



# 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](http://www.bwgladysgolfwichita.com)

WAWGA also has a website:

[www.wawgawebsite.wix.com/wawga](http://www.wawgawebsite.wix.com/wawga)

and it has a link to BWGL. The city website is [www.golfwichita.com](http://www.golfwichita.com) and it has a link to WAWGA!!

And remember to always check

[www.kwga.org](http://www.kwga.org) !!

## ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

About 32 Officers, Chairpersons and Members met at Stroud's Restaurant with a plan to eat, drink and organize our 2016 season....and get home in time to watch the Shocker's play their way into the 2016 NCAA Tournament! We did all four and more!

Since no club can be truly organized without a set of **By-Laws and Standing Rules** that was our first undertaking. Thanks to the work of the President and her committee (Vicki Little, Gail Ammerman, Melissa Rodriguez and Nadine Roberts) that turned out to be a pretty painless undertaking. Everyone had received their copies of the *proposed* revisions and changes to review and they were ready to vote! Consequently, the By-Laws and standing rules were accepted without much ado.

The season will start **Tuesday April 5**. Our evening tee times at **LW Clapp** will be 5:10 to 5:45 PM and morning tee times will be 8:30 AM. Please remember that 8:30 is the *tee time*, not the *arrival time*. Cards need to be drawn, bags loaded, and everyone at their tee box by 8:30 so everyone is asked to be in the club house by 8:10.

Vice President Vicki Little has prepared a very professional and informative brochure about BWGL to use as a recruiting tool. She will be distributing them to various places throughout the city. She has also taken an active lead in trying to recruit High School golfers to play with us occasionally and perhaps even join BWGL. Way to go, Vicki!

Barb Anthem discussed **TEAM PLAY** and the changes that have been put on a trial basis for this year. Basic changes include the number of players representing each club each week (6 instead of the previous 8), the way scores are tallied, and all teams will play at the same course each week. When it's BWGL's turn to host, Barb may be putting out an SOS for some of our members to help with hosting duties. It would be nice to support our club in this way if you can. She has also sent a schedule of Team Play days to each of you.

Jeanne has solidified the **2016 Tournament Schedule** and has sent each of you a copy of the schedule. Sounds like a lot of fun golfing opportunities awaits each of us!!! If you haven't already signed up to do a tournament for 2016 ---- it's not too late! I think a couple more volunteers would be welcomed!

## ORDER OF THE NIGHT



Conducting Business



Eating and Socializing



Trying on New Shirts



Having Fun

### HANDICAP INFORMATION

USGA has made changes in the GHIN Program this year and Peggy will be keeping us apprised of any changes that relate to the way we play our game with articles in the newsletter. She just recently sent out a clarification about “playing alone” and also explaining “acceptable scores for posting” since it was discussed at the Org Meeting. Hopefully you have all seen and read her explanation by now.

### QUESTION'S ABOUT COURSE RATINGS??

Just ask **Pat Totten!** She is now a course rater with KWGA!

**CONGRATULATIONS PAT!** This means that Pat has had the training and will be part of the team that travels throughout Kansas doing course ratings at various golf courses. How nice it is to have our own “course rating expert”!

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

#### TOURNAMENTS OF INTEREST

The WAWGA Senior Tournament at Sim GC will be May 9 & 10 and there are changes with that tournament also. In the past there have been several groups or flights based on different ages. This year there will only be two age groups: (1) 50 to 69 and (2) 70+. The tournament will have a shotgun start beginning at 8:30 AM for the 18 Holers and 2:00 PM for the 9 Holers. Every one rides!!!! You should have received the information and entry forms by now. If you haven't, they are available on the WAWGA Website. Entry deadline is May 2.

Then you can grab a partner and swing into spring at the KWGA Spring Triple Threat on May 16 at Tallgrass CC! Deadline for entry is May 8 or full. Coffee and pastries will be provided before play with awards and luncheon after play. This is a fun tournament where you play each of 6 holes in 3 different formats ... thus Triple Threat... or triple the fun, if you prefer! Entries can be found on the KWGA Website [www.kwga.org](http://www.kwga.org)

**BWGL's "OPENING CEREMONY"** will be on April 16 at Sim Park GC!! Come join in as we prepare for an 'Olympic' season. Keep the date open and we'll be sending more information as the date gets closer.

Next will be **BWGL playing at Hidden Lakes** on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Again, keep the date open and more information will follow.

**Our new logo shirts have been ordered!!!  
I think they're about this color**



The **BWGL Alley Cats** (Nancy, Carol, Cheryl, and Ann) won first place in the Lady Golfers Bowling League at Northrock!

**Congrats, Ladies!!** These same ladies, along with Jennifer Fry and Julie Henderson, have volunteered to head up our **Member-Guest Tournament** this year!! Thanks, Gals. We appreciate you!!



## RULES FOR A GOOD START

Jan Schraeder, Rules and Arbitration

Here are five potentially stroke-saving points on how to mark your golf ball:

### 1. ACCIDENTALLY MOVING YOUR BALL OR THE MARKER

A ball marker holds or identifies the position on the course for a ball that has been lifted under the Rules of Golf. This happens most often on the putting green, where players mark, lift and clean their ball prior to putting. One has to be careful when marking a ball. If pulling out the marker spills tees and coins from our pocket onto the ball accidentally causing the ball to move, we have incurred a one-stroke penalty. The reverse is also true. In replacing the ball, if we accidentally drop the ball and it strikes the marker causing it to flip or move to a new position, we also incur a one-stroke penalty. **Rule 18-2**

### 2. HAND, BALL, MARKER

The rules exempt us from penalty in the process of lifting or replacing the ball only if the player is right at the ball so that her hand, the marker and the ball are right next to each other. In that case if we flinch, lose our balance or jerk our hand and cause either the ball or the marker to move, we are not penalized as it is considered to be directly attributable to the process of marking or lifting.

### 3. SPANNING OR REPLACING YOUR MARKER

Another common error that occurs on the putting green happens when another player asks if we could replace our large decorative marker with a small flat one. While we could just span the marker on a club-head length or more out of the line of the putt, frequently we simply flip the large marker out and replace it with the small one. Technically this means there is a time when the position of the ball is not accurately marked. Even though it is just a second or two, it is not allowed. This action requires a one-stroke penalty that could easily be avoided using the proper procedure. Just replace the ball, lift the large marker and replace it with the smaller marker. No breach of the rules here. **Rule 20-1**

### 4. ALIGNING YOUR BALL PRIOR TO PUTTING

While the ball marker is in place, a player may touch the ball and adjust the position of the ball on the green. Many players align the trade mark or pole mark on the ball with their line of putt. If we lift the ball marker and then want to readjust the ball, we need to replace the marker before the ball is touched again. Frequently, we just reach down and realign the line on the ball without replacing the marker. Even if the ball is not lifted from the green (which some players think makes this procedure allowed) it is a one-stroke penalty under **Rule 18-2** for purposely touching the ball in play. Avoid that penalty by replacing the marker.

### 5. MARKING A FELLOW COMPETITOR'S OR OPPONENT'S BALL

To facilitate pace of play, players frequently ask if they may mark a fellow competitor's or opponent's ball on the putting green. While this is a courtesy in stroke play, it is critical in match play to receive permission. If we mark and lift an opponent's ball in match play without her permission, we incur a one-stroke penalty. In stroke play there is no penalty, but again, it is a courtesy to ask before marking and lifting someone else's ball.

**Rule 18-3b**