

**WASHINGTON STATE WOMENS GOLF ASSOCIATION
WSWGA
FALL MEETING OCT 11, 2025
SEATTLE GOLF CLUB**



1. Janet called the meeting to order

Introduction of head table
Janet Peterson – President
Judy Weitz – Vice President
Sally Irvine – Treasurer
Michelle Hood – Executive Secretary
Marianne Zech – Recording Secretary

2. Michelle Hood-roll call and introductions

Attending

Charlie Gele – Bear Creek
Theresa Cockrell – Bellingham
Karen Hepler – Broadmoor
Cheryl Vincent – Everett
Susan Bryan – Fairwood
Beth Chew – Fircrest
Crystal Baker – proxy for Patty Chandler – Glen Acres
Onti Rosen – Glendale
Becky Robbins – Kitsap
Carla Pistilli - Linden
Ellie Lathrop – Longview
Carol Sohn – Meadow Springs
Larinda Morson – Meridian Valley
Judy Weitz – Mill Creek
Connie Olson – Olympia
Gwynne Johnson – Overlake
Jane Harris – Rainier
Barbara Todd – Sahalee
Ann Swanson – Sand Point

Janet Peterson – Seattle
Sandy Oberg – Skagit
Cat Felker – Useless Bay
Joan Schille – Walla Walla
Monica Boegl – Wing Point
Pat Martin – Yakima

Michelle Hood – exec secretary
Marianne Zech – recording secretary

Unable to Attend

Mary Jackson – Canterwood
Leslie Folsom – Rainier
Kim Titus – Gig Harbor (Becky Robbins proxy)
Gretchen Klein – Grays Harbor
Judy Wick – Inglewood
Kris Adams – Tacoma
Lori Nulliner – Yakima Elks (Pat Martin proxy)
Sally Irvine – Twin Lakes

2. Janet Peterson-approval of previous minutes

Edits included correction dates from 2026/27 to 2025 for Senior Championship
Add 'Seniors' to Bellingham
July 21, 2025 Minutes approved with corrections by Carol Sohn
No budget for seniors yet-we will do that at July 2026 meeting

3. Janet Peterson-President report: Upcoming State tournament

- Janet acknowledged our new head pro Tristen Fay; Doug Doxsie is retiring after 31 years
- Awaiting new pro to arrive, to determine final costs
- Save the date will come out in December 2026
- Theme is "Birdies in Paradise" July 20-22, 2026.
- Registration date/time will be Thursday April 2, 2026 at 8AM unless this conflicts with SWGA team match schedule.

Action: Janet will confirm team match schedule and 8:00 registration open time.

- Push carts available; no personal electric carts allowed; personal non-motorized push carts are allowed.
- If you choose to use a Caddie, cost is \$70 plus \$25-\$35 gratuity per day. Experienced caddies will be used as opposed to beginners.
- Pro shop will be storing clubs with bag tags, no fees, starting on Sunday.

- No tipping is allowed
- Optional practice shotgun round at 2:00pm Sunday the day before. Janet asked about a \$20 lunch option, maybe grab and go? All agree this is a good option since there is not dinner service available for the ladies.
- Additional practice round times will be identified and communicated closer to the tournament date.
- Lodging: Seattle will be in the middle of the 2026 World Cup and this will affect the availability of lodging. Janet suggested considering making a cancellable reservation soon.
- SGC will be using golf genius but not ON course.

4. Executive Secretary Report

- Michelle shared winners for the All-State Medal competition:
- Division 1: Jenny Park (-5) - Mill Creek
- Division 2: Kay Sigmund (-8) - Canterwood
- Division 3: Shelly Carlson (-6) - Glendale; Kathy Stambaugh (-6) - Bellingham
- Division 4: Marta Spaulding (-9) - Gig Harbor

6. Treasurer's Report:

Sally was absent due to Covid.

- Please submit dues in a timely manner
- Monthly medal prizes cannot be ordered until this is complete - significant savings if ordered early.

Action: Michelle will talk to Sally to resend dues info with date/deadline

- Moving the monthly medal prize charges to each club along with additional cost cutting measures has allowed our organization to cover all costs with a surplus. If this trend continues into next year, we can discuss where to use the extra money.

7. Committee reports:

- Rules of Competition subcommittee met. The goal is not to make major changes but rather to clarify where needed, align language around the two championships, clean up formatting, etc.

Action: Rewrite in one voice and goal is to send it to committee and then the trustees group by May.

- The goal is to adopt the revised Rules of Competition at our July 2026 meeting.

8. Old business:

- 2025 Championship Tournament:
 - a. Carol is reviewing charges from Meadow Springs tournament and will send report to Michelle when complete.
 - 2025 Senior Tournament:
 - Theresa from Bellingham commented they completed the tournament economically and a thank you for all those that played. Some cart confusion on day 1 of tournament-problem with the way you signed up.
 - They did include breakfast but would not do that again...underutilized.
 - Snack cups were a big hit at Bellingham.
 - Prizes: someone noted some participants received more than one prize. This was an error on the part of the Bellingham Pro Shop.
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- For trustee terms that are expiring, it is helpful if new rep could be selected early, so transitioned seamlessly. Michelle announced those expiring in Oct 2026 – Bear Creek, Everett, Gig Harbor, Gray's Harbor, Mill Creek, Overlake, Rainier, Sand Point, Walla Walla

9. Tournament schedule update:

- Kitsap and Bear Creek in 2029
- Seattle and Olympia for next year, 2026. Olympia to include practice round on Monday, tournament on Tuesday/Wednesday 9/15/16, 2026.
- Canterbury 2027 dates/practice round are fairly tentative...
- 2028 Wing Point noted a week later in July due to big remodel 7/24-7/26
- Extensive discussion re obtaining early buy-in with your host club board.

10. Introduction of New trustees

- No new trustees present, but Sharon McCarty is taking over for Sandy Oberg at Skagit

11. New Business:

- WEBSITE HANDOFF:
 - a. Jane Harris is handing off leadership of the website to Larinda from Meridian Valley. Larinda informed the group of her work to modernize and refresh the website. She needs results from past tournaments and also photos from past events to enhance the website. She will incorporate the above to the new website. Larinda is open to hearing

any other suggestions. Mentioned were rules of competition, etc. Also mentioned was privatizing some information from the public by incorporating a login access.

- b. Merging the old and new will follow but currently, the old website will remain up and running while the new website is being developed.

- COST ANALYSIS:

- a. Larinda shared her data re inflation analysis to see how entry fees kept pace with actual charges. The 2025 State tourney entry fee was higher than inflation data, while the Seniors tourney entry fee was below the inflation data. When considering raising the entry fee, Michelle commented on the overall expenses of the participant with hotel, travel, entry fee and a need to keep the tournaments “affordable” for both the participants and host club.
- b. The point of this is to have back up data to support increased fees in the future.
- c. Much discussion occurred re. the affordability of the Championship and Senior tournaments. Some clubs are nervous about the costs of hosting a tournament and considering dropping out because of that. Discussions about how specific club organizations or boards support the tourney, how to raise money etc. ensued. Barbara suggested a centralized location to upload past budgets as a resource.
- d. Michelle emphasized the responsibility of each club to host each of the two events once every 30 years. Most past host clubs ended up with money left over. She emphasized the importance of this organization support to women’s golf and our women’s divisions. We want the organization to continue to thrive.
- e. Michelle emphasized that these tourneys are not meant to be an Invitational with great expenses spent on décor, tee prizes, etc., but rather golf is the emphasis. There is a balance of the tournament...a championship golf event, with State points awarded for this championship that counts for other larger qualifications such as the Lamey Cup.

- UPDATE ON SENIOR TOURNAMENT IN OLYMPIA IN 2026:

- a. Olympia will have information up and running in February.

- b. Discussion fee of \$105/day for green fees and carts. The group suggested carts are extra. Most courses do not charge green fees. Some tourneys boards want to make money. Emphasized this is a reciprocal tournament. Connie will go back to the board, and the Pro, armed with discussion information.
- c. The question came up of a letter of intent 5 years ahead of time. Host boards should be bound by this letter.

Action: Michelle suggested drafting a letter of intent, structure of budget and what is expected.

- MONTHLY MEDAL CALCULATION:
 - a. Larinda will set up a spreadsheet to calculate monthly medal. Larinda will send to Michelle a package for calculating all of the competition information.

Action: Michelle will send the information to everyone when available.

Meeting adjourned