



Links Letter – May 2022

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Welcome Back!

It's been a very long time coming. Really, it's not that much happened this winter that a newsletter or two couldn't get written. A class in newsletter layouts would have been a good idea. Inertia, cold fingers, wonky printer, challenging knee, Nordic Noir, dog bites, and just plain old laziness. And the beat goes on.... Other folks actually did do interesting things this winter. Hearing good news is a great way to recharge. So, let's get going.

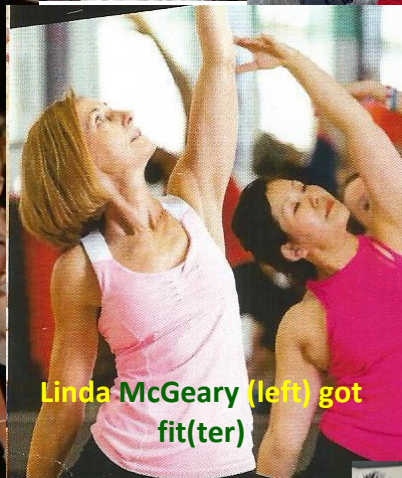


Mim Schreck (left) caught up with friends

Marge Funk & Michelle Murphy brought Killington to its knees



Barbara Karsky married Brian Lyman in Puerto Rico



Linda McGeary (left) got fit(ter)



Swimming with the Fishes:
Darlene Tranquilli and
granddaughter Ariella, age 9,
with Capricorn, age 50.

Thanks for sharing my
age, Darlene.
If I get canned, you're
going with me, Chicken of
the Sea!

Surrender, Lynn, let
the club do the work.



CWGA prez Lynn Leffler gets swing
tips from a winged monkey at The
Wizard of Oz Museum in Florida

Really Wonderful News



Taking a preferred lie

the 26th. Get her, no joke, 13th hole-in-one.

Longtime Tumble Brook member **Linda Weintraub** won her 25th club championship. This year is off to a slower start than she'd like because of the cold and cart restrictions. Nevertheless, Linda is straining the leash to get out there full time. Her goals for 2022? Win

Number 12. But the Baker's Dozen won't be far behind!



See if you can spot **Ann Newman** (Wampanoag) on the streets of West Hartford and beyond. She's a marathon runner, and not just any marathon runner; she's a world-class runner – top 25 in her age category! In October she finished 22nd in London. Last month she ran her personal best in Boston.



Hmmmm. Am I running on the correct side of the road?



London

Ann insists that running 26 miles competitively is far easier than tournament golf. With runs well under the four-hour mark, she definitely is faster than a foursome with carts. This year she's planning to run London, New York possibly Chicago. Next March she'll run Tokyo.

When not committing the most amazingly esoteric rules to memory, tournament official **Steve Basson**, husband of Major Tournaments chair and Ellington Ridge member Brenda Basson, is on the road with their Weimaraner **Hogan**. Just last month they placed second at the American Kennel Club 2022 National Agility Championship (think US Open for dogs). Here's what the competitive community reports: He's extremely intelligent, has enormous drive and athleticism and is extremely food and toy motivated. He's a total goofball but once inside the ring, he's 100% business. The transformation from clown to athlete is incredible to watch. His favorite downtime activity is sunning himself. A fun household routine is picking up anything dropped (socks, granola bars) and returning it to the owner. Every morning he retrieves the newspaper (including the Sunday Times?!?) from the driveway, regardless of the weather. The article also mentions that Steve and Brenda are nice too.



Priscilla Maxwell Endicott/CWGA Scholars

As the deadline draws nigh for the 2022 PME/CWGA Scholar submissions and as folks are gearing up to play the Virtual PME, let's meet our 2021 class. They are currently wrapping up their freshman year.

Leslie Li, West Hartford

- Miss Porter's School, Farmington
- University of Hartford
- Business major
- 2022 Connecticut State Golf Association P.J. Boatwright Intern
- 2020 CWGA champion
- 2021 CWGA runner-up
- Two-time MPS golf captain
- Won The Dotty Morrell Coleman Athletic Award as a senior



Emma Sibson, West Hartford

- Conard HS, West Hartford
- Endicott College
- Graphics Design major
- Worked at Gillette Ridge in 2021
- Perennial high school honor roll student

Meghna Mazumdar, South Windsor

- South Windsor HS
- Boston College
- Management & Leadership, economics double major
- National Participant Advisory Council at First Tee Worldwide
- National Winner of the Outstanding Participant Leadership Award and Scholarship
- Started SWHS girls' golf team



Lydia Welborn, Stamford

- Christian Heritage School, Trumbull
- Mississippi College
- Nursing major
- MC golf team member
- Golf Performance Center High School Athlete

Brooke Mercer, Manchester

- Manchester HS
- Drew University
- Drew golf team member
- Team won the Landmark Conference title
- Team competed in the NCAA Championships



Devan Wildman, Shelton

- Shelton HS
- Miami University (Ohio)
- Finance (plans to minor in International Business)
- Member of Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity
- Will intern at Fifth Third Bank in operations leadership

Scholars Elsewhere....

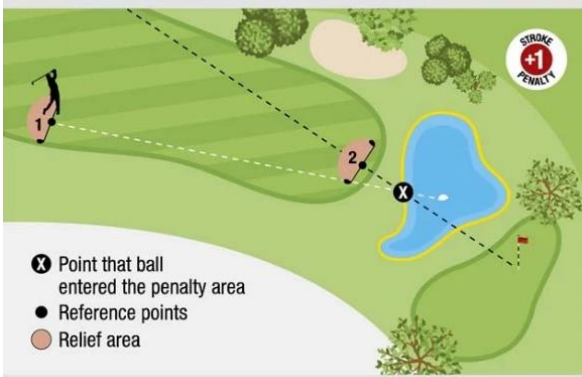
Perhaps you've heard: **Debbie Blount** is a sophomore at Reinhardt University in Waleska, GA. Like the rest of her Eagle teammates, she manages a full course load. Unlike her teammates, she once qualified to play in a USGA amateur event – the 2011 Senior Women's Amateur. In a few years, Blount will qualify for Medicare. She's 63. Called the *Golden Eagle* by teammates, Blount is making up for lost time by pursuing the college dream that's long eluded her. Hoping to graduate a year early in 2023, she'll be the first in her family to graduate from college. A master's degree is not off the table. Her 95-year-old mother is proud of her.



Relief From a Yellow or Red Penalty Area

Oh, fearless rules official, please save us! What are we supposed to do?

DIAGRAM #1 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN YELLOW PENALTY AREA



When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a yellow penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has **two options**, each for one penalty stroke:

- (1) The player may take stroke-and-distance relief by playing the original ball or another ball from a relief area based on where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6 and Diagram 14.6).

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
The spot where the player's previous stroke was made (which if not known must be estimated)	One club-length from the reference point	The relief area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and • Must be in the same area of the course as the reference point

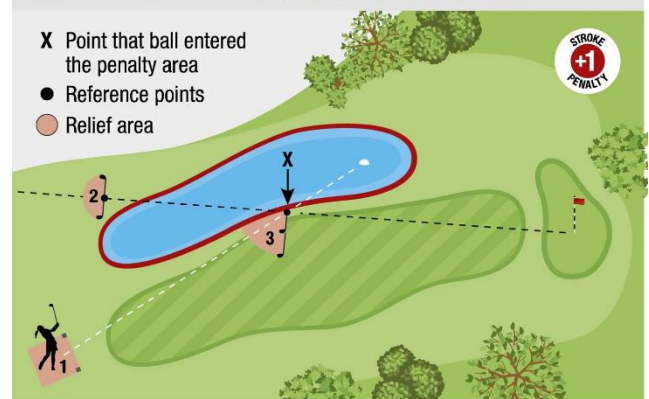
- (2) The player may take back-on-the-line relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in a relief area based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through point X.

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
A point on the course chosen by the player that is on the reference line through point X (the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the yellow penalty area). There is no limit on how far back on the line the reference point may be	One club-length from the reference point	The relief area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and • May be in any area of the course except the same penalty area

Player Notes:
In choosing this reference point, you should indicate the point by using an object (such as a tee).

When you take relief from a penalty area, you get one penalty stroke. For yellow penalty areas, you have two relief options. For red penalty areas, you have three relief options (the same two relief options as you do for yellow, plus one additional option.) For a yellow penalty area, you may take relief by dropping into a relief area using (1) the spot at which your last stroke was made under stroke and distance (see Rule 17.1d(1)) or (2) the back-on-the-line relief procedure (see Rule 17.1d(2)). For a red penalty area, you have the two options above for a yellow penalty area, plus an additional option to take lateral relief. Lateral relief allows you to drop a ball into a relief area measured from where your ball last crossed the edge of red penalty area. From that reference point, you are allowed to drop outside the penalty area and anywhere within two club-lengths of that spot, no nearer to the hole (see Rule 17.1d(3)).

DIAGRAM #2 17.1d: RELIEF FOR BALL IN RED PENALTY AREA



When it is known or virtually certain that a ball is in a red penalty area and the player wishes to take relief, the player has **three options**, each for one penalty stroke:

- (1) The player may take stroke-and-distance relief (see point (1) in Diagram #1 17.1d).
- (2) The player may take back-on-the-line relief (see point (2) in Diagram #1 17.1d).
- (3) The player may take lateral relief (red penalty area only). The reference point for taking lateral relief is point X.

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
The estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area (point X)	Two club-lengths from the reference point	The relief area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and • May be in any area of the course except the same penalty area

Really, just ask a rules official. They LOVE this stuff.

Results – Click the links on the Tournament Schedule for scoring details

May 4: Rep's Meeting at TPC River Highlands was so windy and cold it was changed from a better ball to a scramble. It was so cold, CWGA President Lefler, who flew up for the



Murphy, Macmillan, Free, Nichols

meeting, quickly returned to Florida. But let's keep in mind last year's meeting was cancelled due to weather. The year before, Covid. Better than not playing at all. A special thanks to TPC club rep Sue Doty for securing the club.



Cramer, Galbraith, Hyde

May 9: Opening Mixer at Clinton What a difference a few days makes! Clear blue skies and the very faint hint of summer hopefulness, but for the gale-force winds.



Murphy, Harris, Thomsen and Yenker



Nevertheless, it was opening day. We emerged from the cocoons of winter to get back to the thrills and vagaries of early May golf in Connecticut. There were eagles on the course! Perched on high in their very wind-stable aerie were parents and several eaglets. Down below play went on thanks to Clinton member Deb Palmer who liaised with the club on our behalf.

May 12: Best Ball of Two at Brooklawn: And a few days later, there was warmth! Adept partner and Brooklawn club rep Gia Watkins made sure the fans were turned off and the heat was turned up.



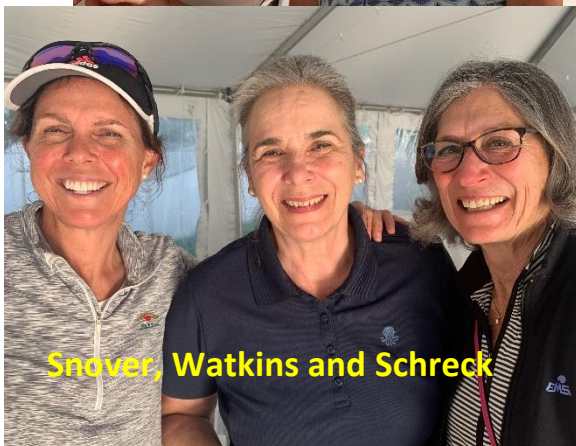
Iapalucci and White



Burt and Boynton



Malone and Harris



Snover, Watkins and Schreck



Grayson and Hyde



Abraham and Busse



Joyce and Jen Curran



Wargo and Galbraith

The 2022 Tournament Schedule

Date(s)	Event	Site	Status
5/4	Rep's Meeting	TPC River Highlands	Results
5/9	Opening Mixer	Clinton	Results
5/12	Best Ball of Two	Brooklawn	Results
5/21-5/26	Virtual PPE Fundraiser	Your Choice	Now!
5/31	CSGA Women's One-Day	Glastonbury Hills	Open
6/3	CT/RI Matches	CC of Farmington	Open
6/6-6/7	23 rd CT Women's Open	Hop Meadow	Open
6/7	Shamble – Make Own Foursome	Brownson	Open
6/13	Solheim Cup	Highfield Club	Waitlist
6/20-6/22	NE Women's Amateur	CC of Vermont	Open
6/21	Two-Person Scramble	Torrington	Open
6/27-6/30	CWGA Championship	Black Hall Club	Open
7/6-7/7	CSGA CT Women's Amateur	Tashua Knolls	Open
7/12	Medallion	GC of Avon	Open
7/26	Summer Special	Lake of Isles	Open
7/27	Tournament of Champions	Hartford	Open
8/10-8/11	Senior Championship Junior Championship	Silvermine GC	Open
8/11	Legends Championship		
8/16	CSGA Mixed Championship	Watertown	Open
8/23	Stableford	Litchfield	Open
9/19	President's Cup	Farmington Woods	Open
9/20	CSGA Women's One-Day	Keney Park	Open
10/5	Annual Meeting/Closing Mixer	Stonington	Open
10/11-10/13	Endicott Cup/Tri-State Matches	Madison	Info

Join. Renew. Hey, Club Reps, We Need You!

To date 60 brand spanking new members have joined CWGA. What do many of us already know that the new folks are learning? CWGA is where the cool kids play. Nice courses. Great food. Fun people. If your clubmates meet the membership criteria, please convince them to join. If you clubmates haven't renewed, please help them sign up. Former members have until July 1 to renew and be eligible for the Cup Matches.



New members from Great Neck Country Club after round at Brooklawn, L-R: Jane Buglione, Nancy Free, Karen Anderson and Jody Nolda

Super Giant Thanks

Bigger than big thanks to [JMcLaughlin](#) and [BK&CO](#) in West Hartford for hosting PME events earlier this month. A portion of their sales benefitted OUR scholarship fund. Make sure you continue to visit their stores. They have fabulous golf clothing. As an added bonus, the B and K in BK&CO are CWGA members **Barbara Karsky** (Wampanoag), left, and **Karen Hebert** (Farmington Woods). Check out their weekly Virtual Styling shows. [Episode #113](#) features golf clothing!



Bring Friends

This whole CWGA thing can be daunting for new members. It can be tough to remember that FIRST time you played a CWGA event. Perhaps you arrived alone. Perhaps you were paired with champions. Perhaps you didn't know a soul. Come on, help a sister out. Call a friend. Ride together. Ask questions. Sign up for every dang thing! No one really cares about how you play. And you'll still get lunch at the end of the round. You might even make a new friend.



2021 Summer Special @ Patterson

The Lake of Isles Express, L-R: Karen Doyle, Mary Quinn, Lorraine Tiberii, Debbie Kohl-Benharris, Anne Marie Fleming, Betty Minnette, Jessica Brier

Please send your photos, questions, comments to info@cwga.org

CWGA Membership: Any woman who is an active golf member of a CWGA member club who is eligible to participate in golfing activities at her club without payment of additional greens fees and has a USGA index of 25.0 or lower may apply for membership in CWGA up to October 1. Those who join after July 1 will miss the deadline for participation in the Past Presidents' Cup matches, but may participate in any other CWGA events. Complete the [on-line form](#); it will be electronically sent to your pro for approval and then forwarded to CWGA Membership. Please encourage your club members who meet the requirements to join.