



## WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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### NEW MEMBER WELCOME PACKET

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# MAPLEWOOD Women's Golf Association

Welcome to our club!

We are very pleased you have chosen our club for your venture into the world of golf. As you start playing with us, you will find all kinds of rules, procedures, tournaments, rules, etiquette, cards, rules, fun, socializing and more rules that are part of our club. It can be a daunting journey through all our "stuff".

To help you become familiar with our club, we have a mentor that will be contacting you to arrange tee times with more seasoned members to help you navigate our procedures. Check our Member Directory to locate the name and contact information for the current year's Mentor Chairperson(s).

In addition to our Mentor, we have two other great sources of information:

- ✓ **Our website:** [www.maplewoodwomensgolf.com](http://www.maplewoodwomensgolf.com)
- ✓ **Member Directory** – Please READ this and get familiar with it, there is a lot of information in it.

Here are a few facts about us:

- The club has been around since 1947.
- We average over 100 members each year.
- Our members have handicaps that range from 2 to 54 (USGA only allows a max of 54)
- Several members are over age 70 and still going strong, many with lower handicaps!
- A few have been members for 25-30 years.
- Some only golf on the weekends, or after work.

We are a 501c7 non-profit club. As such we are required to have a Constitution, By-laws, and a specific "purpose". That purpose is:

*.... this Association shall be to promote the interest of golf among women, to hold regular golf competitions, to hold tournaments for annual championship, and to conduct social activities for the mutual pleasure and recreation of its membership.*

What does your membership dues pay for?

- \$39 is paid to WaGolf for GHIN handicap
  - Includes membership to the PNGA and USGA associations
  - Free subscription to PNW Golfer magazine
- \$17 goes into our Weekly Competition payouts (more on that later).
- \$22 is used in our General Fund - Examples of expenses we pay are dues for the City and State association, printing expenses, trophies, luncheon decorations, office supplies, hole in one awards, and the biggest – Maplewood major tournament payouts.
- \$2 Hole in One insurance – used to pay for gold and silver pins.

Membership package with discount offers from the golf course and Riverrock Restaurant pretty much offset your dues. Benefits for the golf course will be added to your account at the register.

Maplewood has some awesome staff that will be more than happy to help you.

- Steve Meyers, General Manager
- Kirk Gleason, our Head PGA Professional

Also, as a member, the Pro Shop offers a 10% discount on all regularly priced merchandise, excluding balls, grips and gloves.

# MAKING A TEE TIME

Now that you know a little bit about us, the next step.....

## **Make a tee time.**

Tee times can be made up to 8 days prior to the day you golf.

3 ways to make a tee time:

- Sign up Monday morning, for the following Tuesday using Golf Genius .
- Call or e-mail the Mentor and ask to be signed up with her or another mentor.
- Ask a friend to sign you up.
  - Members can sign up themselves and 1 other golfer.

Once you have a tee time for Tuesday:

On Tuesday:

- Arrive at the course at least ½ hour prior to your tee time.
- Pay the greens fee.
- Sign up for the following week using the Golf Genius app.
- Check at the ladies' counter what the competition is for the week.
- Pick up a White Ladies Club scorecard, located on top of the tall counter.
- At the tee box, decide who will keep the master scorecard with all players on it and who will enter the live scores into the Golf Genius app using the GGID (see Golf Genius section in this doc).
- Tee off and have a fun round
  - Feel free to ask questions about etiquette, the course, etc.
    - No questions or tips about swings or clubs to use should be asked.
  - Don't be offended if the other ladies correct you in etiquette or make suggestions
- Check your score in Golf Genius and make sure it matches entries on the master scorecard, hole by hole.
- Sign and attest the master scorecard.
- Post your improved holes in the Year Long ECCI book, if you have entered.
- Post any birdies you made in the BIRDIE Book.
- Enjoy lunch.

**Please see the example scorecards, located at the back of this packet.**

# COMPETITIONS

We are a handicap club, in that all the competitions, except for the Club Championship, use NET scores. Ladies are grouped in divisions based on their handicap so you are competing with ladies of similar ability.

We have added **9-hole competitions**, as well as the 18-hole competitions. We are trying to accommodate those ladies who can only play 9 holes, for various reasons – physical ability, time constraints, doctors appts., children, etc. So, just know that this is now available.

## MAPLEWOOD

One of our purposes is to offer regular competitions:

Our competitions are all **OPTIONAL**. We have 2 types of competition – Weekly and “Major”. There are **no additional fees** to enter the Ladies Club competitions.

- ALL competitions, except for the Club Championship are “handicapped”
  - Members are placed in divisions, based on handicap so you only compete against others with similar ability.
  - Club Championship has divisions based on handicap, but the competition is a “scratch” (no handicap used) competition.
  - Payouts are by division
  - Definitions and explanations of each competition are posted by or at the bulletin board. Definitions can also be found in the Member Directory and on the website.
- Eligibility
  - Must have an established GHIN handicap
  - New members without a handicap must play an equivalent of 3 18-hole rounds from ANY course to establish a handicap
  - 9-hole rounds can be used, in combination with other 9-hole rounds to meet the 3 18-hole round requirement
- Weekly competitions
  - All Eligible members can be included
  - Different competition each week
  - 9-hole competitions will also be available
  - If you choose NOT to participate in the competition, just let the other ladies in your group know not to include you.
- Major M/W tournaments
- Eligible members must sign through Golf Genius registration.
- 2 multi-day tournaments:
  - 3 Week ECCI, typically in April
  - 3 day Club Championship – typically in August and held Tuesday- Thursday-Tuesday
- Single day tournaments:
  - 1 day 2-Lady Best Ball (where you play with a partner)
  - 1 day 2 Lady Chapman, Shamble, or Scramble (where you play with a partner)
  - Beat the Pro
  - Field Day
  - Last Chance
  - Tombstone

# GOLF GENIUS

We will be using Golf Genius for all Tuesday competitions and tournaments, including live scoring.

What does this mean for the members?

**Members will need to download the Golf Genius App to their phone.**

**Members will receive an "invitation" to sign up for a weekly competition or tournament online-no more paper signups.**

Only Active members (those who have paid their membership dues) will receive an invitation.

- For weekly competitions NOT monthly medals.
  - The member can sign up herself and one other member.
  - Members will be able to select their tee times.
  - Sign ups will be open on Monday morning, 8:00 am, the week before the day of play.
  - Sign ups will be closed on Sunday evening.
  - Until further notice, cancellations, and late signups (after the close on Sunday evening) will have to speak to the golf course staff.
- For monthly medals and tournament play:
  - The invitation will be a 'registration' and ask if you will be playing in the event.
  - Monthly medal schedule is same as Weekly comp - open the Monday before the next week and closed on Sunday prior to the day of play.
- For Major tournaments, the invitation is typically sent out 3 weeks prior to the first tournament date and closes prior to the first day of play. Tournament chairs will determine which closing day works best for them—typically, Friday or Saturday before the tournament.
- Tee time selection is not an option and the Weekly Comp Chair, for monthly medals, and the Tournament chairs, for Major tournaments, will establish tee times.
  - Monthly Medal tee times are typically randomized across all handicaps.
  - Tournament tee times are random within flights.

**Members will use the Golf Genius Live Scoring app on their phones to record hole by hole scores.**

- Golfers will use a GGID (Golf Genius ID) number that is unique to the foursome to log into the app to record the scores (live scoring).
- Tee sheets will be emailed to all participants either Sunday night or Monday morning. The tee sheet will have the GGID for each group.
- One person can record all scores of the group using your unique group GGID.
- A master written score card will be kept and turned in as a double check by the Captain.
- After the round, scores in the live scoring will be verified with your master scorecard and then signed, dated, and attested.

**Golf Genius will post scores for all weekly and tournament competitions.**

There will be a few glitches that have to be worked out

- 9-hole players. As of right now, GG has no way to distinguish an 18-hole player from a 9-hole player when signing up for the tee times. For now, we will request that the last 2 or 3 tee times (based on participation) be reserved for the 9-hole players. It is also requested that 9-hole players wait to enter their tee time in GG until Friday to give the 18-holers time to fill up the early times on the tee sheet.

Please remember, your GGID is unique to your group on that specific Tuesday. Your GGID will change every Tuesday. If you end up playing in a different group than the assigned tee time, you will need to enter your own score in GG using the GGID assigned and your new group will enter their scores with their unique GGID assigned. Please note this on the master written scorecard.

If you are playing other than MWGA Tuesday Competition, anywhere, you must post your score in the GHIN app to maintain an accurate handicap.

## OTHER COMPETITIONS

Other organizations throughout the state sponsor many events and tournaments from April through October. A Maplewood member may sign up for any tournament, providing her handicap meets the requirement for the event.

**Those signing up for tournaments are placed in flights of players with similar handicaps.** Do not let the word “tournament” discourage you from playing. You will be competing against ladies of similar ability and have every chance to win your division!

Sign ups for the State and City tournaments are listed in their respective binders located by the bulletin board.

**WSWPLA (State)**, monthly tournaments between April and October. Scheduled events will be listed on the calendar in the Member Directory and the website. Played at courses around the state.

**GSWPGA (City)**, monthly tournaments between April and October. Scheduled events will be listed on the calendar in the Member Directory and the website. Played at courses around Seattle.

**GSWPGA Team Matches:** Maplewood’s Team Captain selects a team of 6 for each match. She chooses the 6 lowest handicap members who have signed up. One match is held at each participating course throughout the year.

The competitions above are for members of public courses. Ladies that are only members of private courses cannot compete in these tournaments. However, if they are members of both a private and a public course, they CAN compete.

The following organizations have tournaments that are open to anyone with a GHIN. Many of their tournaments have a handicap limit, so you must check their requirements before signing up. Links to their websites and tournaments can be found on our website at:

<http://www.maplewoodwomensgolf.com/linkspage.htm>

**WaGolf** – Washington Golf Association

**PNGA** – Pacific Northwest Golf Association

**USGA** – United States Golf Association

### INVITATIONALS

In addition to the tournaments offered by the above organizations, many courses and ladies clubs have their own “Invitational” tournaments. We have a Binder that has some of the invitational entry forms.

- These are usually open to anyone with a GHIN
- The competitions often require a partner, like a 2 lady best ball
- The field is limited, so popular Invitationals can fill up fast
- Prizes and lunch are typically included in the entry fee.
- Raffles are a big draw

Maplewood Golf Course has occasionally held an Invitational in September.

## COMPETITION WINNINGS

We are amateur golfers, and as such, we cannot be paid outright cash for our competitions. So....any money a golfer wins in these competitions will be credited to an account at the Maplewood Pro Shop for each golfer.

This is referred to as **BOOK MONEY**. Just ask one of the pro shop staff for your balance.

- If you play in an Invitational, any money won there will be put on the books of the course you played. You'll have to ask how the money can be used.

At Maplewood, this money can be used for:

- Greens Fees
- Pro Shop Merchandise
- Carts
- Range Balls
- Golf Lessons

## SCORECARDS

Our ladies club uses their own white scorecards, but the golf course cards can also be used. The ladies club scorecards are setup with extra columns to make it easier to record competition results. When turning in scorecards for the Weekly competitions, either card can be used as long as the competition results are clear and legible. The ladies club scorecard is preferable.

A properly filled out scorecard should include (in order to ensure your score will count in the competition):

- PRINT Golfers' FULL name – both first and last.
- Scores for each hole
- Competition totals, circled
- Signed by the Scorer
- Attested (signed) by another golfer that has checked the results against Golf Genius
- Dated for the day of competition
- For the **Weekly Competition**, turn in **ONE completed master scorecard** for the entire group, placing it in the yellow box on the ladies counter.
- For **Major Competitions**, turn in your completed scorecard to the Tournament Chairperson or in the box labeled Tournament at the completion

All golfers in the foursome can be DQ'd (Disqualified) from the competition if any one of these occurs:

- Full names not used, even if only 1 name doesn't have a last name.
  - Last name initial doesn't count
- No Scorer signature
- No Attest signature
- No Date

An individual will be DQ'd from the competition if:

- Takes an "X" on a hole that is **part of the competition**.
  - An X means she has picked up her ball before putting the ball in the hole.
- Records a lower score than actually achieved.



- Incurs a penalty that DQ's her from the competition.
  - There are too many situations where this could happen to list here. They can be found in the USGA Rules book
- In order to speed up play, it is acceptable (and encouraged) to pick up your ball after you've reached your maximum score *for handicap purposes*, which is Net double bogey (information in following pages) ONLY if the hole you are playing is *not* part of the competition. You will be DQ'd from the competition if you've picked up your ball on a hole that is part of the competition. As an example, we have a competition called O.N.E.S. where you only count your score on holes that begin with one of those letters – one, six, seven, etc. You can pick up your ball on holes that don't start with those letters and not be DQ'd from the competition. You would record your max net double bogey on that hole with an X next to it.

Mistakes that don't DQ a foursome or an individual:

- Addition errors
- Errors in calculating the competition, although it does create a headache for the Captain, who checks all the cards and calculates the winners

Posting requirements:

- If competing on Tuesdays, players are **REQUIRED** to enter scores using live scoring in Golf Genius the day of play in order to be included in the Weekly Competition. Golf Genius posts your score for you.
- All other days and courses, post your scores using the GHIN app.

Bottom line ladies.....make sure the scorecard is filled out properly or you may have some disappointed ladies, especially if they would have won some money had they not been DQ'd.

Examples of how to fill out the scorecards are included in this packet.

# HANDICAPS

Our club uses handicaps calculated from the USGA GHIN System based on the rules set by the World Handicap System:

GHIN is an acronym for the “**G**olf **H**andicap **I**nformation **N**etwork”, a handicapping service provided by the USGA to participating associations and clubs.

Associations and clubs sign up to use the service, allowing their members to post scores, calculate handicaps and retrieve handicap information online.

Handicaps are calculated based on score, course slope and rating and course par. A score of 90 on a course with a 68/108 rating/slope is not the same as a 90 on a course with a 74.9/124 rating/slope. The handicap index for those two scores will be quite a bit different.

## Course Rating:

- Numerical value given to each set of tees at a particular golf course to approximate how many strokes it should take a scratch golfer to complete the course.
- Maplewood’s Course rating for Women from the Red tees is: 69.9

## Slope:

- Measurement of the overall difficulty of a golf course for bogey golfers relative to the course rating
- Minimum slope value is 55, maximum is 155. When first put into effect, the USGA slope for an “average” golf course was 113, which is pretty low (or easy).
- Maplewood’s Slope for the Women from the Red tees is: 120

When playing at different courses, your course handicap will go up or down depending on the rating/slope/par of that course.

- Each course will have a table posted that shows what a golfer’s handicap is at their course for both Men and Women and for each tee.

As an example:

A golfer with a 24.9 handicap will have a course handicap of:

- 24 at Maplewood (120 slope)
- 29 at Crosswater in Oregon (130 slope)
- 18 at Foster (105 slope)

## About GHIN index:

- Calculated on the lowest 8 out of 20 most recent scores.
- Maximum score per hole to post for handicap purposes:

Net Double Bogey	A player’s maximum hole score for handicap posting purposes, ensuring bad holes don’t impact a player’s handicap too severely.
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$$\boxed{\text{Net double bogey}} = \boxed{\text{Par}} + \boxed{2} \text{ +/- } \boxed{\text{Handicap strokes for a given hole}}$$

## Partial rounds

- You can post a score even if you don’t complete all holes

- For 18-hole round
  - 14 holes need to be completed to post an 18-hole round:
    - Calculate what you “would” have scored, based on handicap for the remaining holes you didn’t finish.
      - See the sample scorecard on calculating “Pops” (handicap strokes per hole)
      - Using the “pops”, add them to the Par for the remaining holes.
        - For example, if hole 15 is a par 5 and you would get 2 “pops”, your score would be 7 --- 5 + 2
        - If Hole 16 is a par 3 and you get no “pops,” the score would be 3
        - Do this for the remaining holes you have not completed
- For a 9-hole round
  - 7 holes required to be completed to post a 9-hole score
    - Calculate what you would have scored, based on handicap, for the remaining holes you didn’t finish.
- Hole started, but not completed
  - If for some reason, you start a hole, but don’t finish it, you would record your “most likely” score – had you finished it.
  - The USGA has a recommended guideline for calculating the most likely score:
    - If a ball is on the putting green no more than 5 feet from the hole – Add 1 stroke
    - If a ball is between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole – Add 2 or 3 additional strokes depending on the position of the ball, difficulty of the green and ability of the player.
    - If a ball is more than 20 yards from the hole – Add 3 or 4 additional strokes depending on the position of the ball, difficulty of the green and ability of the player.

New Golfers, without an established GHIN Handicap:

- 3 - 18-hole rounds, 6 - 9-hole rounds or a combination of the two (total of 54 holes) are needed to establish a Handicap
  - From any course
  - 9-hole rounds can be posted. GHIN combines 2 9-hole rounds (from any course) to produce an 18-hole score
- Handicap chair or Mentor can show you how to post a score
- Put cards in the “NEW MEMBER” red mailbox by the bulletin board
  - Mark it as POSTED if you have already posted the score
  - After 3 18-hole rounds have been completed, you don’t have to put the cards in the new member box

## Posting

Post your score right after the round (except for Tuesday competitions where Golf Genius is used, as Golf Genius posts your score for you). You can use the internet at home at GHIN.com or the phone app.

- Posting Hole by Hole will allow the computer to adjust for your maximum score allowed for each hole.
- To post at home, go to GHIN.COM
  - Log in with your GHIN number and name
  - Click on Post a Score

- Select Hole by Hole Score
- Enter requested information – Course, # of holes, tees, type (Home, Away, Comp)
- If you don't post hole by hole, for any hole that is over your net double bogey maximum score, you must adjust your score to reflect those hole adjustments
- When posting make sure you select the correct course and tees if you are posting for play at another course

## WHOOOPS

If you make a mistake in posting your score, you can have the Handicap Chair correct it by listing it on the "WHOOOPS" clipboard next to the binders.

Mistakes that need to be corrected:

- Wrong score posted (keypunch error)
- Hole scores not adjusted for the Maximum Score per score (if not posting hole by hole)
- Wrong date
- Wrong tees
- Wrong course

Scores cannot be posted between Nov.15 and the end of February for play in the PNW. WA Golf considers conditions in this area will adversely affect handicaps during this time. Your GHIN will be deactivated on Jan 1. and reactivated when you pay your dues. If you play down south or in areas that post year-round, you can post those scores. You may have to wait until you come back and your account has been reactivated.

## MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE FROM THE COURSE AND RESTAURANT

Maplewood Golf Course and the RiverRock Restaurant graciously give the Men's and Women's club discounts/coupons to use during the year. The resulting value of these coupons pretty much offsets the cost of the membership. The coupons will be added to your account at the register for the golf course. Just let the staff know when you want to use them. The restaurant will have a list of members, When you want to use one of them, let the staff know and they will check their list. This gives both the course and RiverRock the flexibility to add additional promotions during the year, as they see fit.

Once you pay your dues, the staff will add them to your account at the register. Your name will also be added to the list the restaurant staff will keep.

# ORGANIZATIONS

As an individual, you can belong to several public and private course clubs if you wish. Our club is a Public member club.

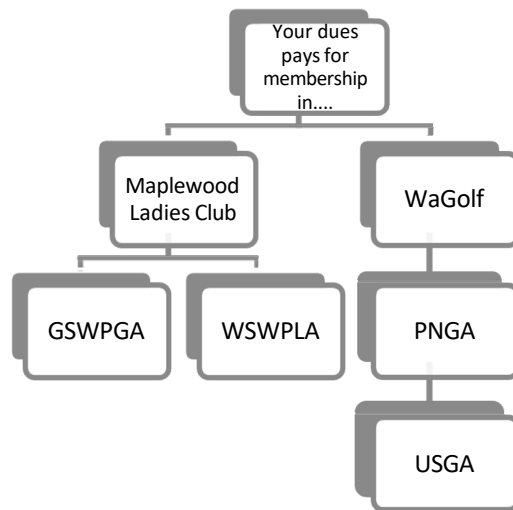
Our club chooses to pay dues to belong to 2 other organizations: **GSWPGA (Greater Seattle Women’s Public Golf Association)** or “City” and **WSWPLA (Washington State Women’s Public Links Association)** or “State”.

**GSWPGA** is made up of 9 public courses ladies clubs located within the greater Seattle area. Because our club is a member of GSWPGA, all our members are eligible to play in tournaments sponsored by them. They are held once a month from April to October.

**WSWPLA** is made up of about 46 public courses ladies clubs located throughout Washington State. As with GSWPGA, because our club is a member of the WSWPLA, all our members are eligible to play in tournaments sponsored by them. They also hold one tournament a month from April to October.

Part of your dues is paid to WaGolf, which in turn, pays part of those dues to the USGA on your behalf. You then become a member of the WaGolf, PNGA, and USGA. You do not have to be members of any other association (ie GSWPGA) to be a member in WaGolf and higher.

- The **USGA** (United States Golf Association) is the governing body of amateur golf in the United States.
- The **PNGA** (Pacific Northwest Golf Association) is a regional part of the USGA and is made up of the state associations of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and British Columbia.
- The **WaGolf** (Washington Golf Association) is a “subset” of the PNGA and is made up of ALL Washington State golfers who pay dues. The golfers can be from private or public courses.



# BINDERS

There are a number of binders by the bulletin board that are used for the club.

## **CITY (GWSPGA):**

There is a sign up sheet for each City tournament. The sheets will have the details for each tournament, including competition, cost, time, sign up deadline and place. If you decide to play, you can leave a check, payable to the City Rep. (noted on the sheets), or mail one to her.

## **STATE (WSWPLA):**

There is a sign up sheet for each State tournament. The sheets will have the details for each tournament, including competition, cost, time, sign up deadline and place. If you decide to play, you can leave a check, payable to the State Rep. (noted on the sheets), or mail one to her.

## **YEAR LONG ECCI:**

Cost \$5. Sheet for each player who enters. Players record any improved score for each hole over the prior best score, played at Maplewood on any day between the dates noted in the ECCI binder.

## **BIRDIES:**

Players record each birdie they make for any round played at Maplewood on any day.

## **INVITATIONALS**

Flyers from other course and Ladies club Invitational Tournaments with information such as Date, Cost, Theme and how to enter are included in this binder. Extra copies may be available for members to take. If not, a copy can be made or a link to their website may be listed, do not take the only copy.

# RULES

There are A LOT of rules in golf! Most are rarely used, so this introduction will include some of the most common ones you'll probably encounter on the course. Rules books are available at the Pro Shop for a nominal fee.

The USGA has a wonderful website that explains the rules, including videos.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub.html>

First and foremost, on any course, you should find out what "rules" are in effect. Because we live in the PNW in the wet and soggy weather, we have what we call "Preferred Lies". What does this mean? Well, it depends on who you ask and what course you are playing.

Maplewood Ladies club plays "**Preferred Lies**" as such:

- In the Closely mown areas (fairways/1 cut), a player is allowed to:
  - Highly recommended to mark the ball, lift and clean it
  - Place it within 1 club length (any club) from where it originally lay, **NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE.**
- Once placed (fingers released from the ball), it can't be place again – it is in play.
- In the "rough"
  - Highly recommended to mark the ball, lift and clean it
  - Place it within 6" of the original position, **NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE**
  - Once placed (fingers released from the ball), it can't be place again – it is in play.

\* IMPORTANT\*----- When you play other courses or in other tournaments, you **MUST** check with their rules to see what "Preferred Lies" they may play.

When conditions improve, the playing rule will be changed to "Summer Rules".

Basically you are not allowed to move or clean your ball, while it's in play, unless you are taking a drop or once the ball is on the putting surface.

Free Relief (1 club length) situations at Maplewood (also see the Local Rules sheet):

- All Cart paths – if your ball is on the path or you are standing on it, you get 1 club length
- Swing relief –
  - Mole Hills – if your ball is on a mole hill or your stance is on one, whether stomped down or not, you get relief.
  - Electrical boxes – if your swing or stance is impeded by the box.
  - Protective screen of trees on #11 Tee.
    - If you are playing #10 or #13 and your ball is near the protective trees but not inside the blue stakes, you get swing relief, no closer to the hole.
- No Swing relief allowed:
  - When ball is near the boundary fences on holes 4, 5, and 18

Common Rules and Situations:

- **Wrong Score Recorded on Scorecard (Rule 3.3 b (3))** Penalty for signing scorecard that includes scores lower than actually recorded is disqualification. There is no penalty for signing a scorecard that incorrectly inflates a player's score, but the higher score stands.
- **Playing out of Turn (Rule 6.4)** In stroke play, there is no penalty for playing out of turn. Players are both allowed and encouraged to play "ready golf". In match play, a

- competitor has the option of making you re-do your shot in the correct order of play.
- **Playing a wrong ball (Rule 6.3 b)** If a player makes a stroke at the wrong ball, she must correct the mistake BEFORE teeing off on the next hole. She must re-hit with the correct ball as near as possible to the original spot the wrong ball was hit. **2 stroke penalty if corrected before teeing off on the next hole, or Disqualification if not corrected.**
- **Ball Moves after Loose Impediment is Removed (Rule 15.1)** Players can remove loose impediments without penalty from anywhere on or off the course (including hazard areas). If the ball moves while removing a loose impediment, it's a 1-stroke penalty and the ball is replaced at the original spot.
- **Ball striking competitor's ball at rest while putting on the green (Rule 11.1 a)** Take a 2-stroke penalty and play it as it lies. The ball that was hit must be returned to the spot it originally laid.
- **Player accidentally moves her ball or marker on the putting green (Rule 13.1 d)** There is no penalty if a player accidentally moves his ball or ball marker on the green. Ball or ball marker replaced as near as possible to where it originally laid.

Local Rules: Each golf course may have some local rules that may not be in the USGA Rules Book.

## MAPLEWOOD LOCAL RULES

**All competitions shall be conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules as noted below.**

When Preferred Lies are in effect see MWGA Preferred Lies.

When Bunker Rule is in effect see MWGA Bunker Rule.

Out of Bounds (OB) is defined by cart path, parking lot curb, white stakes, and boundary fences. No free relief from interference by OB fence.

All penalty areas, including naturalized areas, are defined as Red Penalty Areas (Rule 17.1b). The naturalized areas are all grass areas that are taller than intended rough cut. The edge of a naturalized area is defined by the mowing line. Model Local Rule B-2.1 is in effect, providing an extra relief option for a ball in the penalty area. The player may drop a ball on the opposite side of the penalty area, using this reference point: the estimated point on the opposite edge of the penalty area that is the same distance from the hole as the estimated point where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.

Defined planting areas, protective fences, and protective hedges are Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16). Free relief for interference with stance, swing, and line of sight is permitted.

Areas in bunkers where sand has been removed by the movement of water resulting in deep furrows through the sand are ground under repair.

Areas of seed, marked as ground under repair are No Play Zones.



**#1** OB begins with the white stripe located on the curb right of the practice putting green, and runs the entire left side of the hole until the white OB stake is reached on #2 tee. OB is defined by the left edge of the cart path and the left edge of the lower cart path on the upper portion of the hole, (Rule 18.2).

**#1 & #9** If any player's swing is restricted by the split rail fence while the ball is in play, then free relief may be taken, (Rule 16.1a). If a ball drop is provided, it may be used as an additional option.

**#2 & #6** If a ball comes to rest within the margin of the penalty area, proceed under Rule 17.1d. If a ball drop is provided, it may be used as an additional option.

**#3:** OB starts at the stake on the right side of the cart path and is then defined by the outside margin of the cart path, ending at the bridge. A ball is OB when it is beyond the outside margin of the cart path.

**#4** The edge of the penalty area to the left of the cart path is defined by the course-side edge of the red stakes at ground level when the mow line for the naturalized area is not distinguishable.

**#7 & #10** For a ball that remains in bounds and comes to rest on or left of the cart path between the orange-marked poles (one near teeing area and one near putting green), free relief may be taken on the right side of the cart path. OB on both holes is defined by the cyclone/chain link fence.

**#9** Stripes on curb on #1 & #9 in a straight line define OB behind @1 tee and #9 green. The outside margin of the curb defines OB until the stake right of #3 green is reached.

**#10, #11 & #13** There is a rectangle area surrounding the 11th tee, defined by 6-inch diameter blue dots embedded in the ground on the 10th and 13th green-sides. If a ball is at rest within this rectangle, the player may take free relief within one club-length of where the ball crossed the edge of the rectangle, not nearer the hole. (Rule 16.1)

**#18** OB is defined by stakes up to the fence, then the ground wire of the fence defines OB. The player does not receive free relief from the fence, posts or the concrete bases holding the posts.

## MEMBER DIRECTORY

Each year, the beginning of April, we print a Directory that includes a Calendar of Events, By-Laws, Constitution, Playing Rules, Definitions, Member Directory, and more. This is a very useful source of information, so be sure to take a look at it.

A directory will available to be picked up at the course at the beginning of April.

## BULLETIN BOARD

Information for Ladies Club events and results are posted on the bulletin board in the designated ladies club area of the pro shop.

Items included here:

- Weekly Competition Results
- City Tournaments
  - Tee Time sign-ups for tournaments
- State Tournaments
  - Tee Time sign-ups for tournaments
- WaGolf/PNGA notices
- TEAM sign-up sheets
- Other miscellaneous notices

## MEETINGS

We have 3 general meetings each year, for all members to attend:

- February
  - New items
  - Approve any changes to By-laws and Constitution
  - Approve Budget for the year
- November
  - Vote on Board positions:
    - Captain
    - Co-Captain
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - State Trustee (2 year term)
    - City Rep (2 year term)
    - WA Golf rep
- December
  - Holiday Luncheon
  - Awards
  - Club Champion award
  - Birdies
  - Most Improved
  - Team (if we prevailed!)
  - Year Long ECCI
  - Passing the gavel to the new Captain

## COMMUNICATIONS

E-mails will be used to contact the membership concerning tournaments, announcements, etc.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our club is run on volunteers. Without them, not much would get done.

New members are usually not asked to volunteer for many things.

However, if you have a particular talent (computer savvy or creative or ?) that you would like to share with our club, feel free to ask what might be available.

A list of the positions that we fill each year can be found in the Member Directory or on the Website under "Members." If one of these positions sounds interesting to you, don't hesitate to ask for more information on them. You can either ask the current chair of the position or the Captain. Even one of the long term members, I'm sure, can answer some of your questions.

So...for the first year, sit back, play golf and take your time to get to know us and don't be afraid to ask questions.

# SCORECARD EXAMPLE

Enter Full names – PRINTED First AND Last

INCORRECT! All players will be DQ'd if turned in with only First name!

HOLE	YARDAGE	HANDICAP	PAR	Tee		Tee		Tee		Tee	
				Y	R	Y	R	Y	R	Y	R
				Jane Smith		Mary Roberts		Kathy Sweeney		Carol	
1	244	10	4	5	2	6	2	5	2	5	1
2	99	18	3	3	2	5	2	3	2	4	2
3	330	6	4	6	1	7	2	5	2	6	2
4	266	12	4	5	2	5	2	5	2	6	2
5	441	8	5	7	1	8	2	7	3	7	3
6	101	16	3	3	2	4	1	3	2	4	2
7	470	2	5	7	2	8	3	7	1	8	2
8	289	4	4	5	3	6	2	5	1	6	1
9	285	14	4	4	2	5	2	5	2	5	1
OUT	2525		36	45	17	54	18	45	17	51	16
NAME											
10	430	3	5	7	3	9	3	6	2	7	2
11	360	1	4	6	2	8	3	6	3	7	1
12	130	13	3	5	2	5	2	4	2	5	2
13	305	11	4	4	2	5	1	4	2	6	2
14	105	17	3	3	1	3	1	3	2	4	2
15	400	7	5	6	2	7	2	7	3	7	3
16	330	9	4	6	3	5	2	5	2	5	3
17	350	5	4	5	2	6	2	6	3	6	3
18	220	15	4	3	1	4	2	4	2	5	2
IN	2630		36	45	18	52	18	45	21	52	20
TOTAL	5155		72	90	35	106	36	90	38	103	36
HANDICAP				23	35	36	36	18	38	27	36
NET				67	35	70	36	72	38	76	36

SCORER: J. Smith
ATTEST: K. Sweeney
DATE: 4/21/15

You can use these columns (noted in gray) to enter the competition numbers when necessary. We'll assume the competition is number of putts in this example.

The text in the competition columns – Tee/Y/R/W/B refers to the tee boxes played. If you play a tee box other than the RED, please circle the tees you play. Your handicap should reflect the tee box you play from.

Scorer, Attest, and Date **MUST BE FILLED OUT**. Otherwise all golfers will be DQ'd from the competition.

# SCORECARD EXAMPLE

## How to do "pops" (Handicap strokes per hole)

Handicap strokes shown PER HOLE are also referred to as "pops". When a handicap competition is determined on a hole by hole basis, each player's score, BY HOLE is calculated based on their handicap for each hole.

For example:

If a player has an 18 course handicap, they get 1 "pop" for each hole. If a player has a 32 handicap, they get 2 "pops" for 14 holes and 1 "pop" for 4 holes ( $2 \times 14 + 1 \times 4 = 32$ ). A player with a 40 handicap gets 3 pops on 4 holes and 2 pops on 14 holes. To determine which holes receive the pops, the "HANDICAP" column is used. Holes are rated from hardest (1) to easiest (18).

MAPLEWOOD WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION									
HOLE	YARDAGE	HANDICAP	PAR	Tee		Tee		Tee	
				Y	R	Y	R	Y	R
				Jane Smith	Mary Roberts	Kathy Sweeney	CA	WB	
1	244	10	4	*	**	*	**		
2	99	18	3	*	**	*	**		
3	330	6	4	*	**	*	**		
4	266	12	4	*	**	*	**		
5	441	8	5	*	**	*	**		
6	101	16	3	*	**	*	**		
7	470	2	5	**	**	*	**		
8	289	4	4	**	**	*	**		
9	285	14	4	*	**	*	**		
OUT	2525		36						
NAME									
10	430	3	5	**	**	*	**		
11	360	1	4	**	**	*	**		
12	130	13	3	*	**	*	**		
13	305	11	4	*	**	*	**		
14	105	17	3	*	**	*	**		
15	400	7	5	*	**	*	**		
16	330	9	4	*	**	*	**		
17	350	5	4	**	**	*	**		
18	220	15	4	*	**	*	**		
IN	2630		36						
TOTAL	5155		72						
	HANDICAP			23	36	15	38		
	NET								

Handicap of 14: 1 pop - handicap holes 1-14  
 Handicap of 28: 2 pops - handicap holes 1-10  
 1 pop - handicap holes 11-18  
 Handicap of 39: 3 pops - handicap holes 1-3  
 2 pops - handicap holes 4-18

easiest (18).

Holes are rated by how hard they are in relationship to par, alternating the front and back. So if the front nine has even numbers, the back will be odd.

For Maplewood, Hole # 11 is considered the hardest hole for women to par, hence the # 1 handicap.  
 Hole # 2 is considered the easiest hole to par for women, making it #18.

SCORER: J. Smith    ATTEST: K. Sweeney    DATE: 4/21/15

# SCORECARD EXAMPLE

## How to score "POINTS"

For the competition "POINTS", a player can get points for each hole depending on how she scores the hole "net" against par. For this competition, you have to use "pops" to determine each player's net score, and thereby the points earned on each hole.

How points are awarded:  
 Net 4 under par: 6 points  
 Net 3 under (Albatross): 5 points  
 Net 2 under (Eagle): 4 points  
 Net 1 under (Birdie): 3 points  
 Net par: 2 points  
 Net 1 over (Bogey): 1 point  
 Net 2 or more over: 0 points

MAPLEWOOD WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION										
HOLE	YARDAGE	HANDICAP	PAR	Jane Smith		Mary Roberts		Kathy Sweeney		Carol
				Tee	Y	Tee	Y	Tee	Y	
				RWB		RWB		RWB		
1	244	10	4	5 *	2	**		*	**	
2	99	18	3	3 *	3	**			**	
3	330	6	4	6 *	1	**		*	**	
4	266	12	4	5 *	2	**		*	**	
5	441	8	5	7 *	1	**		*	**	
6	101	16	3	3 *	3	**			**	
7	470	2	5	7 **	2	**		*	**	
8	289	4	4	5 **	3	**		*	**	
9	285	14	4	4 *	3	**		*	**	
OUT	2525		36		20					
NAME										
10	430	3	5	7 **	2	**		*	**	
11	360	1	4	6 **	2	**		*	**	
12	130	13	3	5 *	1	**		*	**	
13	305	11	4	4 *	3	**		*	**	
14	105	17	3	3 *	3	**			**	
15	400	7	5	8 *	0	**		*	**	
16	330	9	4	6 *	1	**		*	**	
17	350	5	4	5 **	3	**		*	**	
18	220	15	4	3 *	4	**		*	**	
IN	2630		36		19					
TOTAL	5155		72		39					
HANDICAP				23	36	15	38			
NET					39					

Calculations For Jane Smith:  
 Hole #1, her Net score for the hole is par 4 : 5 minus 1 pop = 4. This gives her 2 points.  
 For Hole #2, her net score is a birdie 2: 3 minus 1 pop = 2. This gives her 3 points.  
 For Hole #18, her net score is an eagle 2: 3 minus 1 pop = 2. This gives her 4 points  
 For Hole #15, her net score is a double bogey 7: 8 minus 1 pop = 7. She gets no points for this hole.  
 Her total points for the round are 39.

# SCORECARD EXAMPLE

## How to score "Match vs Par"

For the competition "Match vs Par", a player compares his net score for each hole against par. There are 3 outcomes for each hole – you either "Push" or Tie with Par for the hole, Win the hole by having a net score lower than par, or Lose the hole by have a higher net score than par.

MAPLEWOOD WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION											
HOLE	YARDAGE	HANDICAP	PAR	Jane Smith		Mary Roberts		Kathy Sweeney		Carol	
				Tee	Y	Tee	Y	Tee	Y	Tee	Y
				R	W	R	W	R	W	R	W
1	244	10	4	5 *	0	**		*		**	
2	99	18	3	3 *	+	**				**	
3	330	6	4	6 *	-	**		*		**	
4	266	12	4	5 *	0	**		*		**	
5	441	8	5	7 *	-	**		*		**	
6	101	16	3	3 *	+	**				**	
7	470	2	5	7 **	0	**		*		**	
8	289	4	4	5 **	+	**		*		**	
9	285	14	4	4 *	+	**		*		**	
OUT	2525		36		+2						
NAME											
10	430	3	5	7 **	0	**		*		**	
11	360	1	4	6 **	0	**		*		**	
12	130	13	3	5 *	-	**		*		**	
13	305	11	4	4 *	+	**		*		**	
14	105	17	3	3 *	+	**				**	
15	400	7	5	8 *	-	**		*		**	
16	330	9	4	6 *	-	**		*		**	
17	350	5	4	5 **	+	**		*		**	
18	220	15	4	3 *	+	**		*		**	
IN	2630		36		+1						
TOTAL	5155		72								
HANDICAP				23		36		15		38	
NET					+3						

How Match vs Par is calculated:  
 If the net hole score = par, then it's a "push" and no one wins the hole.  
 If the player's net score is BETTER than par (birdie or better), she WINS the hole and gets a point.  
 If the player's net score is WORSE than par (bogey or higher), she LOSES the hole and loses a point. There are a couple ways to denote this on the card.  
 Jane Smith is scored:  
 Score a 0 for a push  
 Score a + for a Win  
 Score a - for a Loss of the hole

Calculations For Jane Smith:  
 Hole #1, her Net score is par 4 : 5 minus 1 pop = 4. She ties with par (push). Score a 0  
 For Hole #2, her net score is 2: 3 minus 1 pop = 2. She WINS the hole.  
 For Hole #12, her net score is 4: 5 minus 1 pops = 4. She LOSES the hole.  
 To calculate how she did overall against par, just add up all the +'s and -'s. She WON her match against par by scoring a +3.

SCORER: J. Smitn ATTEST: K. Sweeney DATE: 4/2/15

# SCORECARD EXAMPLE

## How to score "2 Lady Best Ball"

For a 2 Lady Best ball, you and your partner will use the best "net" ball for each hole to record an 18 hole score.

**MAPLEWOOD WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION**

Use these columns to record the NET SCORES for each player

HOLE	YARDAGE	HANDICAP	PAR	Tee		Tee		BEST BALL	Tee	
				Y R W B		Y R W B			Y R W B	
1	244	10	4	5 *	4	6 *	5	4		
2	99	18	3	3 *	2	3	3	2		
3	330	6	4	6 *	5	5 *	4	4		
4	266	12	4	5 *	4	5 *	4	4		
5	441	8	5	7 *	6	6 *	5	5		
6	101	16	3	3 *	2	3	3	2		
7	470	2	5	7 **	5	5 *	4	4		
8	289	4	4	5 **	3	4 *	3	3		
9	285	14	4	4 *	3	4 *	3	3		
OUT	2525		36	45		41		31		
NAME										
10	430	3	5	7 **	5	6 *	5	5		
11	360	1	4	6 **	4	4 *	3	3		
12	130	13	3	5 *	4	3 *	2	2		
13	305	11	4	5 *	4	4 *	3	3		
14	105	17	3	3 *	2	5	5	2		
15	400	7	5	8 *	7	6 *	5	5		
16	330	9	4	6 *	5	5 *	4	4		
17	350	5	4	6 **	4	5 *	4	4		
18	220	15	4	3 *	2	4 *	3	2		
IN	2630		36	49		42		30		
TOTAL	5155		72	94		83		61		
HANDICAP				23		15				
NET				72		68		61		

In Best Ball, you take the lowest net score of the players for each hole. You can record the net score in the competition column (gray in the example) and put the best ball in another column.  
  
 Their NET Best ball is 61.

SCORER: J. Smitn    ATTEST: K. Sweeney    DATE: 4/21/15