

LWMGA GolfAbout

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www.lwmga.org

A message from our
president...

Welcome to another season of LWMGA golf. We will kick off the season at Holmes Golf Course on Saturday, March 30th, at 8:30 am. Please join the LWMGA Board and your fellow golfers for coffee and donuts. We will have our spring meeting at 9:00 am followed by golf for those who want to play.

I hope you, like me, have been taking advantage of the unusually mild weather to get a head start on golf this year. You'll notice that quite a bit of work has been going on at the courses over the last few months and sometime this spring you should see the opening of new tee boxes at Holmes, Mahoney and Pioneers. While not all the new boxes will be ready for play this year, a good number of them will be. You will also see some new cart paths at Mahoney and Pioneers.

Last year we asked you to enter your scores in GHIN hole by hole and you came through with flying colors. This has provided terrific data enabling us to re-rank the handicaps (hardest to easiest holes) at all of the courses. We will be asking Lincoln City golf to include these re-rankings the next time score cards are printed for each of the courses. On a related note, I am told that two of the courses, Holmes and Mahoney, may be officially re-rated sometime this year as well.

Shelly Herrod, our events chair, with the help of Jodi Best and Donna May, has planned a fun event for us every month beginning with the Spring Swing in April and continuing all the way through October. The details are elsewhere in this GolfAbout. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so now. Looking forward to seeing you at Holmes on the 30th and on the links sometime soon.

-Karen Flowers, LWMGA President

Spring Kick-Off Info

Date?	Saturday, March 30
Where?	Holmes Clubhouse
Time?	8:30 Sign In Donuts, Coffee and Conversation 9:00 Spring Meeting

Cost? No charge!!!!
We do need a head count.
Contact Mary Ann at
lwmgaevents@gmail.com
if you plan to attend (put
"attending brunch" in
subject). Also indicate if you
would like to play golf
following the meeting.

You are encouraged to bring
an interested friend!

****Golf to follow meeting for those wishing to
play!**

Benefits of LWMGA

- 30 weeks of reserved tee times Monday-Friday
 - Weekly games of fun and competition
 - FUN events
- All ability levels and fun formats for new members (and old!)
 - Pay when you play
 - Big payouts at Club Championship
 - Wonderful ladies with whom to socialize

LWMGA Membership

Membership dues for the LWMGA are \$43.00, which includes the fee for a USGA Handicap. The Nebraska golf season begins on March 15 (scores should be recorded starting March 15), so pay your dues soon to avoid any delay! Send in the membership form in this newsletter, along with a check for your dues. You may also include your ACE Club membership. (If you want to be a member of the ACE Club, payment must be made by April 1.) Please encourage your golfing friends to join in the fun!

City Tournament

City tournament dates for this year are June 22 (Saturday) - June 24 (Monday). Play will be at Holmes (22nd), Pioneers, (23rd) and Hidden Valley, (24th). Entry forms will be available on the LWMGA website or emailed to previous participants. -Shelly Herrod

LWMGA Website

The LWMGA website address is www.lwmga.org. Linda Bowden manages the website. If you have information needing to be posted, or changes to be made to the website please contact Mary Ann Frye at lwmgaevents@gmail.com. It would be helpful to put LWMGA Website in the subject line.

Ace Club

The Ace Club is an opportunity for golfers of any skill level to earn some cash!!! By paying two dollars when you join LWMGA you are eligible to be a part of the ace club. When a hole-in-one is made ON AN 18-hole LINCOLN CITY COURSE, the member will win the pot of money. The hole-in-one must be made between the Spring Kick-Off (March 30th) and the Fall Brunch (date pending). If more than one member receives the coveted hole-in-one, the pot will be split. If no one receives a hole-in-one during the allotted time-period, the money will be carried over to the next year. ***Ace Club dues must be paid before March 30th.***

2-Club

Have you ever had a 2 on a par 3? If so, you can become a member of the 2-Club. All you have to do is report the course and hole where you 1st accomplished this feat. It will cost you \$5 or \$6 (a one-time only fee) which includes the cost of the 2-Club pin/ball mark. After that, anytime you are playing with another member of the 2-Club and you get a 2, all 2-club members in your group pay you \$1. Conversely, if anyone in your group gets a 2 you owe them \$1! This just adds another fun game to play within your group. This is a national club and you are supposed to have your pin/ball mark with you to prove you're a member. Our group has been lax in enforcing this policy, but a list of all LWMGA 2-Club members is at each of the four public city golf courses. Contact Shelly Herrod, shelly.herrod62@gmail.com.

Golf Advisory Committee Update

by Sherrie Nelson

Lincoln City Golf completed another strong year, with updates as follows:

- 220,117 rounds were played—the most played since 1999! Holmes led the way, followed by Highlands, Pioneers, and Mahoney.
- Revenue exceeded targets, resulting in a profit of \$757,662.86 at year end.
- Capital Improvement (CIP) funds were spent on highly visible projects, including: 1) new/repared cart paths at Pioneers, Highlands and Mahoney, 2) irrigation system repairs, 3) new carpet at Mahoney, 4) new forward (Yellow & Green) tee boxes, 5) bunker repair at Holmes.

Latest news on the Yellow tee boxes:

- New tee boxes completed last fall at Holmes, Mahoney, and Pioneers should be ready for play by mid-May.
- Pioneers: Work will begin on #1 and #10 in the next several weeks. Availability is projected at 6 weeks from when sod is laid.
- Mahoney: Tees on #8, #13 & #16 are roughed in and grading will happen soon. Availability is projected at 6 weeks from when sod is laid.

It's all good news! Please direct any questions regarding updates from the Lincoln City Golf Advisory Committee to: Sherrie Nelson, Chair; Tammy Poe, PRAB rep; Karen Flowers, LWMGA President.

Handicap Information

There are 3 changes to the handicap system for 2024:

- First, 9-hole scores will be combined with an expected score differential (computer generated, based on your previous play) to make an 18-hole score. This score will then count toward your handicap the next day (as if you entered an 18-hole score). You must enter these scores hole by hole.
- If there is a time where you only play between 10 and 17 holes you should post these scores hole-by-hole and leave the holes you do not play blank. The system will generate an expected score on the holes you didn't play so that you will have an 18-hole score.
- You will be able to post scores from shorter par 3 courses (eg. Jim Ager). These courses will be rated soon, if they haven't already.

Additional Information:

- The active golf season in Nebraska (for score posting purposes) starts March 15. All scores should be posted from March 15 until November 15.
 - Scores should be posted the same day you play. Please enter your scores hole-by-hole.
 - If for some reason you are not able to post your score the day you play, you should still post this score ASAP.
 - LWMGA memberships must be paid by April 15 to avoid your GHIN service being inactivated. (If you rejoin after this date your membership will be reactivated). If you have any questions or need any help throughout the season, feel free to contact me at tspoe@yahoo.com or 402-560-6982.
- Tammy Poe, Handicap Chair

2024 LWMGA Tee Times and Daily Play Coordinators

Day Golf	*Tee Times (see chart below)	Golf Course	Daily Play Coordinators
Monday		Mahoney, 402-441-8969 7900 Adams	Linda Perry, 813-546-4308 Jenne Rodriguez, 402-440-0537
Tuesday		Holmes, 402-441-8960 3701 South 70 Street	Bonnie Debus, 402-499-6398 Becky Moyer, 402-450-5357
Thursday		Pioneers, 402-441-8966 3403 West Van Dorn	Sandy Amen, 402-432-5231 Sharon Hanigan, 402-440-4718
Friday		Highlands, 402-441-6081 5501 NW 12 Street	Carol Zubrod, 402-217-7522 Jody Best, 308-520-0591
Month	*Starting Tee Time		
April	11 a.m.		
May	10 a.m.		
June, July, August	9 a.m.		
September	10 a.m.		
October	11 a.m.		
<p>Players should arrive 30 minutes before the above times to form groups.</p>			
Evening Golf	Tee Times	Golf Course	Daily Play Coordinators
Tuesday	5:28 5:36 5:44	Holmes, 402-441-8960 3701 South 70 Street	Susan Holland, 402-480-5211
Wednesday	5:35	Highlands, 402-441-6081 5501 NW 12 Street	Open golf for members and a guest. No coordinator.
Thursday	5:36 5:44	Mahoney, 402-441-8969 7900 Adams	Eva Hurt, 402-617-3384

Opportunity for LWMGA Golfers!!!!!!

Inter-club Competition

LWMGA will be participating again this year in the Horizon Inter-club Golf Association competition league. There are 7 clubs, including:

Hillcrest Country Club
Beatrice Country Club
Iron Horse/Ashland
Wilderness Ridge
Tiburon
Woodland Hills/LWMGA
Tara Hills / Eagle Hills

There are 7 events this year (split Spring and Fall), one at each club's course. The events are weekday and typically a 9am or 10am start. The first event is May 15 at Tara Hills. For the Woodland/LWMGA team, hosting will be June 18 at Highlands. Interclub is a 2-person net best ball format, with each club bringing 8 ladies/4 teams. Participant teams compete against a 2-person team from another club. For the Woodland/LWMGA club, there would be up to 4 ladies from Woodland and the other 4 from LWMGA for each event. It is slightly competitive and a knowledge of the rules of golf and pace of play are required along with a current GHIN. The cost is \$55 per round, which includes greens fee, cart and light lunch. The cost of the Interclub is covered by the participants, there is no cost to our league budget.

Callen Frenzel will be the LWMGA coordinator along with Donna May for Woodland Hills. If you are interested in being part of the Woodland/LWMGA Interclub team, please email Callen Frenzel (callen.frenzel@outlook.com) and Donna May (golferdonna88@gmail.com) by March 31, 2024 with your name, email address, phone number, GHIN # and current handicap. If interest is high, please understand that we'll try to get as many players as possible to play but you may not be chosen. Once we have a list, Callen will reach out to the interested players and explain the Interclub process and share the scheduled dates.

****The Woodland Hills/LWMGA has won the traveling trophy the last 2 years!!!*

2024 LWMGA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 27 Tee off Classic at Pioneers 9:00 a.m. shotgun

Sign up as an individual player. The Committee will form teams. Play will be a Scramble format.

Saturday, May 18 Cha-Cha-Cha at Mahoney 9:00 a.m. shotgun

Sign up as a four-person team. Each member of the team plays her own ball throughout. The three lowest net scores on the par 3's will be the team score for that hole. The two lowest net scores will be the team score on the par 4's. On the par 5's you will count just one low net score.

Saturday, June 8 Red Hat Guest Day at Pioneers 9:00 a.m. shotgun

Sign up as a four-person team. LWMGA members are encouraged to bring guests. Play will be a Scramble format. Wear your most outrageous red hat.

Saturday, July 13 Sizzling 6 at Holmes 9:00 a.m. shotgun

Sign up as a two-person team. Each member of the team plays her own ball throughout. The format is 6-6-6. 6 holes best ball, 6 hole alternate shot, 6 holes scramble.

Sat & Sun, August 24 & 25 Club Championship at Pioneers/Mahoney

Tee times beginning at 8:00 a.m. each day. Low handicaps will go out early on day one, higher handicaps will go out early on day two.

Sunday, Sept. 8 4-Club Par 3 at Ager 1:00 p.m. shotgun

Sign up as a two-person team. Each player plays 18 holes with 3 clubs of their choice and putter. Best individual score is used for each hole. Wear your favorite team colors.

Sunday, Oct 6 Fall Fling @ Holmes 1:00 p.m. shotgun

Sign up as a four-person team. This is a scramble format. Members are encouraged to bring guests and/or family member(s). Wear your Halloween costume.

Also of note: *Lincoln Women's City Tournament* Saturday, June 22 – Holmes; Sunday, June 23– Pioneers; Monday, June 24 – Hidden Valley

For more information contact:

Shelly Herrod – shelly.herrod62@gmail.com or 402-309-4900

Nebraska Women's Amateur Golf Association (NWAGA) News-Bonnie Jolly-LWMGA Rep

NWAGA is an organization of Nebraska golf clubs for the purpose of promoting the spirit of the game of golf for all women in Nebraska. Your membership in NWAGA supports this goal and includes: eight tournaments at some of the best courses in Nebraska; is a major funding to the Nebraska Junior Girls Golf Program; and you get special golf deal "rates" at member clubs. Membership to NWAGA is \$15.00 per year and can be sent to NWAGA at 6618 South 118th Street; Omaha, NE 68137. Be sure to include your GHIN and our club name "LWMGA" when remitting by mail so they can identify **you** and **our club name**. You can also renew online at NWAGA.org for a fee of \$18.00. I will take your \$15.00 NWAGA renewal fee at our LWMGA spring brunch. You will not be able to play any NWAGA events until your dues are paid.

I have included the new schedule for the 2024 season below. I encourage everyone to play in some of these events. All these events are flighted to your current handicap, so you would be playing with women of the same skill level. I also encourage everyone to go to the website NWAGA.org and click on "competition" at the top of the "home" page. You will find a number of tabs that will give you an extensive explanation of the format and other information when you click on each of the events.

DATE	EVENT	ENTRY PERIOD	LOCATION
May 6-7	Pinehurst	April 1 - April 29	Tiburon Golf Club, Omaha
May 13	Pro+3 Lady Jamboree	Professionals Register	The Country Club of Lincoln
June 11-12	Bobbie Hopp Challenge	May 1 - June 4	Tatanka Golf Club, Niobrara
July 8-9	Four-Ball	June 3 - July 1	Meadowlark Golf Course, Kearney
August 12-13	49ers Eclectic	July 1 - August 5	Southern Hills Golf Club, Hastings
August 26-27	Scramble	July 1 - August 19	York Country Club
September 9	Fund Day	August 1 - September 2	Riverside Golf Club, Grand Island
NGA WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS			
June 4-6	Women's Amateur & Senior	March 1-May 28	Oak Hills Country Club, Omaha
July 23-26	Women's Match-Play	March 1-July 15	Landmand Golf Club-Homer
September 28-29	Women's Mid-Amateur	March 1-Sept 20	The Pines-Country Club, Valley



Tips to Speed Play

We all know how frustrating slow rounds of golf can be. Here's what YOU can do to help!

The basic rule for Pace of Play – Always keep up with the group in front of you.

On the Tee

1. Hit when ready and safe regardless of who has the honors.
2. Never hit into the next group; but to move things along, let the shorter hitters play first.
3. Carry a spare ball in your pocket. When in doubt about a stray ball, play a provisional.

On the Fairway

1. Plan your shot and select your club while approaching your ball.
2. Your pre-shot routine should take no more than 20 seconds. Take no more than ONE practice swing. The precious seconds used taking numerous swings add up in a hurry.
3. Play ready golf! If the player who is away is not ready and you are, fire away if it is safe to do so.
4. WATCH your ball. Follow the flight, watch as it lands, mark that spot by trees, or some other landmark. Ask others to assist in watching your ball, and watch theirs for them.
5. Cart partners don't have to wait for one to hit before moving on to the other's ball. Drive to the first ball, let the player select their club, then drive to your ball.
6. When separated from your cart or bag, you should take several clubs to ensure you have the right one for your shot.
7. The Rules of Golf allow a maximum of three minutes to look for a lost ball. Be aware of how much time you spend looking.

On the Green

1. Park your cart or leave your clubs in line with the next tee box – never in front of the green.
2. If you have to carry another club besides your putter, lay that club down between the flag and your cart or bag, so you won't forget it.
3. Study your putt while others are putting.
4. Putt continuously until you hole out, unless restricted by another golfer's line.
5. If you need to make up time, have two people putt out and tee off at the next tee box while the other two finish putting out.
6. Put your clubs and putter away when you get to the next tee box.
7. Record your score on the next tee box, don't sit at the putting green to do it.
8. If you are not involved in tournament play and reach your maximum score for that hole, pick up.

Be the advocate for your group for staying on pace and alert others if you feel your group is falling behind.

Lincoln Women's Municipal Golf Association
2024 LWMGA Membership Registration Form

Please complete this form to join or to renew your membership into the LWMGA.

Membership benefits include participation in the USGA GHIN handicap service; the *Golfabout* newsletter; weekly league reserved tee times in the morning and evening; and the opportunity to participate in our special events and Club Championship.

Check one:

Dues: \$43 (Dues are \$10 less after August 1.)

- New Member
- Renewal from 2023

Name: _____

Address: _____ E-mail*: _____

City: _____ State: NE Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

***Email addresses will be used to send our newsletter, for communications about the events, and to receive your Handicap Index E-Revisions. Please include your email address above.**

JUNIOR GHIN MEMBERSHIPS

If 18 years of age or less, your membership only provides GHIN Junior 18H handicap services. Cost is \$15.

For GHIN Junior 18H handicap services, please give birthdate: ____/____/____ (Send only \$15, not \$43.)

Multiple Club USGA GHIN Memberships - or - New LWMGA Member with previous GHIN Memberships

If you plan to belong to another golf association in 2024 that uses the USGA GHIN system, you can be registered as a multi-club member so that you have only one GHIN #. -OR- If you were a member of another club last year and have a GHIN number from that club, please list it so you can keep that GHIN #.

Other Golf Association Name: _____ City & State: _____

GHIN and Club numbers as noted on your GHIN card: GHIN #: _____ Club #: _____

Send form with payment to: Dues \$43.00 (up \$2.00 because of GHIN increase)

Mary Ann Frye (\$15 for Jr. GHIN Membership, age 18 or under)..... _____

5201 Bluff Road Optional: 2024 Ace Club** \$2.00 _____

Lincoln, NE 68514

TOTAL:

****2024 Ace Club – Entry Deadline Is April 1st**

1. Each member can choose to add \$2 to her dues to join the LWMGA Ace Club for the current year.
IMPORTANT: Entries received after April 1st will not be valid and will not be refunded.
2. Whoever fulfills the eligibility requirements below will split the "pot" of all the money collected for the LWMGA Ace Club.
 - You paid \$2 for your entry in the LWMGA Ace Club before April 1st 2024
 - Your hole-in-one occurred: (a) Anytime between and including April 1st 2024 and one day prior to our Fall Brunch (b) On one of the following courses: Mahoney, Highlands, Holmes, or Pioneers. (c) With at least one eyewitness.
 - You fill out the "[LWMGA Ace Club "I Got One" Form](#)" available on our Web site, and submit it to a current LWMGA Board member for approval.
3. If no one becomes eligible for the "pot" in the current year, the "pot" is carried over into the next year.
4. Members must join the LWMGA Ace Club during the current year to be eligible for the "pot."

2024 LWMGA Executive Board

President	Karen Flowers	402-570-1651	kflowers48@gmail.com
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All Executive Board meetings are open to LWMGA members. Contact the president for the meeting schedule.

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