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President's Message

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.

♦ Live ♦ Laugh ♦ Golf

Robin Bickerstaff
President CWGA



Welcome!

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.



In Memoriam

Cynthia Villano

1938-2018

CC of Waterbury

CWGA Member

CWGA Team Events 2018

- **CT/RI match** at Farmington Woods CC on **Fri June 1**. Entries accepted April 28—May 19 via website or mail. Team notified after entries close. Max handicap 14.4.
- **CWGA/SNEWGA matches** at Timberlin on **Thurs Aug 9**. Entries accepted July 19 through July 31 via website or mail. Team notified after entries close. Handicaps 0– 21.9 eligible. There are 4 players in each of 5 handicap ranges.
- **Endicott/Tri-State** at Wyantenuck CC in Great Barrington, MA **Tue Oct 2 — Thurs Oct 4**. Entries accepted Aug 25—Sept 15 via website or mail. Entry fee is \$125. Team notified by email after entries close. Max handicap 17.0.

Please refer to the 2018 CWGA Handbook or Web Site/Tournaments for additional information, application and eligibility requirements.



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



**The Golf Club of Avon
Host of the 99th CWGA
Championship
June 5—8**

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.



**CC of Farmington
Host of the Seniors
Championship
July 30 & 31**

**Legends
Championship
July 31**



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.



2018 Tournament Schedule—Get out and play!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Event/Format</i>
May 9	Wed	Aspetuck Valley CC	Opening Mixer
May 17	Thurs	Pine Orchard Yacht and CC	Reps Meeting
May 29	Tues	Great River Golf Club	Summer Special
May 29-30	Tues-Wed	Innis Arden	CT Women's Open
Jun 1	Fri	Farmington Woods CC	CT-RI Matches
Jun 5-8	Tues-Fri	The Golf Club of Avon	99th CWGA Championship
Jun 18	Mon	Highfield Club	CWGA Solheim (New Format)
Jun 27	Wed	The Farms Country Club	Stableford
Jun 28	Thurs	Pine Orchard Yacht and CC	Tournament of Champions
Jul 9-11	Mon-Wed	The Woodlands (ME)	NEWGA Championship
Jul 20	Fri	Tumble Brook	2 Best Balls of 4, by draw
Jul 24	Tues	Torrington CC	CSGA Mixed Championship
Jul 30-31	Mon-Tues	Country Club of Farmington	Seniors/Juniors
Jul 31	Tues	Country Club of Farmington	Legends
Aug 6	Mon	Litchfield Country Club	Individual Stroke Play
Aug 9	Thurs	Timberlin Golf Club	CWGA/SNEWGA Matches
Aug 14	Tues	Country Club of Waterbury	Two-person Scramble
Aug 14-16	Tues-Thurs	The Hartford Golf Club	CT Women's Amateur
Sep 13	Thurs	Rockrimmon Country Club	Best Ball of 2 in Flights
Sep 20	Thurs	The Patterson Club	The Medallion
Sep 24	Mon	Clinton Country Club	President's Cup
Oct 2-4	Tues-Thurs	Wyantenuck (Great Barrington MA)	Endicott
Oct 11	Thurs	Heritage Village Country Club	Annual Meeting/Closing Mixer

Major events

Team events

One Day events

CSGA & CWGA Mixed Event



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



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.