



# LWGA Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **Welcome all New LWGA Members**

LWGA was founded in 2002 to encourage competitive golf and camaraderie among women golfers in Beaufort County. Although Members are required to have four credits per year, we hope you will choose to play in more tournaments and participate for years to come. We change the selection of courses from year to year based upon the size of the LWGA Membership at each club. Our year is currently November 1 through October 31, so membership renewal does not occur during the holidays when many Members are away. We begin the new year with the Getaway which is presently being rotated among three locations including Sea Island (2018), Amelia Island (2019), and Ponte Vedra (2020). The Get-Away, Match Play in May and Stroke Play in September are two credit events. The Tournament Administrator is selecting the tournament courses for 2019 which will be announced later in the year.

### **Ongoing Communication**

Please use the LWGA website at [lwgahhi.com](http://lwgahhi.com) to find all the current information including the tournament schedule, formats, tee times, tournament results, Member information, photos, newsletters, standing rules, and bylaws. Also watch for emails from the Communication Chair, Linnea Wilson.

### **Online Tournament Registration Began in May**

LWGA began online registration with the May 7<sup>th</sup> tournament at Brays Island. Registration for this first event disclosed several tweaks we need to make to the online registration process. So please be patient as we work through the enhancements. If your credit card transaction does not go through, the Tournament Chair may ask you to bring a check to the tournament you have entered. The PO Box previously used for tournament registration is no longer active.

### **Thank You(s)**

Thank you LWGA Members for your participation in Tournaments. The first six events this year have been full. I also want to thank the board members for their time spent in fulfilling their duties and responsibilities and especially Chris Putnam, Vice President, Anne Reed, Tournament Chair, Linnea Wilson, Communications Chair, and Kathy LaBonte, Membership Chair, who have been especially busy working through the issues involved with the new online tournament registration.

*Jan Alpert, LWGA President*

# TOURNAMENTS

This year, the weather has not been as cooperative as we would have liked. We had 140 ladies sign up for our first event at Atlantic Dunes, only to have the event delayed two weeks because of bad weather. When we did get to play, we played some excellent golf. In the five flights, low gross (better ball of partners) was 72, 77, 80, 81, and 84. Low net was 65, 64, 59, 60, and 60. Good playing! Our second event, Pro Appreciation, at Berkeley Hall, was a big success, both the golf and the social afterwards. The event featured a winning score in the Pros' Competition of 71 by Dana Johnson of The Golf Club, and a hole in one by Ernie Hanewinkel, head pro at Dolphin Head. We thank Berkeley Hall as host club for putting on a great event. Our third tournament, at Palmetto Dunes (Fazio) was played under extreme adverse weather conditions. Unfortunately, it wasn't raining, so we were unable to get the golf club to cancel. The team of Terri Allemang, Kris Berger, MJ Knight, and Renee Rezzetano ran off with the overall win with a neat 138 (two best balls, one gross and one net, not the same ball). For those of you who fought your way through the wind and the cold, great job. We were looking forward to a comeback event at Moss Creek, but rain forced a cancellation. So, we are delighted with our event at Brays Island. It was a treat to see Brays Island and to play a special golf course.

We have transitioned to Golf Genius as our software. You have all noticed the e-mail capabilities of Golf Genius. Golf Genius is becoming the standard USGA golf tournament software, and we are up to speed on its capabilities.

I want to thank Chris Putnam for being so helpful (and patient) as we transitioned the job of Tournament Chair. If Chris was paid five cents an hour, LWGA would be broke. Thanks also to MJ Knight as Assistant Tournament Chair. The Assistant must fight off the "what have I gotten myself into" syndrome as she learns on the fly.

## **Posting Scores**

Some of you have asked about posting LWGA scores as "tournament" scores or not. June Somers chaired a committee that included Chris Putnam, MJ Knight, and myself. We recommended, and the board approved that all our tournaments (except Solheim Cup) should be posted as a "tournament", which is consistent with Women's South Carolina Golf Association and the USGA Handicap Manual.

## **To Speed-Up Play, Pick-Up When Out of the Hole**

As a rule reminder, it came to our attention that some ladies were putting out, even in better ball or two best ball formats, when they were out of the hole. The rule states that:

"If a player starts but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke, she shall record for handicap purposes the score she most likely would have made, not necessarily her maximum."

For pace of play, you are encouraged not to continue to play if you are out of the hole. You may take your most likely or your maximum, whichever is appropriate, as a proper posting for a hole.

## **Wait List and Changes to Pro-Appreciation**

Finally, the Board has reviewed the way that our wait list is handled, and how that relates to Pro Appreciation. The wait list has been unusually long due to the influx of new members, the popularity

of Atlantic Dunes since it was a new venue, and the large number of teams submitted for Pro-Appreciation.

We believe the wait list will decrease throughout the year. We're going to continue the practice of carryover (for automatic entry) to the next tournament a member enters, with the following changes pertaining to Pro-Appreciation. As the number of golf clubs in Beaufort County has grown, we no longer have room for two teams from each participating club.

Individual clubs will manage their team selection and will submit a maximum of two teams for Pro Appreciation. We recommend that the individual clubs manage their own internal wait list, and, should a player need to cancel, the club will pull from that internal wait list.

If a club's second team is submitted, but not selected to play, the members of the second team will receive one credit but will not be placed on the LWGA wait list.

Thanks to all of you for your strong support of LWGA and your input on the myriad of situations that develop in tournament golf and for your understanding!

Thanks to MJ Knight, next year's tournament chair, for her assist with this information.

*Anne Reed, Tournament Chairman*

## MEMBERSHIP

April was new member enrollment month. I am pleased to welcome 22 ladies to our organization. As of April 30, we have 319 LWGA members. Below are our new members by club.

Belfair - 2 new members: Sheryl Morin and Irene Snowberger  
Colleton River - 4 new members: Melanie Andrews, Grace Chu, Susan Clark and Sherry Steele  
Country Club of Hilton Head - 2 new members: Bettie Bowman and Linda Marett  
Dolphin Head - 1 new member: Laurie Johnson  
Fripp Island - 2 new members: Melissa Dickens and Barbara Kudwa  
Haig Point - 1 new member: Elaine Donohoe  
Long Cove - 2 new members: Sandy McKnight and Orysia Meyers  
Moss Creek - 2 new members: Nicki Slusser and Mary Ann Weiss  
Oyster Reef - 1 member: Melissa Folk  
Palmetto Hall - 1 member: Mary Ann Worley  
Pinecrest - 1 member: Sharon Higney  
Sea Pines - 1 member: Nancy Donovan  
Sun City - 2 members: Lola Bradshaw and Deanna Childers

On a sad note, long time LWGA member Nancy Luzak passed away on May 3, 2018. Our prayers go out to her friends and family. She will be missed.

*Kathy LaBonte, Membership Chairman*

# GET-AWAY

As all of you know, the LWGA, Fall Get-Away is scheduled for October 29, 30 & 31<sup>st</sup> at the renowned Sea Island Resort.

The response to this year's event was unlike anything we have experienced. We filled the field of 96 players within 24 hours. (Jan Kirks mail box was overflowing with applications!)

Jan and I look forward to another great Get-Away with a lot of fun things planned. In the meantime, we are already planning next year's event at the Omni Resort on Amelia Island.

*Lori Witz and Jan Kirk, Get-Away Co-Chairs*

# COMMUNICATIONS

It has been an exciting year so far in terms of progress made in the tools we use to support and communicate with the membership of LWGA.

The website ([lwgahhi.com](http://lwgahhi.com)) contains everything you need to know about our organization, our fellow members and our exciting tournaments. We have been adding new photographs under both the Tournament tab (Events) and the News tab (Candid) so you can share in events that you might not have been able to attend. We have made it easier for you to recover your password; we all have so many to remember these days!

The most exciting change was finally going live with online tournament registration for Brays Island. While we had some minor learning curve issues, it was an overall success which was long in the making. With your help, we uncovered some back-end issues that were quickly addressed. Moving forward this process should become second nature to everyone.

The website is programmed to allow each member to designate one primary home course in their LWGA profile. Members who belong to more than one LWGA affiliated club with a cart plan need to e-mail either myself or Kathy LaBonte prior to signing up for a tournament at one of their additional clubs to get the member pricing. We will then revert the membership back to the primary club once the tournament has passed.

Golf Genius is our e-blast communications tool. We continue to have some delivery issues due to either a member's internet or email provider's security settings. We have found that setting up a new email address (for example with gmail) has solved the delivery issues. Please inform the Membership Chair (Kathy LaBonte) and the Tournament Chair (Anne Reed) whenever you change your email so that we can ensure that both of our critical systems are aligned.

Thank you all for your patience and support as we continue to improve our communications tools that keep you informed of all the exciting LWGA news!

*Linnea Wilson, Communications Chair*

# MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**Flight 1 and Overall Champions – Kris Berger & Renee Rezzetano**



**Flight 2 Champions – Lori Witz & Lori Delaney**



**Flight 3 Champions – Annette Hausman & Kay Williams**





**Flight 4 Champions – Kate Warr & Anita Jewell**

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**Flight 5 Champions – Linda McCarron & Joy McGavisk**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO RUNNERS-UP**

Flight 1 – Karen Feree & Susie Sutton

Flight 2 – Suzee Louis & Cynthia Odell

Flight 3 – Anita Barreca & Mary Pat Bonchosky

Flight 4 – Debbie Lowman & Mary Ann Weiss

Flight 5 – Karen Lucas & Marcia Murphy

# UP NEXT THE SOLHEIM SOLUTE – JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

Great memories from the Solheim Solute of 2017...don't miss this year! June 18<sup>th</sup> at Palmetto Hall! Registration starts May 28<sup>th</sup>.



