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Through The Green

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President's Message

With spring comes the start of the tournament season and we got 2008 off to a great start with a very successful Team Challenge I. Under the leadership of Debbie Stowe, Director in Charge, 224 women had a wonderful time at La Rinconada and San Jose Country Clubs. Be sure to look for the names of the winners and their photos on page 6 of this newsletter. Next will be the 18-59ers Tournament at Round Hill and Moraga Country Clubs on April 15 and 16 and the month finishes up with the Sassy Sixties. There were 154 teams that wanted the opportunity to play at Napa Valley and Green Valley Country Clubs but only 112 will have the opportunity. We will announce the winners and include their pictures from these two events in the next issue of *Through the Green*



By now you've received two Constant Comment e-mails from me. These are going to all the women who get their GHIN revisions through monthly e-mails. If you don't get e-mail revisions, but you would like to stay up-to-date about WGANC activities, you can call the office at 925-737-0963

and give them your e-mail address. I will be sending out Constant Comment e-mails regularly throughout the year.

We also have lots of Open Days scheduled for this spring. If you have never played one, you are missing out on a fabulous opportunity. As a first for WGANC, we have a Saturday Open Day scheduled on May 31 at Plumas Lake Country Club. This is an opportunity for our working members to come and experience a special benefit of your WGANC membership. Look for the sign-up sheets at your club. You can also find the list of all Open Days on pages 79-81 of the Green Book. The list is also on the Master Calendar link on our web site at www.wganc.com.

Cherrie Anderson
WGANC President

RULES SEMINAR DATES AND LOCATIONS

There is still time to attend a WGANC sponsored Rules Seminar!
Note the following locations and try to attend. Rules are important and knowing them can keep you from receiving a penalty unnecessarily or even being disqualified from an event!

Remember, knowing the rules is YOUR responsibility!

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 23

SOUTH VALLEY • Fort Washington CC
and
PENINSULA • Almaden Country Club

THURSDAY - APRIL 24

SAN FRANCISCO • Lake Merced Country Club

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 30

CENTRAL VALLEY • Brookside Country Club

WEDNESDAY - MAY 7

MONTEREY • Salinas Country Club

HOLES-IN-ONE

Our members are golfing well - there have been 50 hole-in-one pins sent to members since January 1, 2008.

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86 Years Young

Dee Winn, Secretary, Assistant Tournament Director

Have I aroused your curiosity with the title of this article? So, what are you doing the week of May 19-22, 2008? Why not get together a group of your “gal pals” and head south to the Fresno area to Kings Country Club in Hanford. Of course, the purpose of the get-a-way is to play in the 86th Women’s Golf Association of California Championship. Last year’s Champion, Juvy Timan from Pasatiempo Golf Club, will be there to defend her title.

This tournament is open to players from northern and southern California and is a jointly run tournament with the Women’s Golf Association of Northern California and our southern counterparts, the Women’s Southern California Golf Association. This is the north’s year to host the event and we

would be most pleased to see a big group of northern players enter the tournament. If you are a big fan of match play, this is right up your alley. Day one is the qualifying round and is 18-hole stroke play and at the end of the day you will know which flight you will be in for the match play portion of the tournament. Day two the matches begin. If, by chance, you are eliminated before the final matches you can still enjoy the event – one of your “gal pals” might like for you to caddie for her.

On Sunday, May 18, the North/South Teams compete against each other. In 2007, the southern team fared a lot better than the northern team, the outcome being that the south won by a score of 9 to 3. If you came early, the team would greatly appreciate having a rooting section following their every move. Think seriously about being a spectator for this day of fun and frustration for all the players, both north and south. April 7 is the first day for accepting entries and the closing date is April 21. Linda Arens, Tournament Director, is the Director in Charge of this tournament and I know she would be thrilled to receive many entries from our WGANC clubs in the north.

After your day on the course, you may want to visit the outlet stores in nearby Tulare or check out Fresno, 30 minutes away. The city of Fresno has all the amenities of a large city. The weather should be ideal—the long, hot summer valley heat should not have yet arrived. All of us from WGANC would love to see you attend and some of us will be there to greet each and every one of you and do what we can to make your adventure an enjoyable one.

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2008 Tournament Schedule

Champion of Champions – May 12-13 – Eagle Ridge
WGAC State Championship – May 19-22 – Kings Country Club
Stroke Play – June 10-12 – Castlewood/Diablo/Crow Canyon
Swingin’ Seniors – June 25-26 – Auburn and Lake of the Pines
Hers ’n His – August 20-21 – Stockton and Elkhorn
Match Play – September 29-October 2 – Saddle Creek
Classic – October 8-9 – Wilcox Oaks
Team Challenge II – October 21-22 – Catta Verdera and El Macero

Make plans now to participate in the 2008 tournaments. Note both date and location changes for some of the tournaments scheduled for this year. We hope to see you at an event in 2008!

Forms can be downloaded from our web site at www.wganc.com; or from your Green Books that should be at your clubs.



Using the Rules Book

Elvie Blanchard, Rules Director

Historians do not agree as to the origin of golf. Some say the Chinese invented the game, while others attribute it to the Dutch. However, there is no disagreement as to where modern golf originated and that, of course, is Scotland in the 15th century when two laws were written prohibiting golf because it was interfering with archery practice and, therefore, the protection of the realm. There is also no disagreement as to where the Rules of Golf originated.

1744 – The first Rules were written consisting of 13 articles or laws. They were written by the Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers for a tournament open to all players in the British Isles and Ireland. This group later became the Society of St Andrews Golfers and in 1834, when King William IV became their patron, the club was renamed The Royal and Ancient Society of St. Andrews. The rest, as they say, is history.

1888 – The R & A introduced the first Etiquette section

1894 – The USGA was formed

1900 – First American Code was written – basically a copy of the R&A

1946 – The Etiquette Section was moved to the front of the Rules Book

1952 – First Joint Rules were written by a Joint Committee of the R&A and USGA

1984 – A major reorganization of the Rules was completed

2004 – The Etiquette section was significantly expanded

Have you gotten the idea that Etiquette is a very important part of the Game? Well it is. To find out more about Golf Etiquette, please read pages 1-4 in the new Rules of Golf.

Who needs to know the Rules of Golf? Everyone who plays the game, that's who. It says so in Rule 6-1 the player and her caddie are responsible for knowing the Rules.

The first thing you, as a player, should understand is the words used in the Rules of Golf. Right after the title page is page 1 "How to use the Rules Book". On that page is a short list of suggestions, beginning with:

Understand the words ...

- **May** = optional. A player **may** concede a match at any time prior to the start or conclusion of that match. Rule 2-4 Concession of Match, Hole or Next Stroke
- **Should** = recommendation. The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player **should** put an identification mark on her ball. (6-5 Ball)
- **Must** = instruction (and there is a penalty if not followed). If a ball at rest is moved by an outside agency, there is no penalty and the ball **must** be replaced. (Rule 18-1 Ball at Rest Moved by Outside Agency.)
- **A ball** = any ball. You may substitute another ball. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see also Rules 26 Water Hazards, Rule 27 Ball Lost or OB, 28 Ball Unplayable)

• **The ball** = the ball in play. You may not substitute another ball. A player must hole out with **the ball** played from the teeing ground unless the ball is lost or out of bounds or the player substitutes another ball, whether or not the substitution is permitted. Rule 15-1. See also reference to Rule 24-2 and 25-1

• **Deemed** = judged to be or treated as fact. The player may **deem** her ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether her ball is unplayable

The next suggestion is to know the **Definitions**. These definitions "form the foundation on which the Rules are written". The definitions are covered on pages 5 through 18.

In total there are only 34 Rules. They are Organized in Groups and Organized by Sequence.

You don't actually start playing the game until Rule 11 – the Teeing Ground; trouble doesn't start until Rule 18 – Ball at Rest Moved; but it does continue until Rule 28 – Ball Unplayable

So, when all else fails you will never be wrong if you: play the course as you find it; play the Ball as it lies; and play your own ball until it is holed. Remember that in Match Play the game is between you and your opponent – no one else. In Stroke Play, the game is between you and everyone else in the field not just the group you're with.

Open Days Are Here

WGANC Open Days started with two in February and continued through March with seven.

Even though, weather hampered Half Moon Bay's attendance, fifty-three were determined to not let a few clouds and possible rain drops spoil their day.

The first two months offered nine open days which were attended by 582 members. An average of 30 clubs sent players to each of these Open Days.

All of the WGANC directors are ready to make the open day you attend be fun and look forward to your continued attendance. Remember, "Open Days are the best deal in town." Here are some Open Days that will be held in May for you to consider.

May 1 – Palo Alto Hills

May 6 – Tracy

May 6 – Silverado back-to-back with Chardonnay on May 7

May 15 – Turlock

May 27-29 – Tierra Oaks, Riverview, Baywood - back-to-back

May 29 – Orinda

May 31 (A Saturday) – Plumas Lake

(Remember – you get automatic entry if you sign up for both back-to-back Open Days.)

Janice Crossman, Open Day Director



Regional Meetings Well Attended

The 2008 Regional Meetings were well received by our members with only two of the 108 clubs not sending representatives. WGANC provides information at these meetings for various club officers to take back to their respective clubs. Information for the Captain, Open Day Chair, Rules, Handicap, Tournament and the new position of Ambassador all had break-out sessions where issues were discussed and information shared on how the different issues were addressed at each club – what worked and what didn't.

Additional information as to how to conduct competitions, how to increase participation, rules changes and how our Open Day program has been updated to include e-mail registration were some

of the knowledge gained by attendees.

These Regional meetings provide an opportunity for clubs from the various areas to trade ideas on how to increase participation in their clubs with some new game formats, or innovative tournaments. As well as an opportunity for WGANC to hear issues that concern our member clubs.

The next opportunity for each area to get together is at the Area Meetings scheduled in September. We hope that the information provided is useful to the clubs.



Hole-in-One Director Peg Weagel (L) enjoying her first Regional Meeting and visiting with Ambassador Director Kitty Dodd.



Assistant Tournament Director Dee Winn conducting a break-out session for Tournament Chairs.



Listening to the Ambassador presentation are River and North Valley Ambassadors.



Ambassador Director, Kitty Dodd and Assistant Ambassador Director Marilyn Nichols conduct the break-out session at North Ridge.



Handicap Director Jeannie Trippel conducts a break-out session for attendees at North Ridge.



Open Day Director Janice Crossman sharing information with Open Day Chairs.



Tournament Director Linda Ahrens.



Always popular Sheri Erskine gives an entertaining talk about Course Rating.



President Cherrie Anderson prepares for the Regional Meeting.



President Cherrie Anderson at her break-out session with Captains.



Attendees at the Regional Meeting for the River and North Valley areas listen intently to the information being given.



Team Challenge I A Success

The first WGANC tournament is in the books. Pictured below are the first place winners – both gross and net for flights A, B C and D.

The weather was beautiful, with no rain which was appreciated by all who have suffered through rain and wind in year's past.

Team Challenge I Low Gross and Low Net Winners:

Flight A – Low Gross: Joy Robinson - Stanford, Laura Towle - San Jose, Pat Kelly and Teri Gangi of La Rinconada

Flight A – Low Net: Elaine Nolet, Kathy Craft, Sandy Antony, Susan Miller – all from Palo Alto Hills

Flight B – Low Gross: Barbara Azevedo, Caroline Scarpelli, Emlen Ehrlich, and Kathleen Meeker – all Olympic Club

Flight B – Low Net: Chrissy Bayless, Joan Dickerson, Karen Louis, Paula Middleton – all from Riverview

Second year Director, Debbie Stowe, in charge of her first tournament, did an outstanding job. She was assisted by Dee Winn, Vicki Krattli, Jeannie Trippel, Barbara Koch, Barbara Lee and President Cherrie Anderson.

Everyone is looking forward to more successful tournaments for 2008!

For a complete list of winners please visit our web site at www.wganc.com

Flight C – Low Gross: Carol Whitelaw, Debbie Richie, Linda Struthers, Mary Lynn Cordano – all from Del Paso

Flight C – Low Net: Adele Quessenberry, Brenda Joslin, Kathy Brennan, Paulette Aldrich – Oakdale

Flight D – Low Gross: Barbara Cresci, Elise Hanrahan, Mary Shepperd, Maureen Larmour – Sequoia Woods

Flight D – Low Net: Amy Schenk - Catta Verdera, Carol Hopkins – Oakhurst, Elaine Rickard and Von Wilmont both from Salinas



Flight A – Low Gross



Flight A – Low Net



Flight B – Low Gross



Flight B – Low Net



Flight C – Low Gross



Flight C – Low Net



Flight D – Low Gross



Flight D – Low Net