



# LWGA Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Greetings from your President:

Our LWGA year is winding down, as is my year as your President. It has been a great year and I have enjoyed serving the organization. In fact, as I have told many of you, my involvement in LWGA has been one of the most enjoyable volunteer experiences for me which is why I agreed to be “recycled” as your President. With that said, I will again encourage all of you to step forward and get involved!

Your LWGA Board of Governors is a dedicated and talented group of women and I feel very fortunate to have worked with them this year.

Our organization is financially solvent, and we are fortunate to have sufficient reserves to finance our “going green” program. One major financial decision we had to make, as we prepare for 2018, was to increase our dues by \$5 to begin building our depleted reserves. Many thanks to the diligent work of our Treasurer, **Brenda Lozan** and our Finance Committee Chair, **Jan Alpert**.

Our new website and the first phase of the “Going Green” project, is very user friendly and all the information you need about tournaments, tee times, results, credits, as well as the membership and the organization in general is available in a timely manner. The next phase of the project is almost complete. As with any project like this, there are many bumps in the road and it always takes longer than expected. But, by the start of our new year we should be registering and paying online for tournaments. Many thanks to **Nancy Sain** for spearheading this project from beginning to end.

Finding new talent for open Board positions is always a challenge and **Suki Brainard** tackled it with gusto this year. She gathered an excellent Nominating Committee together with representatives from clubs that should be represented on the Board. The results are in and the new slate is complete. See the list in this newsletter. Suki was also a good ‘advisor’ to the Board in her role as Past President, which I greatly appreciate. Thanks for your service, Suki.

Our tournament schedules this year certainly had its weather issues!! But, despite Mother Nature’s interfering, attendance has been good. A huge thank you to our Tournament Chair, **Chris Putnam** for diligently managing the tournaments this year with all its challenges. Along with her able assistant, **Anne Reed**, she has made the switch over to the new tournament management system, Golf Genius. It is always difficult to change to a new system, but I think you as members will be pleased with the result. The Tournament Chair position is without a doubt, the most time-consuming job on the Board. I know Chris will be excited to return to playing in the tournaments next year instead of running them.

Our schedule for 2018 looks great! We start out at Atlantic Dunes on January 8<sup>th</sup>. I know you don't want to miss that one. Thanks to **Susan Foster** for planning the tournament year and adding this new venue and also coordinating the LWGA Club Reps.

We have 41 new members this fall and our membership continues to stay around 300. Welcome to all new members. I hope you enjoy meeting new women golfers and playing different courses in the area. **Kathy LaBonte** has again done an outstanding job as Membership Chair. She has been an integral participant in the change-over to Golf Genius from a membership perspective and next year you will be able to pay your annual dues online. Thank goodness she will continue as Membership Chair to see this project through. Thank you for your service Kathy.

**Jan Alpert** is our Vice President which may seem like an easy job, but she handles or oversees most of the internal workings of the board. She maintains our By-Laws and Standing Rules, conducts the annual review of our financial records, serves as LWGA Historian, acts as our Parliamentarian, oversees Newsletter articles and this year she took on the quarterly review of content on the website. She is probably our most knowledgeable member and we are very fortunate that she will be at the helm next year as our President.

I hope you have **January 12, 2018** marked on your calendar. Our Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held on this date at Belfair and our speaker this year is Krista Dunton, PGA Professional and top ranked SC Instructor. Don't miss it. It promises to be a highlight of our year. Thanks to **Mary Jones** for arranging the brunch and soliciting Krista as speaker.

If you missed the Getaway this year, you missed a great event!! Once again, **Susie Sutton** and **Lori Witz** wielded their magic and planned an excellent event. The golf was great, and the camaraderie was even better. I heard comments that this was one of the best ever. Kudos to Susie and Lori.

It is very important to keep good records and detailed minutes of the Board proceedings and **Lori Delaney** does this job for us. She does an excellent job each month. You can find the minutes from our meetings on the website.

My final thank you is to all of you, the LWGA members, for your support this year...we have a great organization which seems to get stronger and better every year. Have a joyous holiday season and I'll see you at the Annual Meeting.

June Somers, President

President

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## TOURNAMENTS

**December 04, 2017, Member/Guest, Member/Member Tournament 11:30 AM at Belfair.** This is the last event of the year and it will be a good one. Massage Envy will be providing complimentary assisted stretch services and chair massages before and after golf.

### **Tournament Details through October**

Through October LWGA members have played 754 rounds of golf in ten tournaments. Two tournaments were canceled due to weather. If that was not the case, 986 members would have taken part in our tournaments. Several tournaments were oversubscribed, (good news), and 2 had very poor attendance. Hampton Hall (Stroke Play) and Wexford (Individual LG/LN) (bad news). On 2 occasions we had 2 hole-in-one winners, Jan Kirk and Suki Brainard. Congratulations to each of them.

We are preparing to move to a new software program (Golf Genius) and a new online **entry process** and **credit card payment** for entry fees. A lot of work has been put into these two new initiatives. I want to thank Jan Alpert, Anne Reed and Nancy Sain for all their hard work. Details will be announced soon.

Below are the tournaments scheduled for 2018. The tournament formats will be announced soon.

### **2018 LWGA Schedule**

January 8	Atlantic Dunes
February 5	Berkeley Hall (Pro Appreciation)
March 26	Palmetto Dunes - Fazio Course
April 9th	Moss Creek
May 7	Brays Island
May 14-16	The Golf Club/Indigo Run (Match Play)
June 18	Palmetto Hall (Solheim Salute)
July 16	Country Club of Hilton Head
August 6	Port Royal Barony or Robbers Row
August 27	Hidden Cypress
September 17-18th	Sea Pines (Stroke Play)
October 2	Colleton River
October 22	Dolphin Head
October 29-31	GETAWAY Sea Island
December 3	Belfair (Member/Guest)

We'd love to see a larger turnout for the Stroke Play Tournament in September. Save the dates on your calendar. LWGA members are required to have four playing credits between November 1, 2017 and October 31, 2018. Please read the Standing Rules on [lwgahhi.com](http://lwgahhi.com) for tournament procedures.

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## MAKE PLANS FOR YOUR 2018 TOURNAMENTS

## GETAWAY

2017 was a great Getaway for the LWGA ladies at beautiful Ponte Vedra Inn and Golf. We were able to get all but one team from our wait list into the tournament and ended up with 96 ladies for a fun filled event.

The pro at Ponte Vedra wrote to us and said he does not know if he has ever had a group of happier and more appreciative ladies. Ponte Vedra Inn and Golf did a great job for LWGA and we look forward to returning there in a few years.

We are excited to report on next years' location at Sea Island, a location we have been hoping to secure. The LWGA 2018 Getaway will be October 29, 30, and 31, 2018. It is less than two hours from Bluffton and should be a great venue. We hope to be able to host the same number of teams. More information will follow.

Looking forward to another great LWGA Getaway in 2018!

Susie Sutton and Lori Witz  
Chairs, 2017 Getaway

**Be sure and check out the Getaway photos at the end of this newsletter.**

## MEMBERSHIP

Our October enrollment period has ended. I am delighted to announce that we added 41 new members to our roster bringing our total membership to 298. Please welcome the following ladies to our organization.

<b>BELFAIR</b>	<b>COUNTRY CLUB OF HILTON HEAD</b>	<b>MOSS CREEK</b>
Barbara Brouse	Patti Armstrong	Mary Pat Bonchosky
Kim Fleming	Penny Gray	
Roberta Gaines	Christine Kohlhepp	<b>PINECREST</b>
Donna Gaulke		Connie Eisaman
Lauren Jackson	<b>CRESCENT POINT</b>	
Janet Martin	Lori Price	<b>SANCTUARY AT CAT ISLAND</b>
Peggy Metzger		Kathleen Oelschlager
Ann Pasek	<b>FRIPP ISLAND</b>	
Karen Renshaw	Barbara Hess	<b>SEA PINES</b>
Kathleen Stroh		Nancy Bernasek
Anne Vinci		Linda Bridgers
		Karen McCormick
<b>BERKELEY HALL</b>	<b>GOLF CLUB, INDIGO RUN</b>	Jane Sterne
Sonja Southern	Karen Lucas	
Janet Wright		
<b>COLLETON RIVER</b>	<b>HAIG POINT</b>	<b>SUN CITY</b>
Marsha Conover	Joyce Jackson	Rosario Garcia
Jill Dee	Vicki Rotter	Marion Rock
Eileen Fontaine		
Carol Hammond	<b>HAMPTON HALL</b>	<b>WEXFORD</b>
Patricia MacKay	Martha Sluyter	Lori Queen
Ellen McCann		
Marsha Murphy	<b>LEGENDS, PARIS ISLAND</b>	
Jan Pittelli	Cindy Baumeister	

Kathy LaBonte  
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## COMMUNICATIONS

There has been a lot of change this year and some more coming for 2018 in the tools we use to communicate and support you. Please continue to use the LWGA website, [lwgahhi.com](http://lwgahhi.com), for info on tournaments, bylaws, standing rules, member info, etc.

The USGA is continuing their implementation of Golf Genius. You may be seeing your own home club using this tool. Not all are migrating to it, though. This migration has been a large part of our delay in going to online registration for tournaments.

We are targeting online registration for early 2018. Please utilize your club representatives to stay informed and provide assistance as we implement this important feature of the new website. We will be training your representatives first in use of the online registration. This process will begin at the January brunch.

Some of you have had issues receiving email from the Constant Contact tool we use for e-blasts. Our migration to Golf Genius will provide a new method of sending e-blasts. We will be discontinuing our use of Constant Contact and using the email service within Golf Genius. You should have already been receiving emails from Chris Putnam through Golf Genius.

Nancy Sain

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## 2018 LWGA BOARD NOMINATIONS

I am writing as Chairman of the LWGA Nominating Committee. This is the official notification of the candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee to be voted on by members at the Annual Meeting and Brunch on January 12, 2018. The Committee members were Lori Witz, Mary Jones, Connie Muscarella and Elaine Shayne.

### **10 Elected Positions**

President – Jan Alpert ‘18 MC

Vice President – Chris Putnam ‘18 SC

Secretary – Ellen Schraeder ‘20 BH

Treasurer – Brenda Lozan ‘18 MC

Tournaments – Anne Reed ‘19 DH

Membership – Kathy LaBonte ‘18 PH, MC

Tournament Administration – Christine Marlowe ‘20 CR

Communications – Linnea Wilson ‘20 MC

Social/Prizes – Diana McGlocklin ‘20 LC

Special Events/Getaway – Lori Witz ‘19 GC

### **2 Appointed Positions**

Assistant Tournaments – M J Knight ‘18 BEL

Assistant Special Events/Getaway – Jan Kirk ‘18 CCHH

**Ex-Officio** – June Somers ‘18 PH

Susan (Suki) Brainard

Nominating Committee Chair

















