



Women's Golf Association of Northern California

Through the Green

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Our New Look

Welcome to the second issue of our new "look". This newsletter is also available on the WGANC website at www.wganc.com.

If you would like a copy emailed to you directly, please send an email to cjette@caltel.com with your request.

New Officers for 2006

Lynne Gangi, President

Shelly Gartman, Vice President

Janice Crossman, Secretary

Pat Guzzardo, Treasurer

Mary Belli, Tournament Director

with Nancy Gapinski as Advisor

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President's Corner

Bittersweet is the best word that I could find to describe my feelings as the final weeks of my WGANC experience approaches. As the year winds down I can only say that it has been a real honor to have been elected President this year. I want to thank the Directors for the great support they have given me. It has been a "GREAT" year and definitely one that I will never forget. I also want to thank all of the members of WGANC who have made the regional meetings, area meetings, major tournaments and open days a tremendous success.



At this time all of our Tournaments have been completed for the year and only a few more Open Days to go. In 2006 there will be twelve Tournaments and seventy-four Open Days scheduled.

The WGAC (Women's Golf Association of California) Tournament will be held in the North next year. It is scheduled to be played at Rancho Murietta. The CWC (California Women's Championship) will also be held

in the North. It is scheduled to be played at Poppy Hills in July.

I would like to thank the WGANC membership for allowing me to serve as President of this great organization for the past year. It has been a tremendous experience.

Remember we are planning our 100th Anniversary in 2007. It is hard to believe that WGANC will be 100 years old. If you

are interested in volunteering to become a Director of such a great organization you can call the office or any of the Directors to get more information. I speak personally when I say that it is very rewarding to see what can be accomplished.

Phyllis Calestini, President

Outstanding Volunteer Awards

2003: Annette Reynolds

2004: Nancy Gapinski

2005: Karen Dedman (NEW!)



2006 Tournament News

California Women's State Championship(CWC), Poppy Hills, July 17-19, 2006. Open to any female resident of California with an established handicap of 10.4 or lower. The first 100 lowest handicap players will be accepted. A flyer will be coming to all clubs in February 2006 and entry forms will be sent to clubs at a later date. Mark the date on your calendar! Please contact Lynn Jansen, lynjan61@sbcglobal.net.

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International Golf Network

WGANC belongs to the International Golf Network (IGN) which provides an option to allow members to post scores from a club in another association and have them routed back to WGANC. Scores posted at a WGANC member club will be routed back to the other association.

This means that if you belong to an association in Southern California or Arizona you may post scores there and those scores will be routed in a timely manner to your WGANC record. It is no longer necessary to post these scores in both places.

To accomplish this, the player's GHIN number must be entered into the "Away" associations's database; the player's "Away" association number must be entered into the GHIN database by the WGANC office. Our office will take care of the technicalities if you will get your numbers to them. The WGANC does not recommend that a member have two handicaps,

Spring 2006 Regional Meetings

Feb 8, 2006: Central Valley & South Valley
Feb 15, 2006: East Valley & North Bay
Feb 22, 2006: SF/Mid-Peninsula & South Bay/
Monterey
Feb 27, 2006: River Valley & North Valley

GHINClub.net

GHINClub.net is the website for authorized club representatives to use to perform maintenance on their membership's GHIN records via the Internet. This website can be used to print out reports as well as to add, edit or delete scores. Your Handicap Chair should be familiar with this important site.



Handicap News

Posting T Scores

Fran Gentry, Handicap Director

I receive so many questions about when to use “T” scores. I will address this question in this column.

The following is the definition of a competition to be designated as a “T” score: A tournament score is a score made in a competition which is: a) Organized and conducted by a committee in charge, b) The competition must identify a winner(s), c) The competition must be as stipulated rounds, d) The competition must be played under the Rules of Golf, e) The committee shall announce in advance if the score is to be a “T” score.

Competitions must be significant in the traditions, schedules, formats and membership of the club. Routine events, such as regular play days, normally are not to be designated as “T” scores. (A significant event might be one that is held annually.)

The WGANC recommends that all invitationals be “T” scores if the format is consistent with the Rules of Golf, as well as handicap championships, club championships, and other annual competitions.

Players are required to play the same number of stipulated rounds in a competition for it to be designated as a “T” score.

The value or nature of prizes is not a factor in designating a competition as a “T” score.

The Club Committee is best qualified to make the decision because they know their traditions, schedules, formats and members. The Committee must decide whether a competition meets the definition for a “T” score.

A tournament score must have at least 13 holes played for it to be designated as a “T” score. If a match play event ends on the eleventh hole, that score cannot be posted as a “T” score. The player must play at least 13 holes. However, the player may continue to play and complete 13 holes (or more) and post as a “T” score. A nine-hole score may not be posted as a “T” score.

The USGA Manual does not recommend a specific number of competitions a club should designate as “T” scores. WGANC recommends that a club should decide in advance which of its competitions should be set as “T” score events. Historically, we have recommended that at least six to eight events be so designated. The more “T” scores a player has in her record, the less her Handicap Index would be affected if the computer formula triggering an “R” (reduced handicap) came into play in any month. Some players have many more than six or eight, perhaps because they belong to more than one club or play in a lot

of Invitationals or tournaments.

Team Play Leagues in this area don’t seem to post their match scores as “T” scores, although the USGA Manual mentions such scores as examples of competitions that could be so designated. WGANC is not involved in the Team Play Leagues. I recommended that the Handicap Chair of the group post scores for any competition in which the “T” is designated. This ensures that the scores are indeed posted as “T” scores.

We hope this will help to make it clear for you about “T” scores and posting.

Handicap Q&A

What Score should I take on a hole not played, completed, or conceded?

From the USGA Manual:

“If a player starts but does not complete a hole or is conceded a hole in match play, she shall record for Handicap purposes the score she most likely would have made, that is, the number of strokes already taken plus the number of strokes needed to complete the hole more than half the time. This should not exceed the maximum allowed under Equitable Stroke Control. There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player (cont’d on page 4)



Tournament News

Another Successful Tournament Season

Lynne Gangi, Tournament Director

This year's tournaments ended with the Match Play Championship at MPCC. The weather was beautiful in Monterey and MPCC was a perfect venue for the major championship.



This tournament is match play using the lowest 80 qualifiers. There were many new faces from all over Northern California playing this event.

The Match Play Championship winner is Marianne Towersey from Corral de Tierra. Marianne, formerly from southern California, played her final match of 36 holes against another new face, Stacey Camara of Fountaingrove. Both

players showed the spectators great golf and wonderful sportsmanship.

To locate all of the other results go to www.WGANC.com. We publish all tournament results as soon as the tournament is finished. On the web site we list the upcoming events, entry forms, the 2006 tournament calendar and much more.

In Addition to the Team Challenges I and II, 18-59ers, Sassy 60's, Swingin' Seniors, Hers

& His, Stroke Play Championship, Champion of Champions, Classic, WGANC Match Play Championship, and WGANC will host the WGAC Match Play event at Rancho Murieta. This is an exciting competition between the players from southern California and WGANC players. In addition, there is a team event on the Sunday preceding this event.

Tournaments for 2006 will have a reduced field for the 18-59ers, Team Challenge's and Hers & His to provide our members with a more enjoyable playing experience.

Be sure to check your green book for dates of these events. Hope to see you there!

Lynne Gangi

USGA News

The USGA is offering a one year complimentary membership to WGANC members. Members on the WGANC roster as of Oct 10, 2005 will receive this one year membership. If a WGANC member is already a USGA member, she will receive an additional year's membership. Some of the benefits included in this membership are a Members Handbook, ID Card, Bag Tag and a copy of the Rules of Golf. This program is scheduled to launch beginning January 2006. Look for this new information from the USGA.

Handicap News

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may have in a round provided that failure to finish is not for the purpose of handicap manipulation.

If a player does not play a hole or plays it other than under the Rules of Golf (mulligans, hole under construction), her score for that hole for Handicap purposes shall be par plus any handicap strokes she is entitled to receive on that hole. However, to post a score the majority of the holes must be played under the Rules of Golf.

It is not correct that a "T" score cannot be used because the players are picking up. There is no limit as to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round.

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Entry Fee: Covers the cost of the medallions.

Tournament Fees: Covers the cost of carts and food.

Our members do not pay green fees at our Tournaments or Open Days.