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From the President

We are nearing the end of the year of Lowcountry Women's Golf Association. It has been a very full year and I wish to thank our Board members:

Heather Cherichella, Vice President, is there whenever I need her, sometimes on very short notice. She has overseen the articles for the newsletters and filled in as President whenever called upon.

We have had good attendance at our tournaments this year thanks to **Linda Mikkelson**, Tournament Chairman and **Celina Echague**, Assistant Tournament Chairman. They have booked more tournaments for next year than we had this year.

Many thanks to **Nancy Hoover**, who has been in charge of publicity. There have been problems with our web site and our blast emails, which has made the job a challenge. We thank her for doing a tough job very well.

Our membership continues to hover around the 300 mark, gaining about the same number as we lose each year. Allowing new members to join during the year has been welcome improvement. **Connie Muscarella** has done a great job of keeping us informed of changes in membership and handling

special requests. She also keeps our credit records posted to the website.

Patty Varn, Treasurer, pays our bills, prepares our budget and makes a financial report to the Board each month. She has done an outstanding job.

Mary Rydzal, Handicap Chairman, keeps in touch with all the club reps, answering many questions regarding posting of scores from home and away. She also worked with Jan Janson to propose some changes to our By-Laws on which we will vote in January. You will be impressed with what they have done.

Renee Pellati, Social and Prizes Chairman, is the lady in charge of gold. Yes, some of our championship winners are still requesting gold medallions. However, many winners are choosing pro shop credit rather than paying for part of the gold medalion. Renee is also arranging the annual meeting breakfast. See the announcement elsewhere in this newsletter.

June Somers, Ex-officio, has done an outstanding job as Nominating Chairman. I think

this is one of the most difficult jobs on the LWGA Board. Hope you will say, "Yes", when I ask for nominees next year!

Dee Lyon and Marge McDougal did an outstanding job with the Getaway at Fripp Island. I attended and had a great time, as did all who were there. Great golf, great food, great accommodations. A welcome party at their rental with homemade chili was great fun. See the pictures posted on the Website. Thank you so much, Dee and Marge.

Jan Janson, Secretary, has kept great records. She has also worked with Mary Rydzal in the study of the By-Law. A lot of work, a lot of time, thank you both.

This has been my second time as president of the LWGA and I have enjoyed it as much as the first, maybe more. I encourage everyone to get involved. What a good way to get to know a lot of nice women, all working hard to improve the LWGA. When I moved here, 10 years ago, I joined the LWGA as soon as I could. It was the smartest thing I have done here. Being on the Board just added to the experience, in a good way. Sincerely,
Joyce L Wahrab
President, LWGA

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Joyce Wahrab,
President

ANNUAL MEETING AND BRUNCH
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012
MOSS CREEK CLUBHOUSE - 9:30 a.m.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our annual meeting and brunch on Friday, January 13, to be held once again at the Moss Creek Clubhouse. We are lucky to have a repeat performance by **Rosie Jones**, who will entertain us with her experiences in Ireland with the Solheim Cup team. **Sign-up information and form will be emailed to everyone mid-December.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Renee Pellati, Social Chairman

Election of New Board Members for 2012

The members of the Nominating Committee, June Somers, Immediate Past President, Deb Retzer, Past President and Linda Larkin, have nominated three candidates to fill three three-year positions on the Board. They have also made recommendations to the President for appointed one-year positions to the Board. After considering the vacancies that needed to be filled, a list of potential candidates was developed. Suggestions were also accepted from the current Board. The following members have agreed to be placed in nomination for three-year terms on the Board:

Pam Arway, Colleton River
Ruth Kimball, Sun City
Gail Kraemer, Colleton River

We are recommending for the one-year appointed positions:

Jill Sanders, Long Cove, Social/Prizes
Lori Witz, Indigo Run and Lori Delaney, Berkeley Hall, Special Events Co-Chairs
Natalie Buontempo, Hampton Hall, Dr. Alligator Tournament

The Board of Governors will elect its officers and the President will appoint the Chairs of the Committees at the first Board meeting of 2012.

June Somers, Nominating Committee Chair

Proposed By-Law Revisions

At our January 13th Annual Meeting we will be voting on the By-Law changes summarized below:

- **Adjust the residence requirements to eliminate the six-month restriction. (Members will still have to maintain a Beaufort County golf club membership and handicap, and have a South Carolina address and telephone number.)**
- **Eliminate the duty of Historian as this task has been outsourced**
- **Expand the job description of the Publications/Computer Chairman**
- **Eliminate sections of the By-Laws that only pertained to LWGA's inception**

A full set of the By-Law revisions will be emailed separately to all LWGA members before December 15th.

Jan Janson and Mary Rydzal

Welcome New Members and Credit Reminder

We are pleased to welcome the following new members who joined during our October open enrollment period. We currently have 301 members.

Ruth Andrews-Belfair	Ronnie Knapp-Callawassie
Chris Assaf-Fripp	Ruth Larson-CC of Hilton Head
Elaine Beringhouse-Berkeley Hall	Norma Marcellino-Sea Pines
Kathy Bradbury-Callawassie	Micki McCormick-Fripp
Kay Buckland-Belfair	Janice Muhrenberg-Sun City
Kathi Crocker-Belfair	Barbara O'Connor-Berkeley Hall
Cathy Cavner-Hampton Hall	Trisha Rapp-Sea Pines
Virginia Cullen-Long Cove	Renee Rezzetano-Bear Creek
Kathy Dewberry-Sanctuary	Missy Schulze-Sanctuary
Sheila Divvens-Sun City	Susan Somma-Colleton River
Kim Elliott-Belfair	Kathleen Stamberger-Long Cove
Casey Emigh-Bear Creek	Donna Stamey-Berkeley Hall
Diana George-Berkeley Hall	Susie Sutton-Berkeley Hall
Linda Gettings-Berkeley Hall	Mary Thomas-Hampton Hall
Ginny Hackbert-Colleton River	Ann Tullie-Sun City
Bonnie Hawkins-Sun City	Jan Wagner-Sun City
Kay Hayes-CC of Hilton Head	

Member credits are up to date on the website. **Don't forget that you need to earn 4 credits between November 1, 2011 and October 31, 2012, to be eligible to renew your membership for 2013.**

Please contact **Connie Muscarella** cnj123@me.com or 706-9787 with membership or credit questions, as well as any changes in your contact information.

CONFUSED ABOUT CREDITS????

Credits are a necessary evil for LWGA. We require some minimum participation in our tournaments for the protection of the golf courses who open their doors to us and need a full field of players to justify the cost. Simply put, members must earn 4 credits between November 1st and the following October 31st. Most tournaments are worth one credit; two tournaments (Stroke and Match Play Championships) are worth two credits each. Failure to earn four credits by October 31st precludes a member from renewing her membership unless there are extenuating medical or family emergencies. Nuff said!!!

2012 CLUB REPS

Thanks to the following members for agreeing to serve as liaisons between their club's LWGA members and the board.

Bear Creek - Cynthia Gorski-Popiel

Belfair - JoAnn Dover

Berkeley Hall - Jill Baim

Callawassie - Kathi Madison

Colleton River - Gail Kraemer

CCHH - Susan Foster

Crescent Pointe - Pat Rustad

Dolphin Head - Anne Reed

Fripp Island - Nancy Connell

Hampton Hall - Sandee Brooks

Haig Point - Pat Huff

The Golf Club at Indigo Run - Anita Jewell

Long Cove - B.J. Gilliam

May River - Gail Garcia

Moss Creek - Suki Brainard

Oldfield - Linda Larkin

Palmetto Dunes - Sigrid Kueng

Palmetto Hall - Evie Richardson

Pinecrest - Kay Dardaris

Rose Hill - Alison Reese

Sanctuary - Julie Murphy

Sea Pines - Terrie Allemang

Shipyard - Karen Bostian

Sun City - Jo Rossini & Ruth Kimball

Wexford - Dorothy Taylor

From Mary Rydzal, Club Rep Chair



Helen and Mary



Feeding Bambi

Fripp Getaway Winners

Overall Low Gross
Helen Aiken & Mary Eichhorn

Flight 1 - Low Net
Barbara Scott & Kerry Reid

Flight 2 - Low Net
June Somers & Margot Forbell

Flight 3 - Low Net
B.J. Gilliam & Ann duFrane

Flight 4 - Low Net
Micki McCormick & Linda Ashby

Closest to Pin Winners
Meg Brogan (2), Kerry Reid, Mary Rydzal

Tournament Tidbits
By Linda Mikkelson - Tournament Chair 2011

The end of the year and my term as Tournament Chair is fast approaching. The past year has definitely been a learning curve, particularly in the area of software programs. It has been my pleasure to become better acquainted with many of you as we have organized, worked and played in the events of Lowcountry Women's Golf Association. I can truthfully say that I have enjoyed the opportunity to coordinate our tournaments with the fine Professional Staffs at our chosen golf courses.

Under Tidbits you will find the following: Stroke Play Champions recognition; Dates for tournaments scheduled in 2012; and A Poke at Slow Play.

A hearty congratulations to LWGA's Stroke Play Champions!

Overall Champion - \$200 - Susan Cummings 76/76 154 Long Cove Club
Super Senior Champion - \$150 - Nancy Hoover 91/95 186 Callawassie Island Club

First Flight

Winner Karen Ferree 74/80 154 \$150
 Long Cove Club
 Runner-Up Terrie Allemang 81/78 159 \$100
 Sea Pines
 3rd Place Sharon Son-Hing 79/82 161 \$ 80
 Long Cove

Third Flight

Winner Linda Reeves 93/93 186 \$150
 Long Cove Club
 Runner-Up Charlotte Moss 90/98 188 \$100
 Bear Creek
 3rd Place Gloria Johnson 98/93 191 \$ 80
 Moss Creek

Second Flight

Winner Brenda Lozan 85/89 174 \$150
 Moss Creek
 Runner-Up Kim Pearson 86/91 177 \$100
 Moss Creek
 3rd Place Ruth Kimball 96/93 189 \$ 80
 Sun City

Fourth Flight

Winner Susan Foster 94/104 198 \$150
 Country Club of Hilton Head
 Runner-Up Marinell Altizer 92/110 202 \$100
 Moss Creek
 3rd Place Gail Boyle 100/105 205 \$ 80
 Pincrest Golf Club

New this year was the **Super Senior Flight**(age 70 and over).

Schedule of Event Dates for 2012

Mark your calendars for next year.

Details in the 2012 Directory

January 23	(Monday)	Harbour Town
February 6	(Monday)	Belfair (Pro Appreciation)
March 31	(Saturday)	Moss Creek (Dr. Alligator)
April 16	(Monday)	Sun City
April 30	(Monday)	Bear Creek (Solheim Cup)
May 14	(Monday)	Old South
May 22-24	(Tues- Thurs)	Oldfield (Match Play)
June 4	(Monday)	Long Cove
June 25	(Monday)	May River
July 24	(Tuesday)	Colleton River
August 13	(Monday)	Callawassie
Sept. 10-12	(Mon/Tues)	Hampton Hall (Stroke Play)
Sept. 24	(Monday)	Sea Pines
October 1	(Monday)	Berkeley Hall Member/Guest – Member/Member
October 15	(Monday)	Pincrest
November 5	(Monday)	Hilton Head National
November 12	(Monday)	Wexford
December 3	(Monday)	The Golf Club at Indigo Run



Stroke Play Champion Susan Cummings
 with Linda and Celina

A Poke at Slow Play

LWGA has a slow play policy, did you know? Look in the Standing Rules and read it. LWGA says a round should be played in 4 hours and 20 minutes. Have you experienced a 5 plus hour round this year? If you did, bear in mind that most of the players ended their round in 4:15 minutes or so. We were wondering where you were! Consider that 30 seconds is allowed for each shot, if you scored a 90 that day (90 shots x 30 seconds = 2700 seconds or 45 minutes on shots. What were you doing the rest of the time? (4 hours and 20 minutes minus 45 minutes is 3 hours and 35 minutes.) Of course we know you were getting ready to hit, tallying the score, moving your cart to the next hole, chitchatting, getting water, finding a ball, etc. If you are involved in a round over 4:20, look to your habits to shorten the time on the course. The players behind you will thank you! And, your tournament committee will THANK YOU!

A FEW WAYS TO LEAVE THE COURSE EARLY

Compiled by Mary Helen McElreath
(and suggested by others during and after many rounds)

- Go from point A to point B quickly. You are here to play golf, not socialize!
- Practice continuous putting and finish those 6 to 12-inch putts (your confidence will improve).
- Cut your preshot routine in half.
- Last one back to cart keeps clubs in hand and jumps in and goes. Put clubs away at next stop.
- If you finish the hole first, take care of the flagstick.
- Save long stories for the 19th hole.
- Share your score with the marker as the group is leaving the green.
- Get out of the cart before it is your turn to play (especially on the tee box).
- Look over your upcoming shot/chip/putt as you are getting there.
- Take your cart to the back of the green before you putt.

TRIP TO IRELAND

We are passing along information to all LWGA members regarding a trip to Southwestern Ireland. The trip is tentatively planned for July 9-July 22 of 2012 and will feature golfing with lady golfers from three clubs in Ireland. The courses are Grange Golf Club, Malahide Golf Club, Waterville Golf Links, Old Head, Tralee, Lahinch, Ballybunion and Doonbeg.

This expedition will be the fourth Member-Game trip by Lowcountry ladies and friends. In the fall of 2003, 27 Irish gals came to Hilton Head. They played HH National, Sea Pines CC, Moss Creek GC, Dataw GC, and Belfair GC women.

If you have any interest in or need more information about the cost of the trip or any of the details, please contact GRETTA SENCEVICKY at 757-7508.