mondays. Debbie will solicit volunteers and determine who will play on a given day.

### **WSWPLA – Meg Sherrill**

- Meg will email the membership about the monthly tournaments, which occur across the state.
- Players who wish to participate will send her a check (address is on the email she sends).

### **Old Business: none**

### **New Business:**

- Per Judy: We need **updated signage for JPWGC** at the clubhouse. Marsha Nakatani will take the responsibility of coordinating and decorating the bulletin board space assigned for our club. Pat will post flyers in the bathroom and on the bulletin board.
- Per Judy: For information only: a **new USGA rule about transgender participation** in USGA sanctioned events: "...athletes must be assigned female at birth or have transitioned to female prior to going through male puberty in order to compete. Current scientific and medical research shows that sports performance differences exist between biological sexes and such differences begin to occur during the onset of puberty. (Local recreational clubs can make their own rules about transgender participation.)"
- **ECCY competition** for 2025 season: Roz Edison volunteered to coordinate for 2025. She will determine the rules especially for dual members.
- Irene Reed mentioned that there is a movement to create a "**Seattle Cup**" similar to what the men's clubs do. She said organizers will reach out to the various Seattle women's clubs.
- **Fall party – Pat O**
  - Asked members for input (location, time, fee, etc.) for this year's party. No changes proposed.
  - Roz offered her restaurant (Marination in Columbia City) again for this year. The members supported this idea. The date is set for Tuesday, November 11 from 6-8pm.
  - We will charge members to attend if we are over the budgeted amount for the party.
- **Name change for our club** to honor a request from Seattle Parks and Recreation, reflecting "Bill Wright Golf Complex" as new name for Jefferson Park Golf Course. They asked that any reference to "Jefferson Park" be removed from the club's name.
  - Pat reviewed some of the changes that must be made when we change the club's name. Fiona Fan has some insight on this, so she and Pat will meet to finalize the necessary steps.
  - The board recommended that we honor this request. Members were asked for suggestions, but settled on these three that the board recommended:

Women's Club at Bill Wright Golf Complex  
 Bill Wright Women's Golf Club  
 Beacon Hill Women's Golf Club

After much discussion, >3/4 of the members present voted in favor of a motion to send an email to the membership asking them to rank the names, including a write-in option. Barbara Bendrick offered to create an online survey form. The board tested and accepted the new survey and Judy will distribute it to the membership.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

#### **Addendum 4/10/2025:**

Members were emailed a request to rank order 3 proposals for a new club name (Women's Club at Bill Wright Golf Complex, Bill Wright Women's Golf Club, Beacon Hill Women's Golf Club). Women's Club at Bill Wright Golf Complex was the winner. Another email was sent to the membership to adopt this name in our constitution. 50 members (half of the total membership) voted yes, 4 members voted no. The board will proceed with making the necessary changes in our club business (finance, communication, website, WAGolf registry, etc).