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**Carol Galbraith**

## President's Message

Dear Members,

We learned late last fall that due to unforeseen circumstances, Penny Jones had to resign as President of CWGA. We are grateful for all the time and talent she shared with us and we wish her the very best. I am honored to have been asked to complete the remainder of her term as President and will do my best to continue to uphold the high standards and intentions set by our founders back in 1919.

The 2012 golf season is almost here and we hope you are already planning the many fun and competitive rounds you will play with friends. Your participation in our events is key to a successful CWGA season.

The transition from BlueGolf to our new online registration system, TPP Online, was seamless thanks to the help we received from Ryan Hoffman and the CSGA. The new system was in place in time for our annual renewals and we were thrilled with the response by our membership to test it out. Please make it your goal to sign-up for at least one event ONLINE this year.

It became apparent to us this winter that we ALL need to take an active role in re-introducing CWGA to our member clubs. Club leadership changes every few years and many club presidents, general managers and golf professionals may not be familiar with the role we play with respect to growing and promoting women's golf in CT. We have updated our brochure and will send a copy

along with a letter to each member club this season but we need your help as well. Please take a moment to educate your fellow club members and staff about the role of CWGA whenever the opportunity arises. Many know that we provide our members with competitive golf opportunities but may not be aware that we now award over \$20,000 annually in



4-year renewable college scholarships with almost half funded by current year member donations. This summer we should pass the **\$500,000** mark for PME scholarships awarded since 1978. CWGA also underwrites the entry fees and expenses for some of our juniors so that they can compete in out-of-state events, provides course rating for our member clubs and together with the CSGA, provides rules assistance at our events. This is not an easy time financially for many of our member clubs. The "free reciprocity" that we enjoy is due in part to the services that we provide. As more and more clubs choose to limit these "free" rounds of golf for visiting associations, we need to make sure that CWGA maintains this level of

service for our member clubs or risk losing the privilege of playing without greens fees. I cannot emphasize strongly enough how vital it is for EACH member to play a role in providing these services....whether it is at the Board level, committee level or just offering your time for a day. The number of volunteers for course rating alone is a fraction of what it should be. Please make it your goal for 2012 to get involved. Do not wait to be asked. Contact us to offer your help in an area that interests you. If you are curious about how a golf course is rated, here is a great opportunity for you! Members can sign up to assist the CSGA with course rating this spring....they will provide hands on training. Sign up with a friend and spend a fun day learning a new skill. We need you!

We all love the benefits that come with being a member of the CWGA. It is important that we make working for our Organization and protecting these privileges a priority.

Best wishes to you all for a successful golf season. I will look forward to seeing many of you at our opening Class Mixer on May 1<sup>st</sup> at The Club at River Oaks!

*Carol Galbraith*  
President



**CWGA is Growing**

**We are pleased to introduce our newest members.**

**Aspetuck Valley CC:**  
**Marie Scott**

**GC of Avon:**  
**Linda Stein**

**Brownson CC:**  
**Gilda Pavlech**

**Chippanee CC:**  
**Karleen Smith**

**Ellington Ridge CC:**  
**Lizanne DiStefano**

**Farmington Woods CC:**  
**Beth Rotko**

**Hop Meadow CC:**  
**Jennifer Murnane**  
**Susan Glasspeigel**

**Oronoque CC:**  
**Kathryn Dishon**

**Race Brook CC:**  
**Betty Corrado**

**Redding CC:**  
**Martha Romaniello**

**Rockrimmon CC:**  
**Adele Clingman**

**Silvermine CC:**  
**Diane Murphy**  
**Vyvan Burns**  
**Carla Thompson**  
**Gaye Devere**  
**Mary Ann Higgins**  
**Nancy Carlson**  
**Nancy Kucera**  
**Poppy Holmes**

**Silver Spring CC:**  
**Linda Dugan**

**2012 CWGA Reps Meeting Scheduled**

Phyllis Kindelan, Reps coordinator, has slated this year's meeting for Thursday, April 12th at Shuttle Meadow CC. The meeting will begin at 9 AM with breakfast. Feel free to bring along a fellow CWGA member and learn about the new Tournament Pairing Program (TPP) which will make online registration a snap. There will be a raffle again this year in which one of the prizes will be a golf lesson with Suzy Whaley.

Each CWGA Rep in attendance will receive a copy of the newly published *2012-2015 USGA Rules of Golf* for every CWGA member at her club. If you cannot attend, please send a fellow CWGA member from your club to gather the vital information that will be shared in addition to the rules books which contain new rules and are valid until 2015.

Phyllis has arranged for an optional 9 hole fun event immediately following the meeting, if there is enough interest and weather permitting. The cost for golf, cart, and a boxed lunch is \$35. Please let her know if you would like to play when she sends out the email invitation.

**"We are excited about the 2012 season and, with your help, we know it can be successful"** Phyllis Kindelan

**Please Take a Minute to.....**



**Add ....**

[general@cwga.org](mailto:general@cwga.org) and [noreply@cwga.org](mailto:noreply@cwga.org) to your email contacts to receive important updates that look like a page from the website. This will prevent them from going to your junk mail folder.



**Also Add:**

[cwgaawards@yahoo.com](mailto:cwgaawards@yahoo.com) to your email contacts in order to receive your prize chits from Laura Roman. It would be a shame to lose shopping funds in the junk mail folder.



**Post.....**

**ALL** scores. Winning scores which are not posted within a week of a CWGA tournament will result in prizes being donated to the PME scholarship fund.



**Junior News**



2011 Junior Champion Julie Kemmling with Junior Chairwoman, Linda Kaye

Junior tournament dates have been set. The Junior Championship will again be held in conjunction with the CWGA Senior and Legends Championship July 26-27th at Hop Meadow CC.

The Tri-State Matches will be hosted by Rhode Island this year and will be held at Quidnessett Country Club in North Kingston, RI on August 7-8th.

The Board is happy to announce that Janet Karabin and Sharon Nightingale have agreed to share the position of One-Day Tournament Coordinators. Thank you, Ladies!

## 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, The Farms,  
Race Brook, Heritage Village,  
Waterbury, and Oronoque

### Nicki Cobb Cup:

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

### Jeanine Marcucci Cup:

Hartford, Wampanoag, Avon,  
Ellington Ridge, Shuttle Meadow I,  
and Chippanee/Woodbridge

### Dr. Roberta Massey Cup:

Aspetuck, Rolling Hills,  
Redding, Silvermine, Ridgewood,  
and Silver Spring

### Nancy Lehr Cup:

Clinton, Black Hall, Stonington, Yale,  
Madison/Pine Orchard, and  
Mohegan Sun at Pautipaug

### Carolyn Creed Second Cup:

Farmington CC, Hop Meadow,  
Manchester I, Glastonbury Hills,  
Tumble Brook, and TPC at River  
Highlands

## Volunteers Needed for Cobra Puma Girl's Golf Fair Hosted by Suzy Whaley



Suzy Whaley, LPGA teaching professional, has organized a day of golf activities for girls, ages 4-17. All abilities are welcome including those that have never even considered playing golf. The event will take place on **Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at TPC River Highlands**. A link for event registration will be available on Suzy's website: [suzywhaleygolf.com](http://suzywhaleygolf.com). **ALL** girls must register and there is a \$10 fee being charged to those who are not members of the LPGA-USGA Girls Golf Club. Lunch and a goodie bags are included with registration.

Besides title sponsors Cobra and Puma, Suzy has secured presenting sponsorships from PGA Tour Charities and Snag as well as partnerships with The Traveler's Championship, The First Tee of CT, LPGA, USGA, US Kids Golf, CT PGA Section, LPGA T & CP Division, SNEWGA, **CWGA**, CSGA, American Cancer Society, and PE2Tee.

Suzy is expecting at least 500 participants but has a goal of 1000. In order to accomplish this task, she will require volunteers who would serve in many capacities including registration, distribution of goodie bags, traffic control, golf station monitors, etc. The day will be broken into morning (7:15-12:15) and afternoon (12:15-5:15) sessions. You may volunteer for either or both sessions by contacting Linda Kaye via email: [lindakaye27@comcast.net](mailto:lindakaye27@comcast.net)

In addition to volunteers, Suzy would be extremely grateful for any and all promotional support by our members and participating facilities. We are hoping that CWGA will have a strong showing at this event as growing junior golf is one of our major goals. Please **VOLUNTEER** your time and talent.

### *Did you know.....*

**...New London CC is now Great Neck CC? It will continue to operate as a private club and to be a member of CWGA. Kevin Shea is their head professional and all contact information remains the same.**

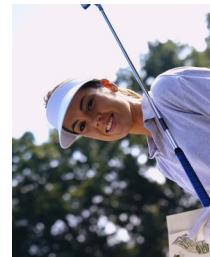
**...you may invite a guest to a CWGA tournament if the field is not full? See page 11 in the membership handbook for details.**

**...starting this year each club may send up to two teams to the Medallion Tournament? Be a part of the action and show your club pride.**

# 2012 Tournament Schedule

Grab a friend and participate in the exciting events we have planned this season. They are spread throughout the state and are open to all members. Visit our website [CWGA.org](http://CWGA.org) for details.

Date	Day	Course	Event/Format
May 1	Tuesday	River Oaks	Best ball of 4, by draw
May 10	Thursday	Stonington	Stroke play, in flights
May 25	Friday	Chippanee	A/B, Summer Special, by draw
May 29-30	Tues-Wed	Clinton	CSGA Women's Open
June 7	Thursday	Hartford	CWGA/RI Team Matches
June 11-14	Mon-Thurs	Rolling Hills	93rd CWGA Championship
June 26	Tuesday	Lake of Isles, South Course	A/B, Best 2 Balls of Four
July 9-11	Mon-Wed	Natanis (ME)	56th NEWGA Championship
July 16	Monday	Suffield	Best ball of 2, in flights
July 26-27	Thurs-Friday	Hop Meadow	Seniors and Juniors
July 27	Friday	Hop Meadow	Legends
August 2	Thursday	Fox Hopyard	CWGA/SNEWGA Team Matches
August 7	Tues	Avon	Tournament of Champions
August 14-16	Tues-Thurs	Ridgewood	CT Women's Amateur
August 20	Monday	Farmington Woods	Mixed Foursomes, in flights
September 4	Tuesday	Rock Ridge	Best ball of 2, in flights
September 20	Thursday	Glastonbury Hills	Medallion
October 1-3	Mon-Wed	Nashwatic (MA)	Endicott Cup
October 11	Thursday	Tumble Brook	Presidents' Cup Best ball of 2, any class
October 16	Tuesday	Hartford	9-hole Scramble, by draw



**GET  
OUT AND  
PLAY!**



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Rolling Hills Country Club  
Site of the 93<sup>rd</sup> CWGA Championship  
June 11-14, 2012

# USGA Rules Changes, Revisions, and Clarifications

*Submitted by Jane Witherwax*

2012 brings many changes, revisions and clarifications to the Rules of Golf and Decisions to the Rules of Golf. I will attempt to summarize some of these changes.

Definitions: Addressing the ball. Revised to state that a ball has been addressed when the player has grounded the club immediately in front of or immediately behind the ball.

Notice: There is no mention of the player's stance.

This new definition is referenced in Rule 18-2b. Ball moving after address

If a player's ball in play moves after he has addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the player is deemed to have moved the ball and *incurs a penalty of one stroke*. The ball must be replaced, unless the movement of the ball occurs after the player has begun the stroke or the backward movement of the club for the stroke and the stroke is made.

**Exception:** If it is known or virtually certain that the player did not cause the ball to move, Rule 18-2b does not apply.

Relevant Decisions are 18-2b/4; 18-2b/5; 18-2b/7 and 18-2b/11.

Another significant clarification can be found in Rule 1-2 **Exerting Influence on Movement of Ball or Altering Physical Conditions**.

Revised to clarify that exerting influence is taking an action to influence the movement of the ball or to alter physical conditions with the intent to affect the playing of the hole. Rule 1-2 applies unless another Rule applies to the situation. An action taken for the "sole purpose of caring for the course" is not a breach of Rule 1-2.

Decision 1-2/0.7 defines "Sole purpose of caring for the course". The phrase includes acts defined in Etiquette, such as smoothing the ragged edge of a hole, replacing divots or tapping down spike marks, solely for the care of the course, not to assist play of anyone in the group.

Rule 1-2 does not prevent a player from actions described in Etiquette if the player's intent is for the sole purpose of caring for the course without intentionally influencing the movement of a ball or the physical conditions affecting play.

One last significant clarification can be found in Rule 13

**13-2: Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing or Line of Play**

Decision 13-2/0.5 Meaning of "Improve". This decision clarifies that "improve" means to change for the better so that the player gains a potential advantage for the position or lie of the ball, area of intended stance or swing, line of play or the extension beyond the hole or an area where the ball is to be dropped or placed. Changing an area protected by Rule 13-2 is not a breach unless it creates a potential advantage for the player in his play.

**13-4: Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions:**

**Exception 2.** At any time, the player may smooth sand or soil in a hazard provided this is for the sole purpose of caring for the course and nothing is done to breach Rule 13-2 with respect to his next stroke. If a ball played from a hazard is outside the hazard after the stroke, the player may smooth sand or soil in the hazard without restriction.

There are many related decisions for these rules in the USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf.