

BWGL NEWS - AUGUST - 2021

2021 OFFICERS

President.....Tammy Blunt
Vice President.....Debbie Coan
Secretary.....Cindy Renard
Treasurer.....Leta Miller



BWGL WINNERS IN WAWGA TOURNAMENTS

WAWGA Senior/Super Senior:

Sharon Emrich won 1st Gross in 3rd Flight

Pat Totten was 2nd Gross in 4th flight

Margo Nunn was 1st Gross in 5th Flight

SUPER SENIORS: Jan Schraeder was 1st Net in 2nd Flight

WAWGA Four Ball:

Pat Totten/Kellie Dome won 2nd Gross in Flight 2

Lanie/Kathy Pelz won 1st Gross in 4th Flight

Echo Tung/Carol Shelton won 1st Net in 4th Flight

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!!

Thanks to the Officers for hosting the

2021 CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Also, thanks to the membership for a good turnout.

There were 19 players altogether, which is a pretty good showing, especially when the dates had to be changed and some members were unable to make the change due to their pre-scheduled activities. Also thanks to Keith and his staff for their assistance. Keith was also instrumental in helping with posting of scores and identifying the winners. The Breakfast Burritos and cinnamon rolls (that were donated by a special friend of Tammy's) were delicious! Tammy, keep that contact available for future tournaments! :)

The weather was good, the golf was great and the 2020 Champions decided to do a repeat!!!

CONGRATULATIONS Vicki and Vicki!!!

END OF YEAR DINNER AND AWARDS

Put this date on your calendar

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Ann has arranged for dinner at

Larkspur Bistro & Bar

More details to follow

For our new members (and all others), this is not only for dinner and awards, it's a great time to socialize, celebrate the season and get better acquainted with each!!!!

2021 CHAIRPERSONS

Annual Awards.....Carol Shelton
Communications.....Nadine Roberts
Handicap.....Peggy King
Rules & Arbitration.....Nancy Knopp
Social.....Ann Wagner
Team Play Captain.....Vicki Smith
Tournaments.....Lana Lyda
Website Coordinator...Nadine Roberts
Weekly Awards.....Nonya Horning

Thanks to all the Chairpersons for their commitment to making BWGL possible!

Another date to remember is

September 25 & 26

That is our Ponca City outing that Becky B is hosting!! And if you've ever been ... or never been ... to one of her events and you enjoy fun and comradery, you should make every effort to make this trip!! You will soon learn that it's not ALL about golf!! You may have already gotten that hint if you've been reading her "Snip-its" about it. And if you don't have a roommate for the trip.....not to worry! Becky will "dig up" someone or something for you!! More details to follow!

JULY WEEKLY WINNERS

July 6 Best Poker Hand (Back Nine)

Twenty-three ladies golfed for Best Poker Hand. Nine in the morning, and 14 in the evening.

Flight A Ann Wagner (Straight 45678)

Flight B Echo Tung (Straight 45678)

Flight C Dottie Kaiser (Full House 88866)

July 13 Most Fives (Front Nine)

Twenty ladies golfed for most 5's. Five ladies golfed in the morning, and fifteen in the evening.

Flight A Vicki Smith (6)

Flight B Echo Tung (4)

Flight C Debbie Coan, Leta Miller, Sherri Shofner, Carol Shelton, Sandy Ebarb (1)

July 20 Most Drives in Fairway (Back Nine)

Eighteen ladies golfed for Most Drives in the Fairway. 14 golfed in the morning, and 4 in the evening. Summer golf has really been fun!

Flight A Barb Anthem, Barb Wright, Becky Beddow (5)

Flight B Melissa Rodriguez, Jan Yaeger, Nadine Roberts, Jan Schraeder (4)

Flight C Vicki Shue (5)

July 27 Best Score Hole #1,2,3 (Front Nine)

Eighteen ladies golfed for Best Score Hole #1,2,3. Six ladies golfed in the morning, and twelve in the evening. A very competitive day in all flights.

Flight A Vicki Smith, Tina Leep (15)

Flight B Margo Nunn (14)

Flight C Annie Cummings (14)

Nonya

From the Handicap Chair.....

As a reminder, if you post your score the day you play, the **date** you played should be **correct**. But if you post your score at a later time, be sure you enter the **correct date** that you played. This is important particularly when you are playing on BWGL Tuesday play days and week-end play days. And yes, I understand that sometimes mistakes are made. In that case, just let me know and I can make the correction. Just send me an email at pking2513@sbcglobal.net and tell me what the situation is that needs corrected.

Peggy

NO ZOOM MEETING

According to our By Laws, we are supposed to have a business meeting at the beginning, middle and end of the year. Tammy was planning to do a ZOOM (mid-year) Meeting to catch everyone up on the happenings of BWGL. But, there was such a good turnout at the Hesston Tournament, she/we decided to have the mid-year meeting in person after the tournament. So, be watching your mail for the minutes from that meeting.

HESSTON TOURNAMENT

Beautiful day! Great tournament! Fantastic turnout!

It was almost a little "iffy" whether the weather was going to cooperate with us or not. The middle of the night brought some rain, thunder and lightning.....

But the morning brought sunshine and not too much water on the course for us to play! Aside from a bit of casual water and a few holes that were cart path only, the Hesston course was in great shape. I vote that we go there again...often! We even found a Braums on the way home! See the 2021 Events on the Webpage for pictures and the results of the tournament!

LOCAL RULES ADOPTED BY BWGL

There has been a lot of discussion regarding the "local rules" adopted by BWGL. Just for clarification: this is how we voted at the Organizational Meeting at the first of the year on two local rules.....

*Nancy proposed BWGL adopting a "max score" for a hole, using the guidelines the USGA has suggested. This would be for Tuesday play days only. After several motions, amended motions and discussion; the following motion was moved by Nancy, seconded by Cheryl Greiving: The "max score" of 10 for a hole will apply for Tuesday play days. The 10 will be circled on the scorecard, indicating the max score was applied. For putts on a hole where the max score was used, the player will putt from the front edge of the green and record the actual number of putts taken. (An actual true score of 10 will not be circled on the scorecard). The motion was voted on and the ayes carried.

*The local club rule Nancy lead discussion on is the "E-5 Alternative local rule for a "lost or out of bounds ball". This rule is an option to the "stroke-and-distance" relief. When a player is "virtually certain" their ball is lost or OB, and no provisional ball was played; the player can opt to bring the ball back to the nearest fairway edge (no closer to the hole). This option allows the player to drop in a large area behind and between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone OB and 2 club lengths from the edge of the fairway. This incurs a 2-stroke penalty, which means the relief is comparable to what would have been achieved with the stroke-and-distance relief. This option is meant to keep the pace of play moving. Nancy motioned the E-5 rule be adopted for all BWGL play days, Cindy Renard seconded and the motion carried.

Another note on our roster booklets: Just be patient a little longer. They are in the process of being updated and revised. In the meantime, a list of our members and their emails will be sent to the membership.

USGA RULES THAT WERE CONSIDERED BUT WERE REJECTED BY THE OFFICIAL USGA COMMITTEE

We have talked a lot about the new USGA rules, so I thought it might be kind of interesting to look at some of the rules that were suggested and considered, but were rejected in the end!

Dimensions of the hole – The size of the hole in the putting green is retained at 4 ¼ inches in diameter. Golf is a combination of many skills, with the touch and feel of putting being in marked contrast to the strength, coordination and timing required for full shots. An increase in the dimensions of the hole (as a few people have suggested) would alter that balance and we have found no good reason to do so.

Number of clubs a player may carry in a round – While the 14 club limit is essentially an arbitrary limit (established in the late 1930's), it has worked well and we can see no compelling reason to decrease or increase the limit.

Restrictions on touching sand in a bunker – Although the new Rules significantly relax the current prohibitions on what a player can do in the bunker, we have retained certain restrictions (namely, no deliberately touching the sand with hand or club to test the condition of the bunker and no touching of the sand with a club in the area right in front of or behind the ball or in making a practice swing or the backswing for the stroke). These prohibitions have been maintained to preserve the essential challenge of playing a shot from the sand in a bunker

Dropping procedure retained but simplified – There was strong consensus that the current dropping procedures are too complicated and should be modified. To that end, we considered many alternatives, including various possible procedures for dropping the ball and the alternative of allowing the ball to be placed rather than dropped. Our conclusion was that the procedure being proposed is a better solution than allowing the ball to be placed in all circumstances, as it achieves the goal of simplifying and speeding up how relief is taken without completely losing the element of randomness associated with dropping the ball.

Play the ball as it lies – In its simplest form, golf is about playing the ball from tee to green by hitting it with a golf club, and not otherwise touching the ball. A fundamental challenge of the sport is to deal with whatever position your ball comes to rest in – whether good or bad. While there are some necessary exceptions (such as obstructions and other abnormal course conditions), the essential nature of golf means these must remain exceptions rather than the norm. Therefore, the new Rules do not provide relief without penalty from situations that some golfers complain about, such as when their ball comes to rest in a divot hole on a fairway or in footprints in a poorly raked bunker. In addition to being contrary to the fundamental principle of playing the ball as it lies, providing free relief in such circumstances would make the Rules harder to apply (for example, what is the difference between an irregularity of surface and an old divot hole?) and could slow down play when there are difficult questions about what is or isn't a divot hole.

Enforceability – Any new Rule needs to be enforceable. For example, while improving pace of play is a fundamental objective of this initiative, it is not considered feasible to impose specific limits on a player's actions in preparing for a stroke (such as a limit on practice swings, or a limit on the amount of putting green repair). Hence, the new Rule recommends (rather than requires) 40 seconds as the maximum time in which a stroke should be made (while also emphasizing that it usually should be possible to make a stroke more quickly than that). This also gives Committees the flexibility to set their own time limits and other requirements in a Pace of Play Policy that is suited to their particular competitions

These are just a few of the rejected suggestions! But just in case there are some concerns, we still have the ability to inject our own Standing Rules which apply only to our club.