

# The Nutmeg Golfer

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## President's Message

Dear Members,

Golf is an unusual game: when you have a good day, you can't wait to get back out there; when you have a bad day..... you can't wait to get back out there! As we anticipate the upcoming season in Connecticut, we can't wait to get back out there, good or bad!

The CWGA Opening Mixer is our kick-off tournament, with a one best ball net format which will accommodate those of us whose game is still a bit rusty. If you have someone from your club who is new to CWGA, please encourage them to play or, better yet, offer to carpool with them. I look forward to seeing many of you at Ellington Ridge.

Thanks to the efforts of many of our CWGA Club Representatives this past year, we are offering tournament play at some wonderful golf courses this year. I am counting on our membership to support as many of these events as is possible by their participation. This coming spring/summer our site planner will be sending out site requests for our 2018 schedule. We rely on the club reps to assist in making sure that these request letters get to the appropriate boards/committees at your club, and for the ensuing follow-up, if needed.

Now for what's new this year:

- We have added another new format to our tournament schedule, a Stableford competition. Most players are familiar with a Stableford, but a description is provided on the tournament landing page.
- Connecticut has the honor of hosting the New England Women's Golf Association Championship at Hop Meadow Country Club this year. NEWGA is comprised of six states: CT, RI, MA, NH, VT, and ME, and it is both an individual and a state team competition. I encourage all of you who meet the eligibility requirements to play this year while it is in our own backyard.
- The Tournament of Champions will now be managed by the CSGA. All past and present club champions from any golf club in the state of Connecticut are eligible to play, so please join in for what promises to be a fun competition.
- Our monthly newsletter will continue to evolve, offering information which our members have requested, as well as reporting many newsworthy items related to CWGA and the game of golf.

Welcome to all of our new CWGA members! I ask that you kindly identify yourselves at tournament check-ins so that our one-day tournament officials, Greg and Paul, might provide any additional assistance that you may need.

Happy Spring Everyone!

*Robin Bickerstaff*

*President CWGA*



# Welcome!

## CWGA New Members

### Aspetuck Valley CC

Jennifer Bowman  
Debbie Greenberg

### Ellington Ridge CC

Joan Lavery

### Farms CC

Kerry Brown

### Lake of Isles GC

Brenda Koblick  
Elizabeth Minnette  
Jane Shea  
Cheryl Vocatura

### Old Lyme CC

Kacey Constable

### Race Brook CC

Maryann Diette

### Redding CC

Kim Becker

### Shorehaven GC

Doon Foster  
Nancy Guerette  
DeeDee Pramer

### Shuttle Meadow CC

Cindy Brogan

### Silvermine GC

Donna Phillips

### The Course at Yale

Donna Moss

### TPC River Highlands

Barbara Kardos  
Pamela Matocha  
Cindy Prete  
Dorene Robotti

We hope to see you all at  
events this season!

CWGA Welcomes new member  
club Great River GC in Milford.



## CWGA Team Events 2017

- **CT/RI match** at Valley CC, Warwick RI on **Thurs June 1**. Entries accepted April 28—May 19 via TPP or mail. Team notified after entries close. Max handicap 14.4.
- **CWGA/SNEWGA matches** at Chippanee on **Thurs Jul 27**. Entries accepted June 24—July 15 via TPP or mail. Team notified after entries close. Handicaps 0—21.9 eligible.
- **Endicott/Tri-State** at Potowomut GC in Warwick, RI **Tue Oct 3 — Thurs Oct 5**. Entries accepted Aug 25—Sept 15 via TPP or mail. Entry fee is \$125. Team notified by email after entries close. Max handicap 17.0.

Please refer to the 2017 CWGA Handbook or Web Site/Tournaments for additional information, application and eligibility requirements.



## NEWGA is Coming to CT

Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury will host the New England Women's Golf Association tournament from Monday **July 10** through Wednesday **July 12**. Amateur golfers from the New England states will compete for individual and State Team prizes. Plan to play, or come to cheer on our competitors.

Hop Meadow is a Geoffrey Cornish designed championship golf course and has hosted numerous CWGA, CSGA and USGA events over the years. It hosted the NEWGA event in 1987.



## In Memoriam

Mary "Sporty" Norrie  
1953-2017  
Clinton CC  
CWGA Member

Blanche Koppelman  
1926-2016  
Farmington Woods GC & Cliffside  
CWGA Member





## Past Presidents' Cup Interclub Matches



Cup Coordinator, Diane Rothwell, reports that the CWGA Past Presidents' Cup matches have been scheduled for the upcoming season. Schedules and Rules are available on the web site. 2017 Cup assignments and competing clubs are:

***Karen Bunting Cup:***

Brownson, Heritage Village, New Haven, Oronoque, Race Brook, Yale

***Carol Galbraith Cup:***

Farmington Woods, Glastonbury Hills, Hop Meadow, TPC River Highlands, Tumble Brook, Wethersfield

***Penny Jones Cup:***

Black Hall/Madison, Clinton, Great Neck, Mohegan Sun/Lake of Isles, Stonington

***Linda Kaye Cup:***

Chippabee, CC of Farmington, The Farms, CC of Waterbury, Watertown/Highfield

***Jeanine Marcucci Cup:***

Avon, Ellington Ridge, Hartford, Shuttle Meadow, Wampanoag

***Hannah Steel Cup:***

Patterson/Mill River, Redding, Ridgewood, Shorehaven, Silvermine, Silver Spring



### 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.

### Club Reps

The Annual Club Reps meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18 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.

## Reminders!

- **The maximum USGA handicap index for eligibility to join CWGA in 2017 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](mailto:admin@cwga.org) [general@cwga.org](mailto:general@cwga.org) [cwgaawards@cwga.org](mailto: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.

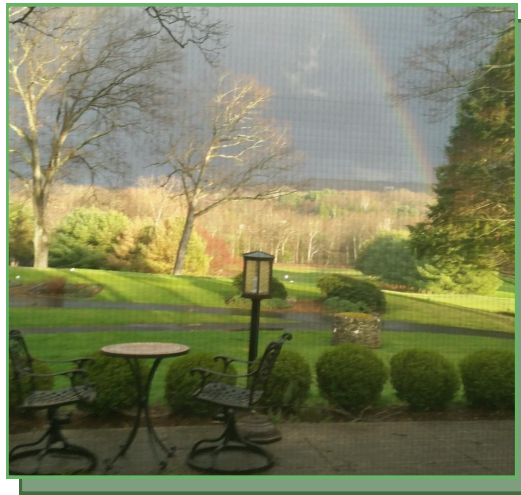


### Rules Changes and Modernization

The USGA and R&A announced their plans to modernize and simplify the rules of golf. The goal is to make the rules more consistent, fair to golfers of all levels and easier to understand. Proposed changes were announced on March 1, 2017. Please take time and visit [usga.org/rules](http://usga.org/rules) to review the recommended changes and complete the survey to provide feedback before the August 31, 2017 deadline. The committees will review the feedback and work on finalizing the changes that will take effect January 1, 2019.



# Connecticut Women's Golf Association



Heritage Village Country Club  
Site of the 2017 CWGA Championship  
Tournament June 19-22

## 2017 Tournament Schedule—Get out and play!

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Course</i>	<i>Event/Format</i>
May 1	Mon	Ellington Ridge Country Club	Opening Mixer
May 9	Tues	Indian Hill Country Club	Summer Special
<b>May 30-31</b>	<b>Tues-Wed</b>	<b>Torrington Country Club</b>	<b>CT Women's Open</b>
<b>Jun 1</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Valley CC Warwick, RI</b>	<b>CT-RI Matches</b>
Jun 8	Thurs	Country Club of Darien	Best Ball of 2, in Flights
<b>Jun 19-22</b>	<b>Mon-Thurs</b>	<b>Heritage Village Country Club</b>	<b>98th CWGA Championship</b>
<b>Jul 10-12</b>	<b>Mon-Wed</b>	<b>Hop Meadow Country Club</b>	<b>61st NEWGA Championship</b>
<b>Jul 17-19</b>	<b>Mon—Wed</b>	<b>Manchester Country Club</b>	<b>52nd CT Women's Amateur</b>
Jul 25	Tues	Great River Golf Club	2 Better Balls of 4, By Draw
<b>Jul 27</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Chippabee Country Club</b>	<b>CWGA/SNEWGA Matches</b>
<b>Jul 31-Aug 1</b>	<b>Mon-Tues</b>	<b>Shuttle Meadow Country Club</b>	<b>Seniors/Juniors</b>
<b>Aug 1</b>	<b>Tues</b>	<b>Shuttle Meadow Country Club</b>	<b>Legends</b>
Aug 9	Wed	Ridgewood Country Club	Stableford
<b>Aug 10</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Rockledge Golf Course</b>	<b>CSGA Mixed Championship</b>
<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Silvermine Country Club</b>	<b>Tournament of Champions</b>
Aug 21	Mon	Wampanoag Country Club	2 Player Scramble
Aug 28	Mon	The Course at Yale	Best Ball of 2, in Flights
Sep 27	Wed	Brownson Country Club	Medallion
<b>Oct 3-5</b>	<b>Tues-Thurs</b>	<b>Potowomut GC, Warwick, RI</b>	<b>Endicott</b>
Oct 10	Tues	Black Hall Golf Course	Presidents' Cup
Oct 19	Thurs	Heritage Village Country Club	Annual Meeting, Closing Mixer, 18 Hole Scramble



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](http://www.cwga.org) for details.

**Major events**

**Team events**

One Day events

**CSGA & CWGA Mixed Event**