



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.

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New Officers for 2006

Lynne Gangi, President

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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 approach. 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 there are only a few more Open Days to go. In 2006 there will be 11 Tournaments and 74 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 Murieta. The CWC (California Women's Championship) will also be held

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

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.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Annual Meeting, December 5th, at Castlewood Country Club when we welcome our new 2006 Board of Directors.

Phyllis Calestini, President

2005 Outstanding Volunteer Award

Karen Dedman



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 index 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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Junior Golf

The 2005 recipient of the Most Improved Junior Girl award, Kristen Allard, hails from the River Island Country Club in Porterville. She comes from a family of golf enthusiasts, but actually Mom & Dad did not take up golf until after Kristen! Our winner is 15 years old, a sophomore and a member of the Girls' High School Golf Team. She is also an accomplished singer and likes to sing when she's out on the course - it keeps her focused somehow.

She was first exposed to the game of golf at age 6 by getting "lost" at the AT&T Pebble Beach, only to be found sitting on the lap of Tiger Woods' father, Earl. He told her all about the game and she became so enthused that she talked her parents into buying her a set of clubs.

In 2005, she won numerous Junior events. Starting out with an impressive 8.5 index, through much practice and playing she has improved by 6.8 points and now maintains a 1.5 index. Congrats Kristen!

Spring 2006 Regional Meetings

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

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. Contact the office for further information.



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 based on 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 11th 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.

It is 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 helps to make it clear for you about “T” scores.

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. **(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 Monterey Peninsula Country Club (MPCC). The weather was beautiful in Monterey and MPCC was a perfect venue for the major championship.



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.

WGANC will be hosting 11 tournaments in 2006. They are the Team Challenge I and II, 18-59ers,

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

Sassy 60's, Swingin' Seniors, Hers 'n His, Stroke Play Championship, Champion of Champions, Classic and the Match Play Championship. WGANC will also host the WGAC State Championship 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 Challenges and Hers 'n 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!

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Entry Fee: Covers the cost of the medallions.
Tournament Fees: Covers the cost of carts and food.

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 Member's Handbook, ID Card, Bag Tag and a copy of the Rules of Golf. This program is scheduled to launch beginning January 2006.

Handicap News

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There is not limit to the number of unfinished holes a player 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.