

WHAT'S NEW IN 2020

A reason to celebrate: 2020 is the 15th Anniversary of the WMGA!

EVENTS

Club Championships

- The A, B & C Flight Club Championships will now be held over 1 weekend (Aug 15-16) with the Final 8 being played on Saturday morning followed by the Final 4 matches played Saturday afternoon.
- Flight Distribution:
 - A: +5.0 to 7.9 Handicap Index
 - B: 8.0 to 13.9 Handicap Index
 - C: 14.0 and above Handicap Index
- Only the A Flight Champion will receive an automatic qualifier to the following year's club championship
- Seeding
 - A flight, defending champ shall be the #1 seed. Seeds #2-8 shall be ordered lowest to highest by Handicap Index as of Monday, August 10th
 - B/C flights, Seeds #1-8 shall be ordered lowest to highest by Handicap Index as of Monday, August 10th
- Clarified language – that you must compete and post a score in a minimum of 3 events

4-Man Shamble (Bring 3 Guests)

- This is in addition to the 2-man held in August.
- Early in season (May 3rd) to highlight our club and course

Interclubs

- Tumble Brook (June 5-7)
- The Ranch (July 31-Aug 2)
- Fairview Farms (Oct 2-4)

Major Member/Guest

- Friday, August 21st – 130P shotgun
- We hope to highlight it as one of the biggest events of the 2020 season, our 15th Anniversary!
- It shall replace the Sunday event.
- Our hope is that you will put this on your calendar now and ask a friend to join you.
- Both lunch and dinner will be served, and a tee gift will be made available to each participant.
- There will be side games, putting & chipping contests
- We will get a total price to membership shortly.

2-Man Blind Draw Calcutta

- Field will be divided in half to A/B players.
- 2-man teams will be selected in LIVE blind draw on Sunday, Sep 6th (Labor Day weekend)

- Teams will then be auctioned off prior to play starting
- Tee times will be in order teams are called

2020 Trip

- Turning Stone Resort & Casino: Sep 17-20

POLICIES

- Green/White Eligibility = 55 years of age OR 14.0 handicap index
- Attendance – unfortunately 2019 saw a significant increase in several members either not showing up for their scheduled tee times without notifying anyone, and others that cancelled without enough notice to find a replacement. This led the Board to take the following actions:
 - Withdrawls – those that withdraw from an event 24 hours or less from their scheduled tee time or those that leave the course mid-round:
 - 1st offense – prepayment of next 2 rounds they sign up for. Players will NOT be put on tee sheet without prepayment by the Monday before the event at Noon
 - 2nd offense – prepayment rest of season in order to be put on tee sheet AND payment for the round missed.
 - 3rd offense – subject to WMGA Board
 - NOTE – look at the weather forecast on Friday. If it looks like it’s going to be mid 40s and rain and you prefer not to play – send an email.
 - No-shows – those that do not notify either the golf shop nor the WMGA via email that they will not be playing
 - 1st offense – prepayment of next 2 rounds they sign up for prior to be putting on tee sheet AND payment for round missed.
 - 2nd offenses – prepayment for rest of season for any events they sign up for AND payment for round missed
 - 3rd offense – subject to WMGA Board
- AGE – the Board adopted a clarification and established a minimum age of 18 to be a member of the WMGA.

WMGA BY-LAWS

- the Board is in process of updating the by-laws and shall publish them on the website minimum 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting (Year End Event) and vote on their approval
- purpose: some of the language was outdated and needed to be corrected with the passing of time. It has not been done in the 15 years since WMGA was formed
- if you have suggestions on edits, please notify any Board member.

Committees established:

- Handicap – to be compliant with CSGA Standards

- Dan Spinelli has taken over for Bill Starkie as Handicap Chairman and become a member of the Board of Directors; Bill remains on the Board as a non-voting member
- Bill is also a member of the committee and they are joined by Keith Daleb
- Trip – to plan the WMGA golf trips
 - Don Tinker, John Gunning, Jerry Mackinnon joined by John Borajkiewicz & John Monagan
 - We will provide as much notice as possible to membership about destinations and goal is to have a major trip (Bandon Dunes, Cabot Links, Pinehurst) in the rotation once every 3rd or 4th year.
 - If you have suggestions or “connections” at any destinations or resorts, please let any members of this committee know.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

- You must enter your scores on the GHIN app hole by hole to be eligible for WMGA prize \$
- Handicaps update daily
- We will share as much information as possible, while Dan and his committee are available to answer your questions.
- Handicaps for WMGA events will be cutoff on the Thursday prior to an event

WMGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- The composition of the Board shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Communications Director, Handicap Chairman, Ex-Officio (non-voting member) and 3 at-large members.
- The 3 at-large members shall serve terms of 3 years.
- The winner of the Bill Starkie Award shall immediately become one of the at-large members.
- The new members to the Board are Dan Spinelli (Handicap Chairman) and Kevin McCoy (Bill Starkie Award winner).
- We’d like to thank Joe Rine for his previous years of service to the Board.
- Completing his final year of service to the Board in 2020 is Mike Bangser.