



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 !!

Notes from the President.....

Our 2016 BWGL golf season has ended and we have selected new officers to lead our organization for 2017. As I leave office, I want to thank the other officers -- Vicki Little, Cheryl Greiving, Vicki Shue – and the Committee Chairpersons – Vicki Smith, Nadine Roberts, Nancy Knopp, Jan Schraeder, Terry Chesnut, Jan Yaeger, Barb Anthem, Jeanne Vance, Carol Shelton – for their support and for their hard work carrying out their duties during the year. Additionally, I want to thank Barb Wright, Melissa Rodriguez, and Ann Wagner for being the Nominating Committee; and Lanie Campbell and Ann Wagner who will audit the 2016 Treasurer's records. And finally, a big "Thank You!" to the entire membership for your support and your support of our league. Even if you didn't hold an office or a committee chair or serve on a committee, you still support the league with your presence and support of our various functions – play days, tournaments, and meetings.

As I reflect over this past year, I think of the fun play days and trying to "win" over my fears of the "Clapp Creek" and feeling a little more masterful this year of my course management plan. While I didn't count the number of balls I lost this year in the creek, I'm quite sure it was far less than last year! I also think of the fun tournaments we had this year that Jeanne had declared to be Olympic themed – all the way from the "Opening Ceremonies" to the "Closing Ceremonies". Those in charge of the various tournaments came up with some very clever "extra games" to play. And then there is Downsteam! I still can't get it out of my mind how difficult the course seemed to be this year. I just don't remember those hills, dales, and valleys being that hard on my game or on me. (Of course, I am a bit older than when we last played there. Could that be the reason?!)

We have completed our 2nd year at Clapp and the staff there continue to be excited to have us there and they are so willing to accommodate us with our needs. Although Echo Hills and Braeburn are still in our hearts, I think we have made a good choice in choosing Clapp to be our course and we need to continue to do what we can to support this "city course".

As we move forward to starting a new year, I want to extend my best wishes to Melissa Rodriguez in her role as President, and to the other new officers – Becke Parks, Vicki Little, and Jan Schraeder. And, to the rest of the membership, I want to ask you to say "yes" to Melissa if she asks you to be one of the Chairpersons needed to keep our league running smoothly.

Thanks to all of you and your support, I have enjoyed my last 2 years as President of BWGL!

Peggy K.



From the Handicap Chair.....

Continue to post scores until Nov. 14th. Then in our area, you will not post again until March 1st. However, if you are “wintering” or vacationing in southern states, you should post scores when playing there if that area observes an “active season”. Check with the golf course there to see if that area is in an active season. *Peggy*

GOLF RULES

This will complete our series on Stupid Rules of Golf: **STUPID GOLF RULE 17-3: BALL STRIKING FLAGSTICK OR ATTENDANT**

The flagstick, that pole with the flag on top that sits in the middle of the tiny hole at the end of your 540-yard journey to the putting green, has its own entire rule (No. 17). There are sub-rules on who can remove the flagstick, and on when and how to do so. Sometimes it must be removed, sometimes it may be removed.

Imagine how much more quickly a round of golf could be played if the flagstick stayed in the hole. And, yes, the ball will still find its way in there: One study concluded that players should elect to keep the flagstick in the hole whenever the rules allow. So...

A better idea: No player, caddie or other person may move the flagstick, ever.



Interesting use of the flagstick! Pink panties tied to the top!!

For a fun way to learn the good and bad Rules of Golf, visit the [USGA's rules hub](#) for videos, quizzes and tutorials.

Jan Schraeder

Thanks Jan, for some interesting perspectives this season on the golf rules that we play by ... and love ... or not!!

THE ORLANDO

On October 7th, **Vicki Little & Nancy Knopp** played in the City Orlando at Sim Park. Vicki's partner was Bill Yaeger (yes, Jan's husband) & Nancy's partner was Clapp's pro, Keith Gunter. Neither team played particularly well, but a good time was had by all.

As most of you know, the City Orlando is played at the end of the year and features the City's Club Champions and runner-ups partnered with their Club Pro's or other chosen partners. This year, even though Pat was our Club Champion, she could not play for BWGL in this tournament because she had represented another club throughout the season. Therefore, Nancy (as a runner-up) represented us along with Vicki.

Anyway this is just another “perk” for being the Club Champion, along with getting your club dues paid for the next year, among other things.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

I want to echo President Peggy's comments about the staff at Clapp....we have had great staff to work with at both Echo and Braeburn, and Clapp is no exception!! They have gone “beyond” with many of our requests and I, for one, am looking forward to playing at Clapp again next year despite those “ravaging” creeks. Keith, this is a Thank You to you and your staff!



SEE YOU AT LW CLAPP GOLF COURSE IN 2017!!

BANQUET

We had a very good dinner with approximately 30 members in attendance at the Monterrey Mexican Grill. Thanks to Social Chair, **Jan Yaeger** for making the arrangements. Table favors consisted of a very nice bottle of moisturizing body lotion, which we can all use and a divot repairer with attached ball marker, which we all should use.

END OF YEAR NOTES

Dues for next year will remain the same.

Peggy announced that she will make a request for Clapp to be re-rated. Many of us truly believe that Clapp is a more difficult course for women than the current rating indicates. The creek rambles through at least nine fairways and on one fairway it poses a hazard twice! Plus sand traps and trees present even more hazards. That being said, if the re-rate is denied or is done and remains the same, it appears some lessons in course management may be imperative... at least for me!

The continuation of our annual scrapbook was discussed. Pro issues centered on the preservation of our history. Con issues discussed included storage (lack of), viewing (minimal), duplication (newsletters, website), and expense (pictures, embellishments, books). The majority of members present voted not to continue the scrapbook but to be sure the newsletters are preserved. Currently, the scrapbooks will remain in the closet at Clapp.

Lack of participation at the annual pool party was also discussed. Those present thought having it on a non-golf playing night might enhance participation, especially since many times it is so late when the golf game is finished and those playing in the morning have already finished their swimming and feasting.

Several members requested that the entry forms for tournaments be put on the Website. That will be initiated on a trial basis.

Nancy briefly discussed impending changes in KWGA that will be based on the USGA business model. Many of the changes will address equality in playing and in the management of golf courses. There will be much more discussion on those and more issues in the coming months ... so stay tuned!

AWARDS

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR PICTURES OF THE FESTIVITIES.

www.bwgladysgolfwichita.com

Peggy recognized **Pat and Melissa** for posting the most rounds this season. Pat posted 95 and Melissa posted 90!!!

She also presented "Olympic" trophies to **Club Champion, Pat Totten** and **Low Net Champion, Vicki Little**.

Handicap Chair, also **Peggy**, presented the KWGA Low Net Medal to the 18 hole winner, **Pat Totten**. **Lanie Campbell** won the medal for 9 hole competition but was unable to be at the ceremony... but she'll still get her medal!

Vicki Little won the award for Most Improved Handicap

Annual Awards, consisting of gift certificates, were awarded by **Vicki Smith**. Vicki has the dubious job of checking all the scorecards for winners, then determining that all the winners are eligible to be winners. Thanks Vicki, for a job well done.

AND THE ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS WERE:

9 HOLE

Most Pars:

A - **Amy Griffith**, B - **Peggy King**, C - **Nonya Horning**

Fewest Putts:

A - **Vicki Smith**, B - **Margo Nunn**, C - **Billie Woods**

Lowest Ringer:

A - **Jeanne Komp** (62), B - **Sandra Wolfe** (68),
C - **Kim Murray** (79)

18 HOLE

Most Pars:

A - **Pat Totten**, B - **Melissa Rodriguez**, C - **Vicki Shue**

Fewest Putts:

A - **Nancy Knopp**, B - **Jeanne Vance**, C - **Jan Schraeder**

COMING IN 2017

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President – Melissa Rodriguez

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Secretary – Jan Schraeder

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