

Willowbrook Women's Golf Association

2025 Information Booklet

The purpose of the Willowbrook Women's Golf Association (WWGA) shall be to promote fellowship among the women members of Willowbrook Country Club (WCC) by creating an organization for golf and social activities. All events shall be played under USGA Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System. WWGA, if requested, will assist WCC when and where they can.

-WWGA By-laws, Article 11 Purpose

The 2025 WWGA league season, will again be run by a three person committee consisting of:

Pat Genutis – Events coordinator

Sue Cicero – Treasurer

Mary Crone – Secretary

WWGA Membership

- Membership is open to all women players at WCC.
- Yearly membership dues: \$75.00 (covers prizes for weekly events including three Trophy Events as well as Birdies, Ringers, and Chip-Ins).
- A USGA handicap and membership in the WWGA is required for participation in WWGA weekly events.

Weekly Sign-up and Weekly Play

- The Pro Shop will send an email via Golf Genius to ask if you are "PLAYING" or "NOT PLAYING" for the next week's WWGA round of golf.
- Respond to the email as soon as you know if you can play, but no later than Tuesday.
- The Pro Shop determines all pairings and starting time assignments.
- On Wednesday, you will receive an email from the Pro Shop via Golf Genius Program with the tee times for Thursday morning.
- If you need to cancel at the last minute, please call the Pro Shop as soon as you know you need to cancel. You can also cancel using Golf Genius if it is prior to the Tuesday deadline.
- A minimum of four (4) members must start the round to constitute an event (with prizes awarded). The prize payout will be reduced for 4 players. 5 or more players the game will receive full payout.
- **Please arrive at least 30 minutes before your tee time.**
- **A list of events and Brian's side games will be posted in the locker room as well as outside the Pro Shop**

Inclement Weather

- If inclement weather interrupts golf play, the event for that day may be canceled if the delay is over one hour.
- The number of holes played in an event may be shortened to as few as nine holes due to inclement weather. Only those holes completed by the entire field will count for scoring.
- Players are expected to remain at the club until the event is officially canceled.
- A golf event can only be canceled at the discretion of the Pro and/or the Events chairperson.
- If the course is deemed playable, the event will go on.

Handicaps

Members participating in WWGA events must have a current USGA handicap, which requires five 18-hole rounds or a combination of posted 9-hole scores. The GHIN system is used to calculate handicaps per the World Handicap System. A Handicap Index is updated the day after a score is posted.

The Pro Shop will post all scores for WWGA play on Thursdays and for the WWGA Championship.

To maintain an accurate handicap, scores for non-WWGA league play should also be posted as soon as possible after each round (including 9-hole rounds and rounds at courses other than WCC). When posting your own score, you may need to adjust the score if any score is above "net double bogey" (double bogey plus any handicap strokes). Please see the Handicap chairperson or one of the WWGA officers if you need help learning how to adjust your scores.

WWGA Events and Awards

WWGA event winners are posted weekly on Golf Genius.

WWGA organizes weekly events and competitions, including three Trophy Events described below, and a variety of games and awards. See WWGA's schedule for the events and the below descriptions of our golf activities.

Ringers, Birdies, and Chip-ins on Thursday Play

- Ringer, birdie, and chip-in competition begins on the first day of league play (WWGA Opening Day) and runs through the week prior to WWGA's Closing Day.
- Ringers, birdies, or chip-ins are not eligible or recorded when temporary greens are played.

Ringers:

- Your lowest score on each hole will be recorded for league play throughout the season.
- **Each week, turn in a "ringer card" for your group to the league's Ringers volunteer.** These ringers will be verified against scores turned into the Pro Shop on Thursdays.
- An updated ringer spreadsheet will be emailed weekly to all members after new ringers are added. **If a discrepancy exists, notify the Ringers volunteer as soon as possible.** All discrepancies will be reviewed based on scores turned into the Pro Shop.
- Ringer cards will be available in the locker room should members want to keep a record of their own scores.
- Prizes will be given to the players with the final lowest gross score and lowest net score in each flight.

- Qualifying ringers are from a completed 18-hole round only.
- Should an event be shortened to a 9-hole (or more) event due to inclement weather, ringers may be posted only if everyone has played the same 9 (or more) holes.

Birdies:

- Prizes are given out on Closing Day for birdies during league play.
- **Record all birdies on the bulletin board in women's locker room to get credit.**
- Note that birdies are attested via signing the scorecard given to Pro Shop.
- Birdies may be posted regardless of how many holes have been played provided they were made on regular greens.

Chip-Ins:

- Prizes are given out on Closing Day for chip-ins during league play.
- A chip-in counts any time you putt or chip a ball into the hole from off the green.
- **Record all chip-ins on the bulletin board in women's locker room to get credit.** When recording chip-ins on sheet on bulletin board, have someone from your group attest to the chip-ins.
- Chip-ins may be posted regardless of how many holes have been played provided they were made on regular greens.

Star of the Week

The "Star of the Week" is the player (or players if there is a tie) with the low net each week (gross score minus handicap).

50/50 Raffle – Volunteer needed to handle the 50/50

Guest Day

A "Guest Day" invitational is organized by WWGA. The day includes a light breakfast, golfing 18-holes with a shotgun start, and a luncheon in the clubhouse after golf. There will be an entry fee for guests to cover the cost of the event; lunch and cart fees (if applicable), will be billed to member's accounts. A USGA Handicap is required for all players.

Hole-In-One Club

- All WWGA members are eligible to join.
- Entry fee: \$3.00
- To be eligible, you must be playing with another Willowbrook member (male or female) who can attest your scorecard.
- The hole-in-one must be made at Willowbrook on a regular green between March 1 and Nov. 30.
- Each time the prize is awarded, another \$3.00 fee will be assessed.

WWGA Trophy Events

For all trophy events:

- Stroke play.
- 90% handicap used.
- Maximum handicap is 44.
- The field is organized by handicap index.
- In the event of a tie, there will be a sudden death play-off with no runners up. Those who tie must remain to play or forfeit.
- **Trophy events will include: Memorial, Queen Bee and Presidents Trophies**

Willowbrook Women's Club Championship

The Women Club Champion is the player who has the lowest gross score for this two-day competition.

For the 2025 league season, the Women's Club Championship will be run by the Pro Shop.

All inquiries and questions should be addressed to Brian in the Pro Shop.

Queen Bee Peace Purdom Award

This award is named for Peace Purdom who originally donated the award as an expression of her gratitude and appreciation for the joy and fellowship experienced at Willowbrook Country Club.

- Two-day event.
- Scores are recorded on the first day; on the second day, any score lower than the first day will be recorded (similar to ringers).
- The low net score wins (lowest 18-hole score, less handicap).

President's Trophy

The winner is the player with the lowest net score.

Memorial Trophy

The Memorial Trophy honors our WWGA members who have passed away.

The winner is the player with the lowest net score.