



The Nutmeg Golfer

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President's Message:

WE ARE ALL CWGA.....

First and foremost, I welcome you all to the 2011 CWGA golfing season. Also, I remind everyone that as members of our organization, we are **ALL** responsible for the future of CWGA. We all must be committed to making a special effort to make this association the best that it can be.

In looking forward at our upcoming season, there have been a number of changes. I am pleased to welcome a number of new members as a result of the Board's decision to raise our entry index to 23.5. Our first-ever Sunday tournament will be offered this summer, and the Board and committee members have been working diligently to offer more opportunities for each one of you to participate in one or more of our weekday events. We hope that these changes offer an opportunity for each one of you to play in our tournaments.

As I embark on the first year of my Presidency, I am excited to have such a diverse group of women on this Board. There are seasoned members along with many new members, and I thank them all for volunteering their time, energy, and expertise. It is a very exciting time for us all and yet very challenging. In light of economic and societal changes, we need to work together to renew and move CWGA into a sound place for the future. As I have perused the archives of CWGA, I found that not long ago we had television coverage of our championship. Unfortunately, today we struggle to get the news media to cover our events. We continue to address new ways in which we can meet the changing requirements for appropriate coverage of our major events.

There currently are more than 600 members in CWGA, of which less than half play in at least one of the 14 events we host each year. Our membership numbers remain consistent, but our members don't play. At your request, we have changed types of tournaments and our entry index, and yet we still have events that are undersubscribed. The Board welcomes any and all comments and suggestions that may help us improve our tournament participation. We encourage you to send comments or suggestions through the website via "Contact us".

We have 67 member clubs and the Tournament Site Planner works diligently each year to formulate an event schedule. We have several 9-hole courses that are member clubs of CWGA and I ask you to support participation in tournaments held at these clubs as well as the other excellent clubs who offer their courses for our tournaments.

There are still many opportunities for **YOU** to become involved in our organization. Our committee structure requires the commitment, energy, and knowledge of many people. We need your involvement and urge you to contact any committee chair listed in our 2011 CWGA Membership Handbook and offer your help. Participation on and off the course is crucial to the success of our events and our organization.

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This year CWGA will be hosting the 2011 NEWGA Championship in July at Shuttle Meadow Country Club, the CWGA Championship at Wethersfield Country Club, and the CWGA Senior' Legends' and Juniors Championship at New Haven Country Club. In order for these events to be a success, we will need help from **YOU**, our members. Please volunteer if you can by contacting Jeanine Marcucci for the NEWGA Championship or Robin Bickerstaff for the CWGA Championship and the Seniors', Legends' and Juniors Championship. Their telephone numbers and emails are listed in our annual membership handbook. This is a wonderful way to get to know what CWGA is really all about and be part of a wonderful group of volunteers.

If you are a CWGA Representative, we encourage you to introduce new members to others in CWGA. Think about organizing a road trip to one of our events with several of your friends or fellow members. Traveling together is a great way to be a part of our events. If you are new to CWGA, we encourage you to introduce yourself at your first tournament and know that all of us started in the place where you are now.

So, let's think **CWGA** and get out and play! We all deserve this after this incredibly challenging winter and I look forward to seeing you at our first event April 25th at Waterbury Country Club.

May all your putts be good ones!

Sincerely,
Penny Jones
President

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Barry Burke Named Senior Tournament Official

Barry Burke, a long time friend of the CWGA, has been named Senior Tournament Official. Many of you know Barry from his 8 plus years as an official handling all aspects of our tournaments from check-in to scoring and recently helping to migrate Blue Golf into the tournament administration process.

He also officiates for the Connecticut State Golf Association.

He and his wife Nancy, a CWGA member, are members of The Farms CC.

Barry looks forward to working with returning tournament officials Dave Hardy, Steve LaMothe and Ian Logie and mentoring

new additions to the officiating crew Gary Lukens, Paul Smith and Peter Wilkinson.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in receiving information on becoming a tournament official, please contact Norma Noyes at njg617@comcast.net.

CWGA is Growing

We are pleased to introduce our newest members.

Ellington Ridge CC:
Teri McGehan
Dorothy Risley

Farmington Woods CC:
Beth Rotko

Heritage Village CC:
Barbara Ajello
Mary Lou Geghan
Veronica Koh
Aura Showah

Madison CC:
Noreen Kokoruda
Merrilee Shannon

Manchester CC:
Claire Rossetto
Kathleen Bottaro

Mohegan Sun /Pautipaug:
Jane Shea

Patterson Club:
Renee Gacso
Janet Shanley

Race Brook CC:
Ann Marie Willinger

Ridgewood CC:
Anne Crocker
Nancy Hamilton

Rolling Hills CC:
Patricia Goldstein

Stonington CC:
Jo-Ann Chiangi

TPC at River Highlands:
Sara Felter

Wampanoag CC:
Monica Wolff

Changes In Tournament Payouts

This year the Board has decided that approximately 1/3 of each tournament field will win a prize.

In the instance of ties, prizes will be split except for last place.

It was brought to the Board's attention that many tournament participants have not been posting their scores so this

year, before sending out the winning chits, we will be checking to see if you posted a score for that particular tournament. Anyone who has not posted their score will have their prize automatically donated to the Priscilla Maxwell Endicott scholarship fund and they will receive a "Thank You" email for the donation.

Speaking of emailing chits, here is a message from Laura Roman:

"CWGA awards chits are sent via email from CWGAawards@yahoo.com. Please add this email to your contact list so that your award does not go into your spam folder."

ATTENTION CLUB REPS-SAVE THE DATE

There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 14th at Shuttle Meadow CC beginning with coffee at 9:30 AM and meeting at 10AM. Raffle and optional lunch to follow. Please expect an email from Phyllis Kindelan with details.

Website Reminders

All CWGA members that have given us their email address are included on a master list that we use when we send out email messages to the membership. If you do not list CWGA and BlueGolf in your address book, your mail program may send these messages to your spam or junk mail folder. In order to ensure that you will continue to receive online updates, please take a moment to enter the addresses listed below into your address book....and remember to notify us if you change your email address.

noreply@cwga.org AND CTWomensgolfassociation@bluegolf.us

Online Tournament Registration

Signing up and paying for a tournament online is fast and easy to do. Enter your BlueGolf ID and Password into the CWGA Player's Club box on the homepage of www.cwga.org, click on the tournaments tab and then simply click on the tournament that you would like to enter. If you are not yet a member of BlueGolf, click on the "New Member" link to sign up.

Past President's Cup Interclub Matches



Cup Coordinator, Terri Forde, has announced the cup assignments for this season. A reminder to all participants that you must have 10 scores posted by August 1st in order to be placed on your team's roster.

Karen Bunting Cup:

New Haven CC, The Farms CC, Racebrook CC, Heritage Village, Yale GC, and Oronoque CC.

Fanchon Cartin Second Cup:

Farmington CC, Hop Meadow, Manchester I, Glastonbury Hills, Tumble Brook, and Chippanee

Nicki Cobb Cup:

Wethersfield, Farmington Woods, Indian Hills, Manchester II, Shuttle Meadow II, and Watertown

Jeanne Marcucci Cup:

Hartford, Wampanoaug, Ellington Ridge, Shuttle Meadow I, Waterbury, and Avon

Dr. Roberta Massey Cup:

Aspetuck, Rolling Hills, Redding, Patterson, Ridgewood, Silver Spring

Roseann Nygard Cup:

Clinton, Black Hall, Pine Orchard, Stonington, TPC at River Highlands, and Mohegan Sun at Pautipaug

Junior News

This year's Junior Girl's tournament dates have been set. The 2011 schedule has been pared down from previous years due to the increase in tournaments available to the girls with other organizations. Therefore, we will be sponsoring only the Tri-State Matches and the Junior Girls Championship. The Tri-State Matches will be hosted by

CWGA and Waterbury CC has graciously offered their course July 12-13th for the event. The Championship will be held in conjunction with the CWGA Senior and Legends Championship on August 11-12th at New Haven CC.

Our hope is to continue working with the girls in cooperation with the CT Section PGA.



2010 Jr. Champion Albrianna Farnum with Jr. Coordinator, Linda Kaye

Please contact Linda Kaye with any questions concerning junior girls' events.

Thank You!

CWGA would like to recognize and thank the Women's Golf Association from Old Lyme CC for their continued support of junior golf. Each year they hold a "Penny A Putt" tournament fundraiser to benefit the Priscilla Maxwell Endicott junior scholarship fund. Their donations from the last two years totaled over \$700. What started out as "pennies for putts" soon turned into a dollar per putt with many members writing a more generous check.

Consider this a challenge to all the other clubs. The girls really appreciate our support and enjoy the benefits of our contributions.

Welcome

Rock Ridge CC located in Newtown, CT was recently accepted for membership by the CWGA Board. Rock Ridge is a private 9 hole regulation course playing to a par of 36/72 at a length of 5146 yards from the Ladies Tees for 18 holes. We look forward to meeting and playing with their members.



Kindly remember to post ALL scores.



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Visit us at www.cwga.org for the latest info on membership, tournaments, results and much more!

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Event/Format</i>
April 25	Monday	Waterbury	Best 2 balls of 4, by draw
May 19	Thursday	Hartford Golf	Best ball of 2, in class
May 23	Monday	Ellington Ridge	A/B, Summer Special, by draw
May 31-Jun 1	Tues-Wed	Oxford Greens	CSGA Women's Open
June 3	Friday	Shelter Harbor (RI)	CWGA/RI Team Matches
June 7-10	Tue-Fri	Wethersfield	92nd CWGA Championship
June 13	Monday	New London	Stroke play, in class
June 21	Tuesday	Redding	Best ball of 2, in class
June 26	Sunday	Lake of Isles	A/B, Best ball of 4, by draw
July 5	Tuesday	Madison	Stroke play, in class
July 18-20	Mon-Wed	Shuttle Meadow	55th NEWGA Championship
July 25	Mon	Simsbury Farms	Tournament of Champions
July 28	Thursday	Rolling Hills	CWGA/SNEWGA Team Matches
August 2	Tuesday	The Farms	Mixed foursomes, in flights
August 11-12	Thurs-Friday	New Haven	Seniors
August 12	Friday	New Haven	Legends
August 15-17	Mon-Wed	Timberlin	CT Women's Amateur
September 19	Monday	Watertown	Medallion
Sep 26-28	Mon-Wed	Agawam Hunt (RI)	Endicott Cup
October 11	Tuesday	Silver Spring	Presidents' Cup Best ball of 2, any class



Tournament Schedule

