

# WEST SEATTLE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

## YEAR END NEWSLETTER

(December 2023)



Greetings fellow golfers! Before I get to all the info in my last newsletter, I want to first let everyone know it has truly been an honor to serve as your Captain. I've found the experience of leading an all-volunteer/non-profit organization to be challenging (at times) but very rewarding! As the saying goes...it takes a village to succeed and I thank all of you for your support, encouragement and sage advice throughout the year!

### **END OF SEASON LUNCHEON**

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, forty-one members attended the WSWG End of Season Luncheon. The festivities kicked-off with a social hour where members enjoyed a few cocktails, cruised the gear swap table and shopped the bargains on pro shop merchandise. After lunch, an all-member meeting was held highlighted by the unanimous election of the following 2024 Officers, Chairs and Representatives:

- Captain – Kim Depew
- Assistant Captain – Margaret Smith (new)
- Secretary – Becky Pierce
- Treasurer – Shari Lewis
- Handicap Chair – Yolanda Christianson (new)
- Membership Chair – Diane Lasko
- Weekly Competition Chair – Barb Strecker
- Tournament Chair – Sachie Nitta
- Online Sign-up Chair – Jane Sogge (new)
- Website Chair – Wendy Gapp
- Social Chair – Maureen (Mo) Kennelly (new)
- Sunshine Chair – Ruthi Winter
- GSWPGA (City) Representative – Lindy Gaylord (new)
- GSWPGA Team Representative – Nicole Stone
- WA Golf Representative – Roma Rowland
- Past Captain – Kelly Larson

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve on the board next year! Also, many thanks to Mo Kennelly and Shari Lewis for their assistance in coordinating the event, Jamie Pendergrass and his restaurant staff for providing the yummy lunch and Colin Gants for the discounted merchandise! **For those of you who missed the meeting**, Barb Strecker provided the list of year-end award winners (which is attached to the email and posted in the locker room) and I've included important information passed at the meeting in this newsletter.

### **ADOPTION OF NEW LOCAL RULE**

The votes are in and the local rule for Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens has been adopted! I received 52 total email votes with 50 members voting in favor and 2 voting in opposition. Both the Standing Rules and Rules Guide have been amended to include this new rule and copies of both documents are posted in the locker room and on our website. Click here to view/print the documents:

<https://westseattlewomensgolfclub.com/club-news/> . Speaking of rules...check out the new "Golf Rules" tab on our website. There you will find links to great videos explaining various rules. They are only 2-5 minutes long and are very helpful!

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## **2024 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

Diane Lasko (Membership Chair) will be sending out an email soon to all members with renewal instructions for the 2024 season. As mentioned earlier this year, the membership fee will increase to \$90. To help streamline the way the club processes membership dues, we are encouraging everyone to renew their membership for the 2024 season via the secure WA Golf website. Another good reason to renew online, WA Golf is no longer charging a \$5 transaction fee! Again, stay tuned for Diane's email.

## **MEMBER SURVEY**

Thank you to all 50 members who completed the year end surveys and to everyone who submitted comments/feedback! To view the survey results on our website click here:

<https://westseattlewomensgolfclub.com/member-surveys/>. The next step is the formation of a committee to analyze the survey data and comments then propose any recommendations for improvement to the 2024 Board. Kim Depew (2024 Captain) will be heading the committee and will be sending an email out soon seeking volunteers to be on the committee with her.

## **WINTER GOLF**

For those of you die-hard golfers, Colin has secured for us 3 tee times on Tuesday's (starting at 10:02 am) for those who would like to golf with other members throughout the winter. Don't worry, if more than 12 people show up the pro shop will work to fit us all in. There is no need to sign-up in advance, just show up at the course and sign-up at the pro shop counter (there will be a sheet with blanks for all 3 tee times for members to pick the time and/or partners you would like to play with).

## **GSWPGA TEAM (MATCH PLAY) RESULTS**

Out of the 8 women's golf clubs who participated in the match play competitions this year (West Seattle, Mt Si, Jefferson, Evergreen, Bellevue, Jackson, Maplewood and Riverbend), WS finished overall 3<sup>rd</sup> in Net and 4<sup>th</sup> in Gross! Congratulations to all those who played for our club and thank you to Nicole Stone who did a fabulous job as Team Captain!

## **ONE LAST THING**

I would be remis if I didn't thank the following 2023 WSWG Officers, Chairs and Representatives for their support and assistance throughout the year: Kim Depew, Maureen Kennelly, Becky Pierce, Shari Lewis, Jennifer Broadstone, Diane Lasko, Barb Stecker, Sachie Nitta, Phoebe Mendes, Wendy Gapp, Kathi Roberston, Pam Lang, Ruthi Winter, Maggie Anthony, Nicole Stone and Roma Rowland. **You truly are the backbone of the club and do the bulk of work to keep our club running smoothly! Thank you!**

Happy Holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone on the course next year!

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*Newsletter Editor: Jennifer Broadstone – thank you!*