



GOLFING NEWS

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2016 OFFICERS



Cheryl Greiving: Treasurer
Vicki Shue: Secretary
Peggy King: President
Vicki Little: Vice President

CHAIRPERSONS

- Annual Awards – Vicki Smith
- Communications – Nadine Roberts
- Handicap – Peggy King
- Historian – Nadine Roberts
- KWGA Liaison – Nancy Knopp
- Rules and Arbitrations – Jan Schraeder
- Senior Representative – Terry Chesnut
- Social – Jan Yaeger
- Team Play Captain – Barb Anthem
- Tournaments – Jeanne Vance
- Website Coordinator – Nadine Roberts
- Weekly Awards – Carol Shelton/Nancy Knopp

GOLFING WEBSITES

Remember BWGL's website:
www.bwgladysgolfwichita.com
 WAWGA also has a website:
www.wawgawebsite.wix.com/wawga
 And it has a link to BWGL. The city website is www.golfwichita.com and it has a link to WAWGA!!
 And remember to always check www.kwga.org !!

EXECUTIVE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Officers and Chairpersons met at the President's home on January 23 to "get the ball rolling" for our 2016 season! The Prez showed off her culinary skills with a nice brunch for everyone to enjoy while discussing the business at hand!

BIG HIGHLIGHT! Jan Yaeger has secured Stroud's Restaurant for our **Organizational Meeting** on **March 15th**. Just **save the date** for now. More details will be coming within the next few days!

A major undertaking in the off season has been a thorough review of the **Bylaws and Standing Rules** by Peggy King, with the help of Vicki Little, Gail Ammerman, Melissa Rodriguez and Nadine Roberts. Consequently, you will be receiving an email copy of the *proposed* revisions and changes to review. Please read them carefully and be prepared to discuss and vote on their acceptance (or not) at the Organizational Meeting.

The Executive Committee voted to provide a copy of the **2016 Rules of Golf** to all BWGL members. An initial distribution will be made at the Organizational Meeting.

Barb Anthem reported on the **TEAM PLAY** changes that will be in effect in 2016 for a one year trial run. Major changes are that there will be 2-person A, B, and C teams competing from each club. This means there will only be six golfers from each club competing each week. The scoring system has also changed. It has been simplified and will not be based on each hole but on each round. Also, all teams will be playing at the same course each week. Barb will be giving a more detailed report at the Organizational Meeting.

Jeanne Vance is still solidifying the **2016 Tournament Schedule** and will have it available at the Organizational Meeting. I'm sure she will be asking for volunteers to be on the Tournament Committee ... if at all possible be sure your right arm is flexible so you can raise it when she asks the question.

LW Clapp staff is excited to have us back again this year and they are anxious to help us in any way they can. Evening tee times will be 5:10 to 5:45 PM and morning tee times will stay at the 8:30 AM time. We will continue to alternate the back and the front and the green fees and cart fees will remain the same as last year. Due to the many variables related to the City Golf Fee Schedule, it is best that you check their website for details.



LOOKY! LOOKY!



New BWGL golf shirts are on the horizon!! We have the opportunity to get some very pretty orchid colored shirts with a Wick Away Moisture Management System. The brand is Bermuda Sands and they are 100% polyester. The sizes available are S, M, L, XL, and 2X. Sleeveless is also an option. Sizes run pretty true to form as you can see: Cheryl is demonstrating the XL size and Peggy has on the L. The one Cheryl has on is the color we will be getting. Sleeved shirts are \$30 and the sleeveless are \$28 (+ tax, of course). Our logo will cost an extra \$5.00. The shirts will be available for viewing at the Organizational Meeting, as will order forms. It will take 3 to 4 weeks to get the shirts so come prepared to order yours at the Org Meeting if you want one. If you have more questions or want to see the shirt before the meeting, just call Peggy at 683-7347. Of course this is an "optional" opportunity. There is no obligation to buy or wear them. However we did get some nice compliments when many of us showed up at Topeka with our "League shirts" on.

KWGA NEWS

KWGA SPRING MEETING

Rolling Hills Country Club
223 S Westlink, Wichita

Sat, February 27

All KWGA members are welcome! This is the place to get the news on all the upcoming events, tournaments and other activities KWGA has planned for the coming year. Put the date on your calendar and watch for the reservation forms and fill them out! Oh, yes. Mail them, too. There will also be a presentation on the 2016 Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System changes.

HOLE-IN ONE

Vicki Smith has been practicing!!! She had a hole-in-one in November at Sierra Hills! I don't know any details except the word is out that she says she *heard* the ball hit the bottom of the cup. (How great is it to have young ears?!!) Anyway, **CONGRATULATIONS, VICKI!!** Just a reminder to all: If you get an Ace while participating in a BWGL event, you are entitled to a \$25 cash award from BWGL. Just fill out the Hole-In-One form that is on the website and turn it in to the President!

REMINDER

If you are a Chairperson this year or were last year (in many cases they are one and the same), please try to keep your committee manuals up to date. Ongoing notes keeps it timely and ready to turn in to the Vice President at the end of the season. This is the best way to ensure continuity for upcoming chairpersons and officers in the management of BWGL.

USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM CHANGES

2016 changes to the USGA Handicap System states that "scores made while playing alone will no longer be acceptable for handicap purposes". That being said, BWGL has a standing rule that says when a player arrives at the course and there is no other member with whom to play and it is the last tee time available, she may play alone. The new change will not affect that: she may still play for BWGL prizes but the score will not be eligible for posting! There have been several other changes to the USGA Handicap System that will become effective in 2016 that our Handicap Chair will keep us apprised of as it effects our games.

From your Website Coordinator: I hope most of you have taken a few minutes to check out our website. It is going to be a little different this year and I am open to any suggestions you may have regarding its layout and usefulness. If you have any pictures or bits of news to share, I'll do my best to get it on the website. I'm learning as I go but it is challenging ... **and fun!!**

From your Newsletter Editor: Hopefully we can make the newsletter "newsier" this year. The President is asking the Chairpersons to provide some bits of news from their activities to share with everyone on a regular basis. But you don't have to be a chairperson to provide news items. So if any of you have news that you think others would enjoy just send it to me at nadine1876@att.net and I will get it in Newsletter.

RULES QUESTION

Barb and Nancy were on the green and Barb marked her ball with an old penny, then went and pulled the flag so Nancy could putt. When Barb went back to putt her ball, she couldn't find the penny. After five minutes and a few choice words, she took a penalty and putt from where she thought the mark should have been!

Was this the correct action to take?

Answer: NO. A lost marker isn't the same as a lost ball. If you didn't cause the marker to move, you can estimate where the marker was and replace your ball. No penalty!! However there is a penalty if you caused the marker to move.