Dear Members,

I am sure many of you have heard the saying “By changing nothing, nothing changes.” Our CWGA Board of Directors has embraced this concept in planning for the 2018 golf season. In addition to coming up with a brand-new format for our tournament schedule, we have made changes to both the Championship and the Medallion events to appeal to more of our membership.

If you have already renewed your membership this year, then you have experienced one of our biggest changes, namely Golf Genius, a USGA software program just released in mid-January. As with anything new, patience is required as we attempt to move forward in going paperless this year. Our Treasurer, Sandra Smith, is most appreciative of your efforts in this regard! Golf Genius offers many upgraded features which will be gradually introduced throughout the year. We are indebted to CSGA for the endless hours they dedicated to training and supporting us in this transition.

Over the past several years we have experienced a drop in the number of participants in the CWGA Championship. After careful consideration and thorough discussion of a plethora of ideas the tournament committee has offered the following changes in hopes of increasing member participation:

- Championship Division – open to anyone with a handicap index of 23.5 or less
- Founders Cup Division – open to anyone with a handicap index between 13.0 – 23.5
- If you qualify to play in both divisions, you must select one in which to compete.
- The stroke play qualifier will be played within the division you registered.
- If there are less than 14 players in a division at the close of registration, that division will be reduced to 8 players.
- Final Round match play for both divisions will be 18 holes.

Our Medallion tournament will now be scored using the Stableford system. The gross player earns gross Stableford points, the net player earns net Stableford points, and those 2 sets of points will be combined for the total team score. Clubs will not be limited in the number of teams entered the competition.

A new tournament format added this year is the CWGA Solheim, a 27- hole tournament. Registered players will be divided evenly by handicap index into two teams, Red and Blue. For each of the nine holes segments you will be paired with a different partner for best ball of two, alternate shot, and 2-person scramble, competing against the other team in your foursome. Each hole will be valued at 1 point, and the total points from Red Team versus total points from the Blue Team will determine the winner.

One final important item concerns the Priscilla Maxwell Endicott Fund. To simplify the registration process we have decided to forego the online donation prompt this year. However, should you wish to continue with your contribution this year we request that you send your donation directly to Lisa Fern Boros, Treasurer PME, 16 Birds Eye Rd., Shelton, CT 06484.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you throughout the 2018 CWGA golf season.
**CWGA New Members**

- **Chippanee**
  - Nancy St Pierre
- **Clinton CC**
  - Alley Foley-Troy
- **Farms CC**
  - Jennifer Jalbert
- **Great River GC**
  - Andree Acampora
- **Heritage Village CC**
  - Kandi Skowronski
- **Mill River Country Club**
  - Regina Johnston
- **Ridgewood CC**
  - Susan White
- **Stonington CC**
  - Mary Hotchkiss
- **TPC River Highlands**
  - Susan Miller
- **Wallingford CC**
  - Diane Aldrich
  - Jennie Caruso
  - Lorelei Elia
  - Sharon Fox

We hope to see you all at events this season!

**CWGA Welcomes new member club Fox Hopyard Golf Club in East Haddam.**

**Reminders!**

- The maximum USGA handicap index for eligibility to join CWGA in 2018 is 23.5. Please encourage members of your club that meet the eligibility requirements to join us! The Membership Application is available on the CWGA web site (https://www.cwga.org/Membership-Information).
- Add the following addresses to your email contacts to receive important updates and prize chits. This will prevent them from going to your junk mail folder. admin@cwga.org  general@cwga.org  cwgaawards@cwga.org
- Please remember to tip attendants at host clubs.
- Please keep your team captain or club rep informed of any change of status for Past Presidents’ Cup team matches.

**CWGA Web Site**

Check out the web site for CWGA information and more. The site has information on Tournament Registration, Member Clubs, Member Directory, Annual Yearbooks, Past Presidents’ Cup schedules and results, and past copies of our Spring and Fall Nutmeg Golfer Bulletins. We also recognize our new CWGA members and member clubs. Invitational and Charity events at CWGA member clubs may appear on the site.
Past Presidents’ Cup Interclub Matches

Cup Coordinator, Peggy Crotty, reports that the CWGA Past Presidents’ Cup matches have been scheduled for the upcoming season. Schedules and Rules will be available on the web site. 2018 Cup assignments and competing clubs are:

**Penny Jones Cup:**
Black Hall/Madison, Clinton, Great Neck/Lake of Isles, Great River/Pine Orchard, Stonington

**Linda Kaye Cup:**
Chippanee, CC of Farmington, The Farms, CC of Waterbury, Watertown/Highfield

**Jeanine Marcucci Cup:**
Avon, Ellington Ridge, Hartford, Shuttle Meadow, Wampanoag

**Norma Noyes Cup:**
Brownson, Heritage Village, New Haven, Oronoque, Race Brook/Highland, Yale

**Hannah Steel Cup:**
Patterson, Redding, Rockrimmon/Rolling Hills, Shorehaven, Silvermine

**Carol Galbraith Cup (trial format for 2018 match play better ball of 2):**
Farmington Woods, Glastonbury Hills, Hop Meadow, TPC River Highlands, Tumble Brook, Wethersfield

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Club Reps

The Annual Club Reps meeting will be held on Thursday, May 17 at Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club in Branford. The meeting will be held at 11:30 after an optional 9-hole golf tournament. Please plan to attend or send someone from your club to pick up information.

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Rules Changes and Modernization

The USGA and R&A announced their plans to modernize and simplify the rules of golf in 2017. The goal is to make the rules more consistent, fair to golfers of all levels and easier to understand. The committees collected input and reviewed the feedback. Finalized changes will take effect January 1, 2019.
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 www.cwga.org for details.

### 2018 Tournament Schedule—Get out and play!

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**Major events**
- Team events
- One Day events
- CSGA & CWGA Mixed Event

Innis Arden
Site of the 2018 CT Women’s Open
May 29—30