

Laguna Woods Women's Golf Club  
General Meeting- January 16, 2024

The first meeting of the Laguna Woods Women's Golf Club in 2024 was called to order by the Club Chair, Mary Ann Gille at 12:30 p.m.

It was announced that members who had not picked up their roster books for 2024 could do so after the meeting.

Mary Ann asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the last general meeting of October 17, 2023, that have been posted on the Club website. The motion was made, seconded, and passed.

A motion to approve the LWWGC Proposed budget for 2024 was made and seconded. After a lengthy discussion as to the propriety and legality of showing a profit on the proposed budget, the motion to approve the budget was tabled. Answers to questions about the budget will be pursued by the Treasurer, and a new proposed budget will be introduced at a future meeting or through the Club Website for approval.

Mary Ann introduced a proposed by-law change that would expand the Executive Board to one additional member, a Tournament Chair. The proposed by-law has been posted on the Club website, will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop, and copies were available at the meeting. A vote of approval will occur on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, using paper ballots distributed to all members playing that day and others who come to vote.

Mary Ann then announced that Kris Oliviera has been nominated to fill the position of Tournament Chair for the 2024-2025 term.

Mary Ann asked if anyone would be interested in taking over the job of taking minutes at the Board and general meetings. If so, please contact her. Kay Ferraro is presently in charge of the Club website and sending out E-blasts.

Kim Johnson introduced the three winners of the Hole-in-One Club for 2023. Each member received \$95.00 (the pot was split 3 ways) and a bag tag with the date and hole number of the hole-in-one. The three ladies were Munhui So, Joann Yoo and Mary Ann Gille. Kim stated that ladies still wishing to join this year's Hole-in-One pot would sign up after the meeting. The cost is \$5.00 to join.

Kris Oliviera, Tournament Chair, made several announcements:

- (1) A Valentine's Day tournament will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be a two person team, best ball format. The field is limited to 80 players (40 teams). The cost is \$20.00. Members may sign up to participate after the meeting.
- (2) The Club Championship will be held on June 4, 11, and 18, 2024. The player with the lowest three-day cumulative gross score will be declared the Club Champion.

The player with the lowest three-day cumulative net score will be declared the Senior Champion. All participants will be placed in the appropriate flight based on their handicaps and be eligible for awards in those flights.

- (3) The Eclectic Tournament (Fall Frolic) will be held in October and will be a two - person team format. More information will be forthcoming.
- (4) Kris introduced the new intra-club team competition which will take the place of team play with other clubs, promote competition and provide players with the opportunity to meet women with whom they do not normally play. The format will be match play and all participants will compete on the fourth (instead of third Tuesday as stated in the roster book, page 19) The participants will be divided into two teams. Kris will be looking for volunteers to serve as captains for each team. Sign-u[s for intra club play will occur at the end of the meeting.

Bobbi.Hanada, the Handicap co-chair, described the changes in scoring this year, including scoring hole-by-hole if you play ten to seventeen holes. She stated that she would help those members who do not know how to post hole-by-hole after the meeting She also reminded players that if they play nine holes, they should post. She thanked those members who write their tee time on the score card they turn in. It makes it much easier to check that those members who played also posted. Bobbi also announced that because members are posting regularly, we are able to begin having a Most Improved Golfer Award each year. The 2023 winner is Hae Kang, whose index has dropped from 20 at the beginning of the year to 16 by December. She received a \$50 prize.

Mary Ann reminded members that there would be four sign-up tables after the meeting: (1) Hole-in-One- Kim Johnson; (2) Valentine's Day Tournament/Intraclub play- Kris Oliviera; (3) How to post hole-by-hole-Bobbi Hanada; (4) accessing golf genius for tee sheet information, using your telephone- Patti Miles.

Mary Ann announced that money donated by two of our members will be used to (a) buy a box that will be used to collect scorecards for the Handicap Chair Money will also be used after play on Tuesday; The box will be permanently placed on the credenza outside the Pro Shop next to the elevator. (b) buy frames and a plaque as LWWGC is going to update the Club Championship trophy and begin to feature the Ladies Club winners of tournaments by posting their pictures in the same area where the men's club is featuring their past winners. The picture of our 2023 Club Champio,n Sunok Kim, will be featured.

The following issues of concern were brought up by members for discussion:

- (1) Raking bunkers- the Women's Club has a reputation for filing to rake bunkers and repair ball marks on the greens. If your ball lands in a bunker, you must rake the bunker after playing your shot. If your ball lands in a footprint in a bunker, you must play it as it lies. You are not allowed to pick up your ball, rake, and then replace your ball. You are also not allowed to move your ball out of the footprint before playing it.

- (2) Parking around the Pro Shop and turnaround has become increasingly difficult especially when we have a shotgun start. It was pointed out that the problem will be helped if players go directly to their starting holes on shotgun start days. Players do not need to check in when we have a shotgun start.
- (3) It was emphasized that if you score a hole-in-one, the following procedures must be followed: (1) Everyone playing in the group must attest the shot by signing the scorecard; (2) Tell a Board member, preferably Bobbi Hanada, Mary Ann Gille or Kris Oliviera. All members should check the information on the bulletin board. You must belong to the Hole-in-One Club in order to receive money.
- (4) The problem of theft at the golf course was discussed. The number of incidents is increasing, and players should not leave keys, purses and other valuables in their carts while in the restrooms or restaurant. Clubs should be covered if leaving them in carts for any length of time.
- (5) It was brought to the attention of the membership that if you drive into another golf cart, you are responsible for the damage. You should leave a note identifying yourself. One member has had her cart hit twice but does not know who did it.
- (6) Course 2-Hole 1- Players are reminded to wait to hit their approach shots until players who have finished have the chance to move their carts to the next holes. Several players and/or their carts have been hit because "too-eager" golfers behind them can't wait.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Hinckley  
Temp Secretary