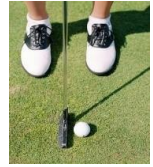




# LWGA Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Greetings from your President

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.

For tournament year 2020, we will open renewal early in September and it will run through October 20th. The tournament year will begin 11/1/19 and run through 12/31/20. Then in 2021...the tournament year will be the calendar year. The Tournament Administrator is selecting the tournament courses for 2020 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.

*Chris Putnam, LWGA President*

## TOURNAMENTS

It's been a busy year! We've held 12 Tournaments plus the Getaway through October, with the Wexford Individual Stableford just played and the Colleton River and the Member-Guest/Member-Member still to come!

The 2-Day Stroke Play Championship, a Major for LWGA, was held at Moss Creek September 17-18. It was a week of turbulent weather, and we thought we might be facing a cancellation or shortened event, but the storm clouds miraculously parted the morning of Round 1 and we were able to get underway with only a 90-minute delay. Karen Ferree got off to a blazing start shooting a solid 76 on Day 1 and held the lead to the wire on day 2 with a Total of 156! This is Karen's second time bringing home the Stroke Play Championship Trophy. Great win, Karen! And Congratulations to Flight Champions Robin McPhillips, Mary Pat Bonchosky, Anita Jewell and Joy McGavisk!

This year's Getaway at Amelia Island was a blast! Jan Kirk and Mary Jane (the other MJ) Peebles did an outstanding job of planning, coordinating and hosting this year's event. From the Opening Reception and our Ocean Front rooms to the last round of Golf and the Awards Luncheon, a great time was had by all. If you haven't yet attended one of these trips, don't miss out next year!

The 2020 schedule is nearly set, and it's a great one. A "Save the Date" email blast has already been sent out and the schedule of dates is loaded on the LWGA website. Simply click on the "Schedule" box on the Home Page on the Website or go to "Tournaments" and then select "Schedule" in the menu on the left. A final version, complete with Registration Dates and Formats, will follow soon.

You've no doubt been hearing about the World Handicap System (WHS) and are wondering what that will mean to you. Robin McPhillips, Assistant Tournament Chair, and I attended one of the Seminars put on by Carolinas GHIN support. There are many elements to the new rules, too many to list here, but these are some key takeaways from the LWGA perspective:

- 1) The WHS System goes into effect on January 1. GHIN will close from January 1-6 for implementation, so **we'll be using December 15 handicaps for the Harbour Town event on January 6<sup>th</sup>.**
- 2) A player should submit their score as soon as possible on the day of play, after completion of their round and preferably before midnight. **Unless otherwise announced, LWGA posts scores for all events.**
- 3) Handicaps will be updated daily. For tournament management purposes, **we'll pick a day on which to base handicaps for a tournament. This will be tied to setting the flights, approximately 7 days prior to the event.**
- 4) Posting scores
  - a. **Maximum hole score is limited to a Net Double Bogey vs. Equitable Stroke Control.** Calculation: Par + 2 + any handicap strokes the player receives.
  - b. There are 3 options to designate scores for posting: H-Home; A-Away; C-Competition Score – a structured event. **LWGA tournaments will be posted as "C" Scores.**
  - c. A Player must complete a minimum of 14 holes (vs. current 13) to post an 18-hole round. The remaining holes would be scored as net par.
- 5) Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC). When abnormal conditions cause scores to be unusually high or low on a given day, a Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) will adjust score differentials to better reflect the player's actual performance. If posted on the day of play, any adjustment is based on a minimum of 8 completed rounds for that course and day. Adjustments are reflected in the following day's update and are done automatically in the system. **If we were to have extremely difficult conditions and scores were unusually high for one of our tournaments and all scores are posted by midnight, it would be possible to see an adjustment in the score differentials reflected the following day.** Any change would be conservative, -1, +2, etc.

Again, these are just some highlights. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about the WHS from your home clubs over the next several weeks.

I've enjoyed getting to know many of you as Tournament Chairman and look forward to meeting our new Members at upcoming events.

Thanks for your awesome participation and enthusiasm!

*MJ Knight, Tournament Chairman*

# MEMBERSHIP

April was new member enrollment month. I am pleased to welcome 19 ladies to our organization. As of April 30, we now have 336 LWGA members.

New members are listed below.

Joanne Aldrich	Fripp Island
Mary Brickner	Sea Pines CC
Laura Collins	Moss Creek
Becky Denny	Haig Point
Betsy Epply	Hampton Hall
Kim Gallant	Sun City
Wendy Hackford	Oyster Reef
Katherine Harvey	Colleton River
Karen Harvey	Belfair
Karen Hochgesang	Dolphin Head
Diane Hynes	Colleton River
Terry Jacklin	Colleton River, May River
Carrie Maglich	The Golf Club at Indigo Run
Janice Pilch	Belfair
Mary Reagan	Sea Pines CC
Annie Robinson	Berkeley Hall
Elaine Spear	Berkeley Hall
Sandra Stahlke	Belfair
Faye Varga	Belfair

On a sad note, long time special LWGA member Walton Boatwright Horton passed away on January 1, 2019. Walton contributed much of her life to women's golf in the State of South Carolina. She was an outstanding golfer winning many tournaments in the Carolinas. She was the past president of the Women's SC Golf Association, the Women's Carolinas Golf Association, Chairwomen of the Women's SC Match Play Championship which she also hosted the tournament for many years, the tournament is now named in her honor. She was inducted into the SC Golf Hall of Fame in 1985. Our prayers go out to her friends and family.

*Amelia Howe, Membership Chairman*

# GET-AWAY

We are closing the books on another wonderful LWGA golf getaway. Thanks to everyone who participated and made this such a fun event! Photos have been posted on the website of the flight winners.

We appreciate the attendees who took time to complete the online survey to provide feedback and wanted to share the survey results below.

The following questions and answers were based on a 5-point rating scale with 5 being the highest rating.

How would you rate your stay at the Omni hotel? (4.4)

How would you rate the cocktail reception? (4.2)

How would you rate the awards luncheon? (4.3)

How would you rate Long Point golf course? (4.7)

How would you rate the Oak Marsh golf course? (3.9)

How would you rate the breakfast buffet? (4.9)

How would you rate the communications you received prior to the getaway? (4.9)

How would you rate your getaway experience overall? (4.7)

What 3 things did you enjoy most about the getaway? Top three responses listed below:

1. The golf courses especially Long Point
2. Time with friends and meeting new friends
3. The Omni Resort amenities and Ocean Front rooms

What can we do to improve your getaway experience? Top three responses listed below:

1. Improve process for securing drink tickets
2. Utilize one large room for cocktail reception
3. Speed up awards luncheon/scoring

**Be sure and save the dates (October 26th -28th) for our 2020 LWGA Getaway in Ponte Vedra!**

*Jan Kirk and Mary Jane Peebles, Get-Away Co-Chairs*

# COMMUNICATIONS

What an improvement in just one year! Our on-line tournament entry system seems like “old news” now. We still do encounter some issues, so we feel it never hurts to reinforce some key pints for all our members – both new and seasoned veterans!

We have two layers of security on protecting our personal data linked to our LWGA website. We have a layer of security on the website itself and an additional security layer that protects the credit card data when we process the tournament entries. Both systems are top rated, and we feel very confident that we have our information well protected.

Your personal account data is found under the membership tab. It is only visible to you. It is important that you look at the account data frequently for the following reasons:

- Ensure that the credit card you have on file has an expiration date at least three months out into the future. If that card is expiring in under three months, it won't be accepted by the system when processing a tournament.
- When you need to update your credit card OR add a new credit card you must first enter the new card (all the data even if you are only updating the expiration date), make that new card your “main” card by putting the check mark next to it THEN delete the old card. Finally hit the Update Billing Info button as your last step.
- We can only accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards; NOT American Express which would have additional expenses to LWGA.
- Confirmation of the tournaments you have entered can be found at the very bottom of your account detail page.

All tournaments and our Annual Meeting will be handled with the online “tournament” registration. Only new membership (April and October), membership renewal (October) and the Getaway will remain on mailed in forms with checks due to the complexity of those processes.

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

*Linnea Wilson, Communications Chair*

# ANNUAL MEETING AND BRUNCH

Our Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held at 10:30 a.m. **Friday, January 10th at Belfair Plantation, Bluffton.** Prior to the meeting there will also be a Club Representative meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. for Club Reps only. This is a great opportunity to meet your LWGA Board members.

This year the Board is extremely excited to announce that Julie Cole, LPGA Top 50 Instructor, will be our speaker. She will present a 40-minute overview on "Competitive Advantage". This will be followed by a Q&A.

The cost to attend the Brunch will be \$25.00. Registration will open on December 16, 2019 on the LWGA website, under tournaments, to register and pay by credit cards. You must register by December 30<sup>th</sup> to attend this wonderful event. The "field" is limited to 138 members and we had a wait list last year, so sign up early!

**This is a Brunch you won't want to miss!**

*Diana McGlocklin, Social/Prizes Chair*

# 2020 LWGA BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee included Jan Alpert, chair and June Somers who are both past-presidents and three other LWGA Members, Renee Rezzetano, Bonnie Caldwell, and Gerri Albert, as required by Article 8 of the LWGA ByLaws. I want to thank the Nominating Committee for their time and recommendations.

Below is notice of the slate of LWGA Officers and Board of Governors for 2020 which will be voted on by LWGA Members at the Annual Meeting and Brunch on January 10, 2020 at Belfair. I want to thank everyone who has agreed to serve on the LWGA Board of Governors next year and subsequent years. LWGA requires a number of volunteer positions to operate the organization so that you, LWGA Members, can compete in several golf tournaments each year and socialize with other golfers in Beaufort County. Please note that many of our Member Clubs are represented as Officers, Committee Chairs, or Assistants.

## **Slate for LWGA 2020 Board of Governors**

### **10 Elected Positions**

President: M. J. Knight—Belfair (2020)

Vice President: Ellen Schraeder—Berkeley Hall (2020)

Secretary: Marilyn Zeleznik—Palmetto Hall (2020–2021)

Treasurer: Anne Reed—Dolphin Head (2020-2022)

Tournament Chair: Robin McPhillips—Sea Pines (2020–2021)

Membership: Amelia Howe—Long Cove (2020-2021)

Tournament Administration/Handicap: Christine Marlowe—Colleton River (2020)

Communication Chair: Linnea Wilson—Moss Creek (2020)

Social/Prizes Chair: Diana McGlocklin—Long Cove (2020)

Special Events Chair: M. J. Peebles—Hampton Hall (2020–2021)

**Past President/Ex-Officio:** Chris Putnam—Sun City (2020)

### **5 Appointed Positions:**

Assistant Tournament Chair: Meg Woodruff —Belfair (2020-2022)

Assistant Tournament Administrator: Jan Kirk—CCHH (2020-2022)

Assistant Social/Prizes Chair: Marcia Murphy—Golf Club (2020-2021)

Assistant Special Events Chair: Ginny Hackbert—Colleton River (2020-2022)

Assistant Communication Chair: Cheryl Moore—Port Royal (2020-2022)

# 2020 LWGA SCHEDULE

## LWGA 2020 TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

(Formats to be Announced at the Annual Meeting  
and will be posted at LWGA Website at [lwgahhi.com](http://lwgahhi.com))

Dates	Locations	Events/Formats
December 6	Colleton River	Member-Guest Member-Member Followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
January 6	Harbour Town	
January 10	Belfair	Annual Meeting Brunch
January 21	Belfair	
February 17	CCHH	Pro-Appreciation Golf with Pro & Cocktail Party
March 16	Oldfield	
April 6	Dolphin Head	
May 18,19 & 20	Golf Club at Indigo Run	Match Play Championship
June 22	Hampton Hall	Solheim Salute with Buffet Lunch
July TBD	Haig Point	Golf with Cookout
August 24	Long Cove	
September 16 & 17	Colleton River	Stroke Play Championship
October 12	Callawassie	
October 26-28	Ponte Vedra	Getaway
November 9	Sea Pines	
December 9	Berkeley Hall	Member-Guest Member-Member Followed by cocktails and hors d'oeuvres



# STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

**First Flight Winner and Overall Champion  
Karen Ferree**



**Second Flight Winner – Robin McPhillips**



**Third Flight Winner – Mary Pat Bonchosky**



**Fourth Flight Winner – Anita Jewel**



**Fifth Flight Winner – Joy McGavisk**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO RUNNERS-UP**

First Flight – Rhonda Demuth

Second Flight – Jennifer Hubble

Third Flight – Nicki Slusser

Fourth Flight – Carol Pistolessi

Fifth Flight – Connie Eisaman