



GOLFING NEWS

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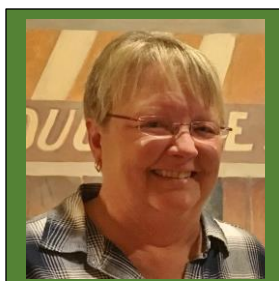
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- Tournaments – Peggy King
- Tournament Asst. – Jan Yaeger
- Website Coordinator – Nadine Roberts
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GOLFING WEBSITES

- BWGL:**
www.bwgladysgolfwichita.com
- WAWGA:**
www.wawga.org
- City of Wichita:**
www.golfwichita.com
- KWGA:**
www.kwga.org

A Note from the President..... I am excited to be representing Business Women’s Golf League this year as your President. Having never done this job before, please bear with me and don’t be too critical of my stammering and stuttering. I know all of you are ready for a year full of golf and fun tournaments. I offer my thanks to those who said YES! Committee Chairs are the root of a well-run club. At the meeting I was so impressed with how everyone had done the work to be prepared for their job this year. It makes my job so easy.

We have all new officers this year, and they have already shown their worth at our Organizational Meeting. Our new Tournament Chair, Peggy King has put together some great places for us to play and our Social Chair, Cheryl Greiving has already given us a great Winter Social. For those of you who didn’t attend “Paint the Town” I heard it was a big success and a load of fun. Everyone came away with a painting of a Kansas Wheat Sunset. Soooo, with the Organizational Meeting behind us, we are ready to golf, golf, golf! See you on the links.

P.S. Ask a new person to join you for a weekend golf round or invite them to play on Tuesday evening or morning. Play as often as you can and **REMEMBER to record those scores!**

Melissa Rodriguez

FROM THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

About 27 members and three guests converged on Emerson-Biggins in Old Town March 7th for some good food, good friends, and good times and to get the ball rolling towards another great season of GOLF! A special welcome to guests: **Peggy Waters, Lori Schel and Rose Gangle!** We hope you ladies liked what you saw and heard and will be joining us on the course!

***LW Clapp will be our course of choice again** and we’ll have the option of playing morning or evening and we will alternate front and back each month same as last season. League play will start April 4th. Morning tee times start at 8:30 (please try be there by 8:00 in time to draw for partners and be on the tee box by 8:30). Evening Tee times are from 5:10 to 5:45. Fees and rates are unchanged and will depend on whether you purchase a pass or not so it’s best to just check the rates at the course.

***Barb Anthem reported that the first Team Play** competition this season will be on Wednesday, April 26. There will only be six representatives from each club per week and everyone will play at the same designated course for that week. Anyway, if you get the call to play, just remember that you are the lowest handicapped player available for that week. So, grab the chance and go with it!

***There was some discussion about our annual pool party at Barb’s house** and it was decided to have it on a weekend day instead of after play on a Tuesday evening. Date and more details to follow.

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2017 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE DESTINATION: VACATION

DATE	GOLF COURSE
April 22 9:00 am tee time shotgun	Turkey Creek Golf Course McPherson
May 20 8:30 tee time shotgun	Cherry Oaks Golf Course Cheney
June 3 8:30 am tee time shotgun	Auburn Hills Golf Course Wichita
June 24 – 25 Saturday: 10:45 am shotgun Sunday: 8:30 am Progressive tee times	<u>Saturday</u> Hillcrest Golf Course Coffeyville, KS <u>Sunday</u> Peoria Ridge Miami, OK
July 15 8:30 am tee time shotgun	Wellington Golf Club Wellington
August 12 & 13 8:00 am Progressive tee times	Clapp Golf Course 2 day Championship
September 9 8:30 am tee time shotgun	Hesston Golf Course Hesston
September 23 – 24 Saturday: 12:00 n tee time shotgun Sunday: 9:00 am tee time shotgun	Dodge City Country Club (both days) Dodge City
October 14 9:00	Clapp Golf Course End of year

(Org meeting notes – continued)

*** Peggy King and Jan Yaeger have been busy putting together our tournament schedule** for this season and it contains some new venues, some old favorites, and some of our regulars. Great job, Ladies!

Peggy had a helpful and informative meeting with her tournament committee so everyone is prepared to provide some fun golf ---- so all that is needed now is your participation!!

The committee voted to have a season theme again this year. It will be **Destination Vacation!** So Turkey Creek may turn into Disney World, Cherry Oaks could be Cancun – or some may prefer a **Stay-cation** and Auburn Hills will be Auburn Hills...and so on with a different destination each month, depending on what the Tournament Coordinator for that tournament decides!

Anyway, let's all go out and have some **F-U-N!**

Peggy again stressed the importance of getting tournament entries in on time. Mainly the courses need to know how many we have playing so they can schedule their tee times accordingly.

***Nancy Knopp reported on the happenings with KWGA.** There are some great tournaments coming up and several of them will be right here in Wichita. Good Opportunity!

The collaboration with KCGA and KGA continues, mostly behind the scenes for us. Just a couple of things we will notice is with the course ratings and the Championship Tournaments. Entries for these tournaments are now online only so be sure to check out www.kwga.org to enter these tournaments.

***Nadine Roberts will make the entry forms for our local tournaments available on the Website** as several members requested.

She also requests that if you have any fun or interesting pictures or stories to share, send them to nadine1876@att.net and they can be put in the newsletter so others can enjoy them, too. Likewise if you play in other tournaments and would like to share your results or any other information with the rest of us.

***Nonya Horning** was not able to be at the meeting but she had the schedule of **weekly awards** printed and laminated and available for any one at the meeting. If you were not at the meeting, extra's will be available at the golf course.

From the Handicap Chair.....

At the Org. Mtg., I made the following points regarding handicap:

- Need to post all scores (whether 9 or 18 hole scores) when playing individual stroke play.
- Post in a timely manner so the round is counted in the timeframe of the revisions which are on the 1st and 15th off each month.
- If you have changes to your address or email during the year, let me know so I can change info in GHIN.
- If you make a mistake in posting your score, let me know so it can be corrected.
- Having an accurate & up to date handicap is fair to both you and your fellow players.

If you have "handicap" questions, let me know. *Peggy K.*

From the Tournament Chair.....

- Prize fee for regular monthly tournaments increases to \$7.00 and the "out-of-town week-end" tournaments remain at \$10 each day.
- Many thanks to my tournament committee members and to my "assistant", Jan Yaeger, who was interested and eager to learn more about organizing and conducting tournaments. *Peggy K.*

WAWGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	SITE
May 8-9	Senior/Super Senior	Sim Park
May 17	9 Hole Spring Invitational	Sim Park
May 23	18-Hole Spring Invitational	Wichita CC
June 19	City Pro-Am	Sim Park
June 20-23	City Match Play Championship	Sim Park
July 12-13	4-Ball Tournament	MacDonald/Hidden Lakes
July 19-20	Girls City Junior Championship	Sim Park
Sept 13	9 Hole Fall Invitational	Willowbend GC
Sept 19	18 Hole Fall Invitational	Terradyne CC
Sept 29	Orlando	Clapp GC

PROPOSED GOLF RULE CHANGES

The USGA promised us they were going to make the game faster, fun-ner, and easier. So here are a few of the ways they plan to do that *in a nutshell*:

No penalty if your ball hits you, your caddy, or your equipment

The relief area for "dropping a ball" is 20 to 80 inches

A "dropped ball" must be dropped from at least 1" above the ground

A ball is lost if not found within 3 minutes

Relief may be taken for an embedded ball anywhere except in the sand

No penalty for touching the line of play on the putting green

No penalty if your ball hits the flag whether in the hole or on the ground

No penalty for moving loose impediments, touching the ground, or grounding your club in a penalty area.

Relief is allowed from a bunker for 2 penalty strokes

Play "ready golf" and make each stroke within 40 seconds (recommendation)

Maximum score recognized when player's score is capped at a max score

Remember, these are "proposed" rule changes---and only a few of them! The USGA will be studying these proposals some more, collecting feedback and making a decision before the 2019 season! If you play under these rules now you cannot legally post your score.

For more in depth details and explanations you can google USGA's new proposed rules of golf.

KWGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**SPECIAL EVENTS**

SPRING TRIPLE THREAT: May 15 at Derby CC, Derby

ADULT FORE STATE: July 31, Aug 1 & 2 Twin Hills CC, Joplin, Mo

PARTNER'S: August 19 at Rolling Hills CC, Wichita

FALL TRIPLE THREAT: Sept 11 at Auburn Hills GC, Wichita

CHALLENGE CUP EVENTS

REFLECTION RIDGE GC: Wichita, Sat May 20 @ 1:00 PM

WAMEGO CC: Wamego, Sat June 17 @ 1:00 PM

WILLOWBEND GC: Wichita, Sat July 22 @ 1:00 PM

KWGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

SENIOR & SUPER SENIOR: June 12 & 13 Reflection Ridge GC, Wichita

AMATEUR & OPEN (JRS WELCOME): July 24-26, Melburn CC, Overland Park

TEE-FORE-TWO: Aug 7-9, Lawrence CC, Lawrence

SEE WWW.KWGA.ORG for more details

2017 - NEW LOCAL RULE ON BALL MOVEMENT

This local rule may be applied as of January 1, 2017.

The USGA and The R&A have introduced a new Local Rule that eliminates the penalty when a ball is accidentally moved on the putting green. If a committee wishes to introduce this Local Rule, the following wording is recommended by the USGA:

"Rules [18-2](#), [18-3](#) and [20-1](#) are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is **determined** that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

For more about the new Local Rule, including explanatory diagrams and videos please visit usga.org/2017localrule.

See you at Clapp April 4th