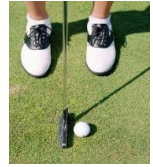




# LWGA Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **Hello, Ladies:**

I hope all our Members and loved ones are staying healthy and able to enjoy some golf in this beautiful Spring weather. How fortunate we are to be here in the Lowcountry now of all times.

I want to assure you that the Board of LWGA is closely monitoring all updates from Governor McMaster, the CDC, and our fellow Golf Associations and Member Clubs. The restrictions and recommendations seem to change daily, which is challenging for everyone. Thank you for your understanding with the necessary changes in scheduled events.

Unfortunately, we have just received notice that Hampton Hall cannot host our Solheim Salute Tournament in June. Please see the Tournaments Section below for additional information. We will continue to move forward with the schedule shown and communicate any updates as quickly as possible. Once play is resumed, we will coordinate with our Host Clubs on upcoming events to ensure that we are compliant with recommended COVID-19 guidelines in effect at that time.

LWGA's Board of Governors met this week via Zoom and I have a few updates to share with you:

**Credit Requirements are waived for 2020.** These are unusual times, and with the uncertainty of how and when things might return to "normal," our members are concerned with more important things than earning LWGA credits. The Board has voted in favor of waiving the Credit Requirement for the 2020 Membership year for both current members and new members who enrolled this Spring. We will return to regular credit requirements for the Membership year 2021.

**Limited walking in tournaments is being explored.** While planning to resume tournaments, we realize that we may have social-distancing restrictions in place for some time. If players are restricted to one per cart, this will negatively impact the field size for any event. LWGA Standing Rules require all players to ride in carts, but the Board is in favor of allowing a limited number of **volunteer walkers**, with approval by both the host Club and Tournament Chair. This exception will not affect tournament entry fees (**no discounted fee for walkers**) and will be reviewed on an event by event basis through the end of 2020. Our objective is to maximize field size while being mindful of pace of play.

**The Getaway at Ponte Vedra** scheduled dates are October 26 – 28, 2020, five months from now, and it is still too early to determine whether this favorite group event will go on as planned. Registration dates were previously pushed out to June, and registration is now being delayed again. The Board will meet in June and decide whether to move forward based upon updated information and on travel and social distancing guidelines. If the decision is to move ahead, registration will take place in July. Watch for more information in June.

The LWGA **Nominating Committee** will be forming soon to identify potential LWGA Board Members for 2021 and beyond. This year's Committee Chair will be Jan Alpert. Please consider volunteering!

I wish to extend a sincere welcome to our new Members who enrolled this past month. I hope to see you and returning members soon!

*MJ Knight, LWGA President*

## TOURNAMENTS

We were just informed that the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Solheim Salute tournament at Hampton Hall has been canceled due to the club's extension of their ban on guests/outside tournaments through June. This cancellation is in addition to the tournaments already canceled: March at Oldfield, April at Dolphin Head, May at The Golf Club (rescheduled) and July at Haig Point.

Our next planned tournament is our Match Play Championship on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at The Golf Club which was rescheduled from May. Currently, most of our participating clubs are not hosting outside tournaments and no venue is yet to be guaranteed. However, as soon as we are fortunate to be able to go forward with our first tournament, it will be held with the latest recommended practices of the USGA and regional golf associations. These safety practices may include leaving the flag in the hole, having volunteer walkers if carts are in short supply, a box to deposit scorecards, and anything to support contactless golf and avoidance of congregations of people. I am sure we are all practicing these safety measures at our courses now. Any specific special practices that are needed to facilitate future tournaments will be outlined and put in place as needed, after discussions and agreement with the host club.

Below is our remaining planned 2020 tournament schedule:

July 13, 14, 15	Match Play Championship	The Golf Club
August 3	Individual Low Gross/Net	Belfair
August 24	Pick your Partner, BB/2	Long Cove
September 16&17	Stroke Play Championship	Colleton River
October 12	2BB/4, Committee Paired	Callawassie
October 26-28	Getaway	Ponte Vedra
November 9	Pick Your Partner/Stableford	Wexford
December 9	Member-Guest/Member-Member	Berkeley Hall

Please note that the event on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Belfair is a reschedule of the February 21<sup>st</sup> event that was cancelled due to inclement weather.

We hope to see many of you out there soon.

*Robin McPhillips, Tournament Chairman*

## MEMBERSHIP

April was new member enrollment month. I am pleased to welcome 17 ladies to our organization. As of May 15th, we now have 332 LWGA members. New members are listed below.

Marinell Altizer	Moss Creek
Linda Barkalow	Sun City
Carroll Charbonneau	GC of Indigo Run
Kitty Corcoran	CC of Hilton Head
Dawn Crocco	Crescent Pointe
Sarah Frech	Colleton River
Nannette Hoadley	Long Cove
Debbie Melnychuk	Hampton Hall
Sue Morris	Sun City
Laura Noonan	Dolphin Head

Georgene Risko	Moss Creek
Lise Shanahan	Berkeley Hall
Donna Smorol	CC of Hilton Head
Doris Tancredi	Colleton River
Sandy Tew	Berkeley Hall
Paddy Trombetta	GC of Indigo Run

Our next new member enrollment period will be November 15th through December 15<sup>th</sup>.

On a sad note, long time LWGA member (2005-2019) Bobbie Callaway passed away on March 22, 2020. Bobbie loved to golf with family and her favorite golfing buddies in the Sun City Women's golf group, LWGA and SC Women's Golf Association. During her six-year battle with stage four Lymphoma, she became a published author of a book, *You Only Need One*, written to support the importance of kidney transplants.

Our prayers go out to her friends and family.

***Amelia Howe, Membership Chairman***