

# WEST SEATTLE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

(July 2023)



Greetings fellow golfers! Summer is finally here! I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we don't have a bad fire season and the smoke from all the fires burning in Canada...stays in Canada.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

We have crossed the century mark and now have 108 members! Last year we had 94 members at the end of the season. Please join me in welcoming Carolyn Isaacs, Kat Coelho, Donna Evans, Julie Oliver, Laurel Robinson, Miki Dodge, Nancy Rogers and Tina Winn. We are pleased that you have decided to join us and look forward to meeting you out on the course!

### **PHISHING SCAMS (FAKE EMAILS)**

I recently sent an email out to all members warning that phishing scams are targeting WSWGC members. These ingenious scammers are sending emails that, at first glance, appear to be legitimate from "Kelly Larson" or "other" WSWGC members but are in fact phishing scams sent from bogus email addresses.

If you receive a "suspicious" email, especially if it asks for gifts cards, **do not reply** to the email sender and **do not click** on the email address. If you have the opportunity to report the email as a phishing scam, please do so. If you're not sure if an email is from a member of the club, double check the address listed in the Membership Roster.

We will be testing the Golf Genius program to send out club correspondence in the near future – it is a secure platform that the WSGC has been using for years without issues. **Please note** emails will come from "Wendy Gapp" <[noreply@golfgenius.com](mailto:noreply@golfgenius.com)>.

### **WA GOLF CLUB SPOTLIGHT – WSWGC**

WA Golf is currently in the process of spotlighting various clubs in Washington and is planning on featuring the West Seattle Women's Golf Club! WA Golf reps are scheduled to come out to the golf course on Tuesday, July 11th and shoot some videos and take pictures of our members playing in the tournament. They are hoping to create a short video (1-3 minutes) to post on social media as a part of their club spotlight campaign (photos will be used to supplement the video and additional content). I plan on escorting the film crew around the golf course, so please let me know if you do not wish to be filmed. Go Foxes!

### **HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB**

Wendy will be creating a dedicated page on the WSWGC website to showcase a Hole-In-One (HIO) made by any WSWGC member. The HIO can be from any time period, any course. Please submit to Wendy ([wensydue@gmail.com](mailto:wensydue@gmail.com)) a picture (if available) along with the following info:

1. Course Name
2. Hole Number
3. Yardage of Hole
4. Club Selection
5. Date

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### **2024 OPEN BOARD POSITIONS**

Although we are only half way through the season, I wanted to give everyone plenty of time to think about volunteering to be on the WSWGC Board next year. Being on the board is a great way to learn more about golf in general, as well as our club. The following positions, along with a brief description of duties, will need to be filled in 2024:

- **Assistant Captain**: Performs the duties of Captain in the Captain's absence and works with the Head Pro on rules issues. The following year (2025), the Assistant Captain automatically becomes Captain of the Club.
- **Handicap Chair**: Maintains club records in the GHIN system, communicates handicap information to club members and works with the handicap committee to ensure handicaps are fair and accurate.
- **Online/Sign-Up Chair**: Maintains the online tee time sign-up program and communicates weekly signups to the pro shop. (*Note: Phoebe is willing to remain in the position with a backup member in 2024 so the other person could transition easily into 2025*)
- **GSPGA (City/State) Representative**: Communicates to all club members the Greater Seattle Women's Public Golf Association (GSPGA) tournament schedules and coordinates tournament sign-up's by WSWGC members for each GSPGA event.
- **Social Chair**: Plans themes and snacks for club tournaments, assists with the year-end banquet planning and coordinates (with the WS Food & Beverage Manager) food & drink specials for club events.
- **GSPGA Tournament Director**: Preforms the duties of Tournament Director for the Greater Seattle Women's Public Golf Association (GSPGA). Currently there are ten member clubs, including the WSWGC, and the GSPGA Board/Directors positions are filled by members from each club on a rotating basis. This year the GSPGA President, Treasurer and Team Captain are from our club and (thankfully) next year we are only on the hook to provide a Tournament Director. Although it is not required, 2 volunteers would be ideal – one to act as the Director and the other as an assistant.

More detailed descriptions of duties can be found on our website under the "WSWGC Board" tab. Also, I'm sure the "incumbents" would be more than happy to answer any questions you may have regarding their duties. As the former Handicap Chair, Assistant Captain and now Capitan, my experience has been fun and rewarding! Let me know if you want to become more active in the club and volunteer to fill one of the positions.

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### **MEMBER SURVEY**

The WSWGC Board recently discussed whether the All-Member Meeting/Year-End Banquet should be held in November or December, with no final decision made. Historically the banquet/luncheon has been held in December with a "Holiday" theme for the party. In the past several years though, it has been held in November to allow more members to attend prior to their migration south for the winter. Instead of the WSWGC Board choosing the date, it was decided that the entire membership should have input on choosing the date. The survey will be posted in the locker room and close at the end of the day on July 24th. If you will be out of town between now and July 24th and/or won't be able indicate your preference on the survey sheet, please send me an email with your preference.

### **2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

For several years now, our membership fee has remained the same while club expenses have increased each year (the GHIN expense alone increased \$3.00 per member this year). In order to keep up with rising costs, the WSWGC Board voted in January to increase membership dues by \$5.00 + processing/transaction fees. Starting in 2024, membership dues will be \$95.00 (which includes the transaction fee charged by WA Golf or the WSWGC processing fee if paying by check).

One last thing...We are looking at having a Saturday tournament in September (this will be in addition to the Par 3 tournament scheduled for Sep 12<sup>th</sup>). Stay tuned for more details...

Happy Golfing!

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