

BWGL

SEPTEMBER BITS AND PIECES

A word from the Editor: Well this has certainly been a different kind of season for BWGL!! The weather and the Covid stuff has really kept us in line.... But our members, officers, chairpersons and the MacDonald staff have worked hard to keep everything as normal as possible. September has been an especially slow month but I don't want it to go by without any news so I'm calling this one "BITS AND PIECES"! I'm sure hoping we can have a good turnout for the Hidden Lakes tournament and our year end activities!!

JUST A LITTLE TRIVIA: The oldest roster I have is for 1989 so I thought I'd see how many members we still have who were members in 1989. I found that Nancy Knopp was a member in '89, as was I. Nancy was the Chairperson for the Weekly Awards and I was (believe it or not) Communications and Newsletter! Other members included Becky (Burns) Beddow, Terry Chesnut, Peggy King and Jan Schraeder. Our Week-End Tournaments that year were at Dodge City and Loma Linda in Joplin.

Nadine Roberts

FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

Here's an update on the excess tournament funds. The Executive Board has decided we should add another tournament, so watch for news on that soon from Jan Yaeger. You know if Jan is in charge, it will be a fun play day! We also plan to increase the tournament prize funds for the remaining two tournaments at Hidden Lakes and the year-end tournament at MacDonald, so you won't want to miss out on those outings! That won't use all the excess tournament funds, but the remainder will stay in the treasury for next year.

We've pinned down our Year-End Banquet. It will be at Eberly Farm where there is loads of room to spread out and be socially distant as we gather for a fun dinner with friends and celebrate our winners this season. The Farm has waived their facility rental fee as a favor to me (my job has to have *some* perks!) so all we have to pay for is our food and beverage. Ann Wagner will be sending out more information on that soon. A little birdie told me that the table favors this year are going to be really fun, so be sure to mark Tuesday, November 10 on your calendar.

It's hard to believe the golf season is winding down and will be over soon. It may have started off with a whimper this year, but let's be sure it goes out with a bang!

Cheryl

Save the Date

YEAR END BANQUEST AND AWARDS
At Eberly Farms on November 10
starting with Happy Hour Cash Bar at
5:30 and Buffet Dinner at 6:00 PM
The banquet room is very large so
social distancing can be easily
accomplished! A sign-up entry form
will be forthcoming soon!!



Whether it's the flagstick due to Covid or something else

**There is no shot so simple that
it can't be messed up.**

FUN!

BWGL August 2020 Weekly Prize Winners

Aug. 4, 2020 Most Drives in Fairway
Eighteen BWGL ladies golfed August 4, 2020 for Most Drives in the Fairway. Seven ladies golfed in the morning, and eleven in the evening. It was a great competitive day.

- Flight A Julie Henderson (6)**
- Flight B Margo Nunn (7)**
- Flight C Carol Shelton (7)**

Aug. 11, 2020 Guess Your Score
Twenty-three BWGL golfed 8/11/20, seeing if they could guess their score. Nine ladies golfed in the morning, and fourteen in the evening. It was a very enjoyable day for the golfers.

- Flight A Nancy Knopp (Right On!)**
- Flight B Lanie Campbell and Margo Nunn (Right On!)**
- Flight C Vicki Shue (1 off)**

Aug. 18, 2020 Best Score Hole #1, 2, 3
Eighteen ladies golfed for Best Score Hole # 1, 2, 3. We had a cool fall like weather day with 8 golfing in the morning, and 10 golfing in the evening.

- Flight A Amy Griffith (12)**
- Flight B Lanie Campbell (15)**
- Flight C Dottie Kaiser (17)**

Aug. 25, 2020 Most One Putts
24 BWGL ladies had fun golfing Aug. 25, 2020 for the most one putts. 12 ladies golfed in the morning, and 12 golfed in the evening. Hot temperatures are not stopping BWGL members from coming out to golf and have fun.

- Flight A Tammy Blunt (5)**
- Flight B Nadine Roberts (4)**
- Flight C Vicki Shue (4)**

REMAINING WAWGA TOURNAMENTS

Senior/Super Senior will be October 5 & 6 at Sim Golf Park. Entry deadline is September 25.

Orlando will be October 19th at TGCC. Vicki Smith and Julie Henderson will be representing BWGL!

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Hidden Lakes will be September 19th. Deadline for entry is September 10. The flyer with info was sent out 8/29.

Be watching for info on the extra tournament that will be added to our schedule as well as the end of year Tournament.

I've been hearing a lot about **THE PITCHING GAP, SAND AND LOB WEDGES** lately and I'm going to share some of what I have learned — wedges are often referred to as the "scoring clubs" because they can be so accurate around the green.

Women's Distance	Short hitter	Mid Hitter	Long Hitter
Pitching	50 yds	60 yds	80 yds
Sand	40 yds	50 yds	60 yds
Lob	35 yds	45 yds	50 yds

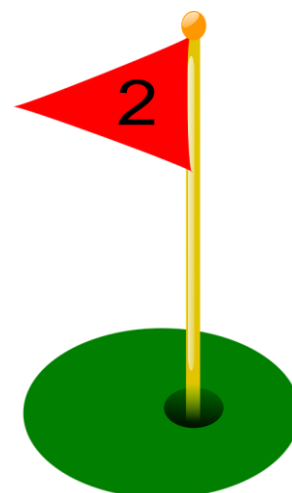
The lob wedge is usually the highest lofted club and has a very steep angle of descent and ascent for shots that you want to get up very quickly (like over a tree or out of the sand). It also has minimum roll on the green. The gap wedge falls in-between the pitching and sand wedges in loft. The pitching and sand wedges simply speak for themselves.

I'm repeating the Handicap Chair's Notes "just in case you didn't see them in an earlier transmission"

...I thought that with the daily changes of handicaps, perhaps you might like to see the current BWGL Handicap Report for MacDonald Golf Course as of Sept. 1st. As it has not been practical to change out the posted sheet every day, I thought if I send it out to all periodically, this would give you an idea of where you stand with your fellow members. Although there may be subtle changes each week when I prepare the report for Nonya, it remains to be fairly steady. However, of note is the fact that most handicaps have been going down.

Let me know if you would like for me to keep sending it out to all or if the periodic posting at MacDonald is sufficient. Or, perhaps you just don't care and never look at the sheet that is posted! It is posted as a means of "peer review" that you are entitled to have access to. However, you still have the option to look up any golfer in GHIN whenever you wish.

Anyway, it was a thought I have had to send it out to all. Email me and let me know what you think. pking2513@sbcglobal.net



Peggy

PLAYING CONDITIONS AT MACDONALD GOLF COURSE

This is the response some of the ladies received from Ron Reese, Superintendent, MacDonald Golf Course when they reached out to him to inquire about why MacDonald did not measure up to the standards and care the other City Course seemed to be receiving.

Thanks to Barb for sharing this info. It doesn't make the conditions any better but maybe a little more understandable.

Good morning Barbara, and Barbara and Lanie. Thank you for your interest in MacDonald GC. Keith told me that some BWGL ladies had some question and gave you my email. First of all, the golf course is being maintained. Without any specifics in your question, I will answer as if I was a golfer not knowing about the golf course maintenance. When you say the other City courses the first thing that comes to mind is irrigation practices. Auburn Hills, Sim, and Tex all have water wells to use for supplemental irrigation. In MacDonald's case, we purchase water from the City of Wichita. I will get back to that later.

Another point is in the July golf report it was listed that we received 4.5 inches of rain in Wichita. That is true at the National Weather Service which is across the street from Tex Consolver GC. I would assume similar rainfall was at Auburn. Also on August 10th, Tex and Auburn Hills received 1.75 inches of rain and MacDonald received .10 inches. The last rain of any consequence at MacDonald was .70 inches on July 21st. We are in a drought condition. Because of our water supply, we irrigate to keep the turfgrass viable in drought conditions, from which it will recover with the help of Mother Nature. One of you mentioned that you love all the beautiful trees. Unfortunately under past superintendents many areas on the course were greatly overplanted or trees planted in improper places such as right at the edge of a tee box. A large mature tree can consume 150 to 200 gallons of water from the ground each day. It does not matter if it is on a golf course or a yard, the tree is going to rob the turfgrass of moisture.

Back to purchasing water from the City of Wichita. In the last sixteen days we have purchased 3,480,441 gallons of water from the City. That may sound like a lot of water, but that is enough to run fairway sprinklers for 4 minutes per night, tees for 6 minutes per night and greens for 12 minutes per night. What you see right now is costing \$1,380.00 per day. So, the golf courses that have wells, are in a far better situation than MacDonald when it comes to irrigation water. For instance Tex Consolver can pump 90 million gallons of water per calendar year. If I was to purchase 50 million gallons of water from the City of Wichita the cost would be \$318,000.00. So, while the other courses have free water, the City Of Wichita looks MacDonald GC as a customer that helps the profits if it's Water Division. It simply is not financially feasible to have a lush golf course in a drought condition.

One of you mentioned cart path and bridges. It is my understanding that City Capital Improvement Funds have been requested for these improvements but have not been approved. Also, the lakes that retain run off from rainfall on holes 12, 11, 18, and 9 all have failing overflow structures. The lakes on 11, 12, and 18 do not hold water that could be used for irrigation. The main lake on hole nine has a leaking dam that prevents it from full holding capacity. We have bids to repair these dams, but again Capital Improvement Funds have not been made available for these projects.

I can guarantee you that my staff is working hard to provide a good golf course. You asked the question, why the "City of Wichita" is not maintaining Mac Donald Golf Course? I would ask the same question.

Also, I have included a picture of Jack the goose dog on hole #1. This picture was taken on July 14th when we were still receiving some rainfall.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any more questions. Thank you