



FWWGA

2023 Spring Newsletter

Founded in 1931, Fort Wayne Women's Golf Association exists to promote interest in women's golf and to establish a spirit of good sportsmanship among its members.

Welcome to the 93rd season of FWWGA!
New things are sprouting this spring so be sure to read and be up to speed on:

- Membership Drive & Raffle
- Match Play Final Event on Sept. 29
- 2023 Season Schedule
- City Tournament Returns to ORCC

In this newsletter you will also find a review of 2022 Champions and an invitation to dream about the future of FWWGA as we march toward our 100th Anniversary in 2030.

Yes, it's important to envision where we want to be in 2030 and begin to do what we can to make our dreams come true.

Please read on, join FWWGA, and tell your golfing friends what's happening!

DREAM WITH US



Catch some dreams with us as we look forward to celebrating 100 years of FWWGA in 2030! Yes it's hard to believe, but our 100th Anniversary is in sight. Is it too early to begin planning? We don't think so. In fact, the Board has been dreaming about what it would look like for FWWGA to "thrive as we arrive at 100 years".

One dream is "100 by 100" ... to have 100 or more women competing in our City Tournament and 100 or more women participating in Interclub by the time we reach 100. Is this possible? We think so ... and it will take thought and intention by more than a few dream catchers to make it happen. This is why we're introducing a Membership Drive & Raffle in 2023. (Read more about it on the next page.)

We are also looking at what works well, where we need to catch up, and what will attract and maintain members of all ages -- especially those who will continue FWWGA's long legacy of promoting interest in women's golf and establishing a spirit of good sportsmanship.

So, catch some dreams with us and tell us what you would like to see in FWWGA's future. We would love to listen and add yours to our dream machine!

100 by 100 Membership Drive & Raffle

All hands on deck! “100 by 100” (see page one “*Dream With Us*”) is certainly within reach and it will take all of us working together to make it a reality. Let’s get started and have some fun as we go! Here’s how the Membership Drive & Raffle will work:

All those who pay dues in 2023 are eligible and encouraged to invite a new member to join FWWGA. A new member is defined as a girl or woman who was not a member in 2022. She did not pay dues, play in the City Tournament, nor participate in Interclub.

Do you know someone you can invite to become a member in 2023? Sure you do ... and when you do, *ask your friend to indicate on her registration that you invited her.** When your name appears on a new Interclub member’s registration or a new City Tournament participant’s registration, one ticket will be reserved in your name for an exclusive raffle at our end of the year event on September 29 at Brookwood. Yes, you can recruit more than one new Interclub member or new City Tournament participant and earn more than one raffle ticket. Just remember, she must not have been a member in 2022.

Sound good? Let’s do it! Not sure who to invite / got questions? Ask an officer – see last page. Raffle prizes to be outlined as the season progresses.

**Membership registration form attached to email. A sponsor is not required to join FWWGA.*

Match Play (with a Twist) Returns to FWWGA

Match play is no stranger to FWWGA. In fact, for many years match play was the format of the City Championship and took place over five days!

In light of this history and to offer something new for members to enjoy, a one-round team match play handicapped event is in the works and on the schedule for September 29 at Brookwood. Lunch, awards, membership drive raffle, and season wrap-up will follow.

Details of this inaugural event will be announced as they become available, but plan now to be part of all the fun in 2023!

2023 Season Schedule

May 5 – Riverbend
May 19 – Eel River
June 2 – Coyote Creek
June 16 – Foster Park
June 30 – Orchard Ridge
July 7 – Brookwood
July 16, 17 – City Tournament, Orchard Ridge
August 4 – Whispering Creek
August 18 – Autumn Ridge
September 1 – Chestnut Hills
September 15 – Cherry Hill*
September 29 – Brookwood, Lunch, Awards

*Traveling Trophy competition concludes.

See www.fwwga.com for more details on each event. Let your Club Rep know by Noon on Tuesday if you plan to play in a Friday Interclub event. Pairings are sent to host clubs on Wednesdays.

2022 City Tournament and Interclub Champions

92nd City Tournament @ Chestnut Hills

City Champion: Makenna Hostetler
City Champion Runner-Up: Cassidy Ayres
First Flight Champion: Karley Jump
Second Flight Champion: Becky Whitman
Senior City Champion: Jodi Clark
Senior Champion Runner-Up: Beth Bergeron
Senior First Flight Champion: Kay Yoder
Senior Second Flight Champion: Ann Playter
Super Senior Champion: Jackie Raftree
Junior Champion: Amy Frazier
Low Putts Day 1: Sue Ekdahl
Low Putts Day 2: Liz Hill
Low Putts Overall: Kailey Behrens
Marcy Griffin Spirit Award: Judi Stinson

2022 Interclub Traveling Trophy Champion
Coyote Creek Golf Club

City Tournament Returns to Orchard Ridge Country Club

Do you know that the first LPGA Championship took place at Orchard Ridge? It was 1955, the same year Orchard Ridge hosted the 25th FWWGA City Tournament when the late Pat Wright won the first of her nine City Championships. Since 1935, a dozen City Tournaments have been at ORCC.

FWWGA is excited to present the 93rd City Tournament at Orchard Ridge Country Club on July 16-17, one year in advance of ORCC's 100th Anniversary celebration. We are grateful to the owners, members, and staff of Orchard Ridge for the opportunity to once again enjoy the history and tradition of their beautiful Club. Plan now to be with us!

2022 Overall Champion Senior Games



(Photo courtesy of Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation)

The goal of the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation Senior Games is to encourage adults over 50 to remain active and fit and to adopt healthy lifestyles. Participants compete in a variety of challenges over the course of several weeks. Last summer, long-time FWWGA member Darla Davis earned the distinction of 2022 Women's Overall Champion placing in 14 competitions, three of which were golf events wherein she took firsts.

The 2023 Senior Games will happen June 5 – July 6. Darla invites all who are 50+ to join her in the fun! For more details, see Darla, fortwayneparks.org or the Senior Games Facebook page. Good luck everyone!

2023 Club Reps, Officers, Volunteers

Autumn Ridge and Cherry Hill – Lydia McDuffee;
Brookwood – Becky Gepfert; Chestnut Hills – Tami Hoffman;
Colonial Oaks – Becky Whitman; Coyote Creek – Judy Wee;
Eel River – Nan Morris; Fort Wayne CC – Sue Ekdahl;
Fort Wayne Parks Foster Park, McMillen – Jodi Jump;
Orchard Ridge – Sue Langas; Pine Valley – Joyce Gradley;
Riverbend – Mary McMaken; Sycamore Hills – Karen Kirby

Tami Hoffman, President
Lori Stinson, Vice President / City Tournament Director
Darla Davis, Interclub/Membership/Traveling Trophy Director
Barb Shaffer, Secretary
Karen Kirby, Treasurer
Jannie Wyatt, Past President

Becky Gepfert, Interclub Pairings