



WVMGC FAIRWAYS

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Minutes from the January 2 Board Meeting

Marty Refkin, President, called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. Dick Cook, Tom Fine, Steve Kosloff, Mike Lopata, Andy McLaren, Rick Meeker, Jerry Melnyk, Rick Naranjo, Jeff Pankratz and Roy Ratcliffe attended the meeting.



New Business: With Marty Refkin's nomination, the board unanimously approved Andy McLaren's appointment to the WVMGC Board of Directors. Andy replaces Steve Schulz, who recently resigned. Andy will assume responsibility as the Wednesday Tournament Chairman.

Mintues: Minutes of the December 5 informal dinner meeting not read but were approved.

Membership: Dick Cook confirmed 146 members starting with the new year to include 14 comps for 30+ year members and three discretionary comps for Chris Vatcher, the Westlake Golf GM, Marco Franco, the acting course superintendent and Lucio Cumplido, the course snack bar manager. The 146 also includes 10 new members.

Treasurer's Report: While Dick Cook will present a preliminary 2024 budget at next month's meeting, he did verify a healthy surplus carry-over from 2023. However, Dick also suggested some caution since the club benefited from 95 half-rate affiliate memberships filtered from the SCGA during 2023 without any assurance of a similar number in 2024.

Tournaments: Marty Refkin selected a 4-Club format for the President's Choice Tournament on February 4. The board approved Jeff Pankratz's proposal to explore Moorpark CC for our Away Tournament scheduled for April 13.

Handicaps: Tom Fine volunteered to join Jerry Melnyk for an upcoming World Handicap System Certification required by the SCGA. Jerry also noted the World Handicap System has established **new rules** for scoring

of holes not played. **(Please note details on pages 6-7 of this newsletter.)**

Rules and Greens: Rick Naranjo voiced concern how some members may not be following rules for white OB, red lateral hazard and yellow water hazard boundary lines. As a reminder, touching any part of a red or yellow line is considered in the penalty area while a ball has to be totally past a white line to be in the penalty area.

Team Play: Mike Lopata happily announced the team is "locked and ready" to start team play with the first match scheduled for Thursday, January 11, at Porter Ranch. Having surplus team members is a plus to help Mike field our best-suited 16 players for each Thursday and Saturday match.

Old Business: Mike Lopata reminded all that we need to play up the importance of the club major tournaments: Club Championship; President's Cup; 36-Hole Individual Medal Play; and the Wednesday and Saturday Player's of the Year.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Kosloff, Secretary

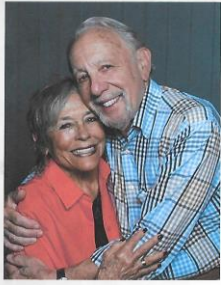
Welcome

New Members: Jasen Alameda, Nicholas Mahan, Danny Mariscal, Martin McHugh, Ryan Mossman, Rick Scott and Steve Weeks



February 4 (Sunday) President's Choice (18-Hole 4-Clubs Only)

February 7 Individual Medal Play



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Wednesday: Mike Lopata (818) 653-2360

Saturday: Steve Kosloff (805) 402-3564

Visit www.wvmgc.com to find monthly newsletters,
tournament entries and a member roster (use
password birdie to enter roster).

Effective immediately:

Mike Lopata (mlopata2@me.com) – new coordinator for Wednesday regular play

Steve Kosloff (smk118@outlook.com) – new coordinator for Saturday regular play

**President's Choice 18-Hole Individual
4-Clubs Only - Sunday, February 4, 2024**

Entry Fee: \$15

Pay at pro shop for green fee and cart.

Name _____

Payment must accompany entry. No exceptions.

Mail entry to WVMGC, 4812 Lakeview Canyon Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 or place in entry box at the club. Venmo Payment: rbcook03@gmail.com or 818-964-4161.

Entry deadline is Sunday, January 28, 2024

**Tournament Entry
18-Hole Individual (Medal Play)
Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

\$15 Entry Fee (Pay at pro shop for green fee and cart)

Name _____

Payment must accompany entry. No exceptions.

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TEAM PLAY

2024 Saturday Schedule

January 13 WVMGC - 19 @ Apple Valley - 29
January 20 Apple Valley @ WVMGC
January 27 WVMGC @ Silverlakes
February 3 Silverlakes @ WVMGC
February 10 WVMGC @ Antelope Valley
February 17 Antelope Valley @ WVMGC

2024 Thursday Schedule

January 11 WVMGC - 13 @ Porter Valley - 35
TBD WVMGC @ Braemar CC
January 25 Braemar CC @ WVMGC
February 1 Porter Valley @ WVMGC

2024 WVMGC RENEWAL APPLICATION

(PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION EVEN IF NOT RENEWING)

☐ I am renewing, check enclosed ☐ 30-year member no fee ☐ I am not renewing

NAME _____

IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES FROM THE LAST ROSTER ENTER ONLY THOSE CHANGES BELOW

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE _____

Renewal fee is **\$100** if received by DEC 17, 2023. If not received by DEC 17TH, you will be dropped from SCGA and WVMGC. If payment is received after DEC 17, the RENEWAL FEE IS \$115, to cover the additional SCGA reinstatement charge. Your name will not be on the January index report. It will be on the index report in the month following your reinstatement.

Please place your renewal application and fee (**checks only, no cash**) in the mailbox at the club, or mail to:

Westlake Village Men's Golf Club
4812 Lakeview Canyon Rd.
Westlake Village, CA 91361

18-Hole Medal Play Tournament January 6, 2024 Final Results

<u>A Flight</u>		<u>B Flight</u>		<u>C Flight</u>		<u>D Flight</u>	
Franco, M.	64	Cumplido	67	Jacobs	68	Condran	69
Cook	67	Salter	*72	Reitz	69	Rossi	*73
Winter	68	Lopata	72	Machuga	*72	Martinez	73
Valladeres	70	Reiland	73	Robinson	72	Sepehr	74
Weeks	71	Jensen	74	Kosloff	76	McGill	74
Franco, L.	72	Oliver	75	Naranjo	77	Radhakrishman	74
Ramussen	72	Martin	75	Waters	77	Westcott	74
Van Wyk, F.	72	Refkin	76	Desai	WD	Gainer	75
Van Wyk, A	74	McLaren	77	Davani	WD	Donahue	76
Fritz	80	Masak	84			Polo	85

* Won placement with card-off

2023 Saturday Tournament of Champions Saturday, December 28, 2023 Final Results

A Flight

Hussain, K.	65
Cumplido	66
Franco, M.	67
Valladeres	68
Kline	68
Franco, L.	68
Scimo	70
Oswalt	73
Weaver	74
Fritz	75
Rasmussen	76
Vatcher	78

B Flight

Jensen	*63
Salter	63
Fulton	64
DiFonzo	65
Naranjo	66
Reeves	68
Reitz	72
Kosloff	74
Leone	79
Isbell	83
McGill	X-Out
Kanowitch	WD

Kenny Hussain and Tom Oswalt Represent the WVMGC at SCGA Tournament of Champions

Kenny Hussain and Tom Oswalt, winners of our 2023 WVMGC Tournament of Champions, earned our “high-fives” as they competed at the SCGA Tournament of Champions in December.

Playing in the net flight at The Terra Lago North Course in Indio, Kenny carded a terrific even par net 72 to come away with a fifth-place finish and this elegant pewter plaque for his trophy case.



Tom ventured down to San Diego to compete at the challenging Heights Golf Course. Just one over par after five holes, Tom was optimistically looking for a high finish. Unfortunately, he faded to end up 83rd within a competitive field of 105 entrants. Tom acknowledged losing a “few” penalty strokes as he tried to gain some extra distance off the tees on the long course. Tom admitted, “The extra distance was more than he had in his bag.” While disappointed with the result, Tom added that he had a “tremendous day with his son as caddie. Overall, I’d love to get back to this event again. Representing our club was a pleasure and honor.”

WHS™ 2024: Treatment of Hole(s) Not Played

Beginning in 2024, net par will be replaced with the use of expected score for holes not played.

The following FAQs have been developed to explain how 10-17 hole rounds will be treated for handicap purposes under the 2024 update to the World Handicap System™:

What is changing about the way 10–17-hole scores are treated in 2024?

Currently, when 10 to 13 holes are played, scores made on holes 10 through 13 are disregarded and a 9-hole score is posted. When 14-17 holes are played, net par is used for the remaining holes to allow an 18-hole score to be posted.

Beginning in 2024, when a player with a Handicap Index® plays 10-17 holes, a Score Differential™ will be created based on the holes played, and the player's expected Score Differential for the number of remaining holes not played will be added to that value to produce an 18-hole Score Differential.

To facilitate this change, when a player plays between 10-17 holes, they will be required to post their scores hole-by-hole so the appropriate Score Differential can be calculated from the holes that were played to combine with the expected score for the holes not played.

What are the benefits of this change?

Although 10–17-hole rounds are uncommon for most players and are typically a result of circumstances such as darkness, inclement weather, or match play, this change will result in a premium being placed on the holes played, more flexibility in terms of posting scores, and more accurate Score Differentials. Here's why:

- Today, scores made on holes 10-13 are disregarded if fewer than 14 holes are played. The change adds flexibility by allowing scores made on those holes to be used to create an 18-hole Score Differential.
- Currently, when 14-17 holes are played, net par is used on any remaining holes not played. By replacing net par with the use of expected score to produce an 18-hole Score Differential, players will see more equity and consistency – since the expected score is not course-specific or reliant upon the course's stroke index allocation.

Note: Net par will still be available for limited use where practical, and at the discretion of the Handicap or Competition Committee, however, the expected score will be used as the default position for holes not played.

Here is an example of how an 18-hole Score Differential is calculated after a player stopped play after 14 holes:

A player with a Handicap Index of 10.0 plays 14 holes before stopping play due to severe weather. Through 14 holes, the player had an adjusted gross score of 64. After posting the 14-hole score hole-by-hole, a Score

Differential will be calculated based on the score of 64 and the Course Rating information for the 14 holes played, and that result will be added to the expected Score Differential over 4 holes for a 10.0 Handicap Index player to determine an 18-hole Score Differential.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	14-HOLE SCORE
Yardage	393	133	375	490	333	378	155	416	357	3030	341	152	360	131	471	323	314	375	340	2807	
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	35	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	35	
Stroke Index	5 *	17	9 *	1 *	11	7 *	15	3 *	13		8 *	16	6 *	18	2 *	10 *	14	4 *	12		
Player A	4	4	5	6	5	5	4	5	3	41	4	4	6	4	5	-	-	-	-	23	64

14-hole Score Differential

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4-hole Expected Score Differential

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18-hole Score Differential

How will this change impact the score-posting procedure?

When posting a score, players will now have the option to post a 9-hole score, 18-hole score, or 10-17-hole score. Score posting products will notify the player that if they are posting a score in which 10-17 holes were played, the player will be required to post as a hole-by-hole score. This will allow USGA® Centralized Computation to produce a Score Differential for the holes played and an expected Score Differential for the holes that were not played.

Note that score posting products will require a minimum of 9 individual hole scores that correspond to a 9-hole Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™ for a score to be posted.

How will a player's score be displayed in their scoring record when a 10–17-hole score is posted?

When 10-17 holes are played and a score is posted, the total number of strokes taken will be displayed, with the number of holes played also denoted. Display of the number of holes played could vary depending on the score posting product used. For example, if the player plays 14 holes and takes 62 total strokes, their score may be displayed as **62 (14)**. Players will also see the 18-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating for the tees played, along with the 18-hole Score Differential that was created using the player's expected score for the holes not played.

If someone plays 10-17 holes, will it count as 18 holes for the purposes of establishing a Handicap Index?

When establishing a Handicap Index, or building up to 54 holes played and posted, if a player plays between 10 and 17 holes, the score made on the 9 holes with a 9-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating would be posted for handicap purposes. Any remaining holes would be disregarded.

2024 Wednesday Tournament Schedule

DATE	FORMAT	TIME
January 10, 2024	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
February 7, 2024	Individual Medal Play	7:30
March 6, 2024	Partner's Scramble	7:30
April 3, 2024*	Partner's Best Ball	7:30
May 1, 2024	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
June 5, 2024	Partner's Modified Alternate Shot	7:30
July 10, 2024	Partner's Scramble	7:30
August 7, 2024	Partner's Best Ball	7:30
September 4, 2024	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
October 2, 2024*	Individual Medal Play	7:30
November 6, 2024	ABCD & BBQ Lunch	7:30
November 20, 2024	Tournament of Champions - Individual Medal Play	7:30
December 11, 2024	Partner's Scramble	7:30

2024 Saturday Tournament Schedule

DATE	FORMAT	TIME
January 6, 2024	Individual Stroke and Skins Game	7:30
February 4, 2024	President's Choice	7:30
March 9, 2024	Stableford	7:30
April 13, 2024	Away Tournament	TBD
May 10-11 2024	Friday Derby, Saturday Member-Guest and BBQ	7:30
June 8 & 15, 2024	36-Hole plus SCGA Qualifier (Club Championship)	7:30
July 13, 2024	Partner's Scramble	7:30
August 10, 2024	Partner's Best Ball and Aggregate	7:30
Sept. 14, 21 & 28, 2024	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
October 19, 2024	President's Cup	7:30
November 16, 2024	Turkey Shoot	7:30
December 14, 2024	ABCD and BBQ Lunch	7:30
December 28, 2024	Tournament of Champions	7:30