

# W.G.A. NEWSLETTER

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## W.G.A. DUES REMAINS AT \$10 FOR 1980 SEASON

At a time when the cost of gasoline, hamburger, and about everything else is continually increasing, the membership dues for the W.G.A. will remain at \$10 for the 1980 season. While the cost remains down, the benefits of membership are extensive.

The following list indicates some of the benefits that a W.G.A. member gets for his \$10 fee:

1. A free meal at the Spring Membership Banquet on April 8th.
2. An Official Membership Card which indicates that the W.G.A. is a member of the U.S. Golf Association and the Iowa Golf Association.
3. A bag tag (for new members) featuring the W.G.A. logo
4. The opportunity to compete in weekly and holiday tournaments
5. The opportunity to compete in the scratch tournament
6. The opportunity to compete in the handicap tournament

## 1980 CITY TOURNAMENT BIGGER AND BETTER PRIZES

Entry fee for the City Tournament will be \$15.00. The total prize fund will be doubled. This is the first increase in the past 5 years.

Each entrant will declare the Division they are going to qualify in. Entry fees will be collected at the time the reservation is made.

Each year it takes a lot of help in making the City Tournament a success. All W.G.A. members are encouraged to volunteer their help.

7. The opportunity to participate in the golf league

8. The opportunity to participate in the golf league stag which features some of the tastiest steaks in town

9. The opportunity to be eligible for awards or prizes at the Fall Recognition Banquet

10. Last, but not least, the opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends — all of whom are golf nuts like yourself

Yes, any way you *slice* the cake, the W.G.A. has to be considered as one of the best buys in town. Hopefully, you were already *hooked* on the W.G.A., but if you weren't, one would think that it would now be *rough* to keep from joining the Association this year when you can clearly see the benefits that are involved for the money.

Don't miss the fairway. Join the W.G.A. in 1980!

## ENTRY DEADLINE OF AUGUST 17th FOR HANDICAP TOURNEY

The W.G.A. Handicap Flighted Championship is scheduled for August 17th-24th. Entry fee is \$3.00. Entry deadline for reserved tee times is Sunday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m.

The first 18-hole round may be played on August 17th through the 23rd. The final 18-hole round must be played on Sunday the 24th. Flight pairings and tee times will be reserved for the 24th. Over \$200 in additional prize money will be added to this event.

## NEW LOOK FOR GOLF LEAGUE

The W.G.A. Golf League will have a new look this season with some interesting changes that have resulted from a study of member's suggestions.

The basic format of team competition on alternate Tuesdays will remain the same. What will be different for 1980 will be a new system of team scoring and the addition of a prize fund.

The prize fund will be established by collecting a \$5.00 fee at the beginning of the season from all members who plan to take part in the golf league. All of the money will be returned in the form of prizes awarded each league night throughout the season.

A point system will be used for scoring this year. Team points will be awarded to the winners of each match and additional points will be given based on net team scores in comparison with all of the other teams each night. With this system it will be possible for a team to lose a match but still gain some points if the team's net total is lower than the net totals of one or more of the other teams for that night.

The new format will be explained in detail at the Spring Membership Banquet on April 8th.

## Spring Banquet Scheduled For April 8th

The official kick-off for the 1980 W.G.A. season will be April 8th when the Spring Membership Banquet will be held. Registration will start at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Bring a new member.

# THE W.G.A. ONE OF GOLF'S BEST FRIENDS

An organization for golfers, the W.G.A. has also identified itself as a friend of golf. The W.G.A. was established on March 27, 1951. Over the years several contributions have been made to golfers and Waveland Golf Course.

The W.G.A. brought Arnold Palmer to Waveland for an exhibition round for charity. Its members have built the beautiful City Tournament showcase, displaying the names of all the champions since 1903.

Purchased the original set of white trash baskets for the course — to encourage golfers to put litter in its proper place;

Designed its own emblem displayed on members bag tags and golf caps. New tournament flags, tee markers and flag poles honor the W.G.A.'s efforts during the City Tournament and the Capital City Best Ball Tournament.

Waveland Golf Course land was purchased in 1894. Parts of the course were open for play as early as 1899 — completion and formal dedication was held in June of 1901. The W.G.A. will be setting aside parts of its 1980 funds to help purchase a historical plaque in 1981 — the 80th anniversary of Waveland.

Golf course history appears to be vague on public golf courses. Besides being one of the oldest golf courses, Waveland is the oldest municipally owned public golf course in this country.

We think those city fathers and parks members of 1894 would be happy the way Waveland has provided so much recreation all these years.

## NEW GREENS SUPERVISOR AT WAVELAND—

Parks Director Bill Foley has announced the appointment of Scott Wallace as the Waveland Green's Supervisor.

Scott brings several years of golf course maintenance to Waveland. The W.G.A. extends a warm welcome to Scott and wishes him every success at Waveland.

If any W.G.A. member has a course improvement suggestion, just write it down in the Suggestion Book in the Pro Shop.

# 1980 WAVELAND GOLF ASSOCIATION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- \* April 8—Spring Membership Banquet
- \* April 26—Start Turning In 18-Hole Scorecards For Handicaps
- \* May 6—League Draft—Captians Only!
- May 19-25—Best Ball Event (Handicap)
- \* May 20—League—Stag Night
- May 26—Holiday—Handicap Event
- \* May 30-31—June 1—Des Moines City Amateur Tournament
- June 2-8—Handicap Event
- \* June 3—League—Stag Night
- June 9-15—Best Ball Event (Handicap)
- June 16-22—Handicap Event
- \* June 17—League—Stag Night
- \* June 23—USGA—Public Links Sectional Qualifying
- June 23-29—Best Ball Event (Handicap)
- \* June 28-29—WGA—Scratch Championship

- June 30-July 6—Handicap Event
- \* July 1—League—Stag Night
- July 4—Holiday—Handicap Event
- July 7-13—Best Ball Event (Handicap)
- July 14-20—Handicap Event
- \* July 15—League Stag Night
- \* July 20—Capital City Best Ball Tournament
- \* July 21-27—President's 4-Man Birdie Shoot
- July 28-Aug. 3—Handicap Event
- \* July 29—League Stag Night
- Aug. 4-10—Best Ball Event (Handicap)
- Aug. 11-17—Handicap Event
- \* Aug. 12—League Stag Night
- \* Aug. 17-24—WGA—Handicap Flighted Championship
- Aug. 25-31—Best Ball Event (Handicap)
- \* Aug. 26—Fall Awards Banquet
- Sept 1—Holiday—Handicap Event
- \* —Article Written on This Event

## "Robert Trent Jones"

The greatest and only amateur golfer to win the "Grand Slam" will be honored this year by all amateur golfers and the U.S.G.A.

In 1930 — fifty years ago, Robert Trent Jones won the British Amateur, British Open, U.S. Open and the U.S. Amateur.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland and the U.S.G.A. will be observing the 50th anniversary of the "Grand Slam" and honor a man that made so many contributions to golf.

The U.S.G.A. will hold ceremonies honoring Bob Jones in connection with the U.S. Open at Balusrol Golf Club, Springfield, New Jersey on June 12-15, 1980.

Also announced that Arnold Palmer and Gene Littler have been issued special exemptions from qualifying for the U.S. Open.

## The Monster on "6"

The Monster in the woods on the right and left sides from the teeing area of No. 6 has tremendous appetite for golf balls.

W.G.A. members are to observe the penalty hitting area on No. 6 and not get lost looking for a lost ball.

The penalty hitting area can be located just a few feet north of the fairway drainage cover in the valley before the end of the asphalt cart path.

Penalty 1-stroke. All members are expected to keep play moving and not tie up the course. Remember, before you complain about slow play, you take a hard look at your own group — it could be you!

## 1979— W.G.A. CHAMPS

Scratch Champ—John Davis  
Handicap Champ—Robert Bozo  
League Champs—Zimbro's—captained  
By Matt Campbell and Phil Simpson

## "Fat Shots"

Divots on the tee or in the fairway may take several years to heal. So "Replace Your Divot." A little rain and sunshine will heal your divot in just a few days.



"Hey, guys! Guess who I found in the rough along #6?"

## ENTRY DEADLINE OF JUNE 22nd FOR SCRATCH TOURNEY

The W.G.A. Scratch Championship is scheduled for June 28th and 29th. Entry fee is \$3.00. Entry deadline for reserved tee times is Sunday, June 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

The Scratch Champion will be the W.G.A. Representative in the Tournament of Champions in Atlantic, Iowa. The winner will have his entry fee paid for the Tournament of Champions — plus the total Scratch proceeds in cash for expenses or in the form of a gift certificate. W.G.A. Members are encouraged to help support this event.

## Be Prepared to Putt—

All W.G.A. members are to observe the continuous putting rule unless you have to step on another player's line.

W.G.A. members, upon reaching the par 3 greens, should let the players on the tee hit to the green and help spot any balls missing the green.

Being prepared to putt and helping locate other players' stray shots will make your round of golf at Waveland more fun.

## John Who?

John Adams the W.G.A. League-Stag chairman is one and John Erickson is another John Who? Adams makes sure we have plenty of cold beer and tasty steaks ready for league nights.

Erickson built the handsome City Tournament showcase in the club house and the colorful W.G.A. tee blocks for our tournaments.

It's the fine help the W.G.A. gets from the John Who's and other members that makes the W.G.A. so great.

Remember — "Many Hands Still Make Small Work."

## THANKS RANDY—

Randy O'Shea, W.G.A. board member, has been transferred to Kansas City. Move over Tom Watson. There's a new kid in town. Randy will be back for a visit in July and will play in the Capital City Best Ball Tournament.

## Fix That Ball Mark

Smooth putting surfaces make golf a lot more fun. A ball mark left unrepaired will take 30 to 40 days to heal. So have more fun and "fix your ball marks!"

## OVER \$700 IN PRIZE MONEY

That's the amount of money that members won competing in the W.G.A. events last season. Again this year, there will be a full schedule of weekly events plus special holiday events.

All events will be handicapped and the 1980 schedule will consist primarily of the two most popular events from last season: the two-man best ball and the individual handicap event.

The typical weekly event runs Monday through Sunday and costs one dollar to enter. You can enter the same event as many times as you wish.

It's easy to enter. Simply sign up in the pro shop before your round, pay the entry fee, and pick up a scorecard with the date stamped on it.

After your round, turn in your card at the pro shop sales counter. Your card must show your score for each hole (for best ball events show scores for both players on each hole). It is not necessary to figure your net score, the events committee will do this for each card using current handicaps. For some events you will be asked to keep count of total putts for the round. The results for each event will be posted on the W.G.A. bulletin board.

The handling of the money and the scorecards is a service provided free to the W.G.A. by Frank O'Braza and his staff and for this we give a big thank you to them on behalf of all members.

## 1980 USGA Rule Change—

A player obtaining relief from an obstruction, ground under repair, casual water, a burrowing animal hole or a wrong putting green MUST drop his ball within one club-length of the nearest point, not nearer the hole, providing relief from the condition — no penalty.

## "Sparky" Who?

The nice guy who wears the suspenders and helps find golf balls for us guys on No. 6 is "Sparky."

During the City Tournaments he is the best friend a player can have on the Monster Hole. So, when you see "Sparky" give a big hello and a thank you — he is appreciated.

## "Try, Try, Again"

WGA member Jim Mitchell knows the saying well. In 1969 Jim lost a play-off to Bill Heldmar for the City Tournament championship. Ten years later and at age 46, Jim won the City Tournament. Who says only flippy wristed kids win these days?

## GET INVOLVED IN THE W.G.A.

The W.G.A. is your Organization. All members are encouraged to participate in W.G.A. events and to help out with such functions as the banquets, the City Tournament, the Capital City Best Ball Tournament, etc.

Remember that many hands make light work.

## "1979—A VERY GOOD YEAR"

The Association wishes to thank 1979 President, Kent Larson, for all his special efforts. We had a "very good year" because of Kent and the 1979 Board of Directors.

## APPOINTED!

Dwight Lewis has been appointed by the board of directors to fill the remainder of Randy O'Shea's term. Dwight, with his assistants, Phil Covington and Harlan Watson, head up this year's exciting new league season. (See article on W.G.A. League)

## W.G.A.—Bag Tags

Bag Tags will be available for all new 1980 members. Members that have lost their tags are encouraged to spend \$1.00 for a new one. Leave your name in the pro shop and a new tag will be made for you in a few days. Be proud of the W.G.A. and display it on your golf bag.

## Amateur Status Change

An item in the August, 1979, issue of Golf Journal stated that gift certificates won in golf competitions may be used only for the purchase of merchandise. Subsequently, the Amateur Status and Conduct Committee modified the interpretation to permit hole-in-one insurance funds to be applied against bar charges.

ITEM:

A ball is out of bounds when all of the ball lies out of bounds.

ITEM:

In the interest of all, players should play without delay!

## W.G.A. HANDICAPS

John Davis, Handicap Chairman, will be computing W.G.A. members handicaps in accordance to the USGA Handicap Rules and Regulations. Waveland's 36-35-71 par rating and difficulty compute out to a course rating of 70.

1979 members handicaps will carry into this year. The first posting of handicaps for 1980 will be May 19. For those of you who have often wondered how your handicap is either increased or decreased the following brief run-down may answer your questions.

By USGA Handicap Rules a golfer is supposed to have posted twenty 18-hole scores. The best 10 of 20 scores are used to compute the adjusted gross score. The course rating is subtracted from the adjusted gross score leaving the handicap differential. The player is allowed 96% of the handicap differential as his competitive handicap.

For those members who haven't posted twenty 18-hole scores, the following may help you understand the method used to derive your handicap:

Less than 5—scores—no handicap

5—scores, use lowest 1

6—scores, use lowest 2

6—scores, use lowest 3

8,9—scores, use lowest 4

10,11—scores, use lowest 5

12,13—scores, use lowest 6

14,15—scores, use lowest 7

16,17—scores, use lowest 8

18,19—scores, use lowest 9

As you can see the more scores you turn in the more competitive your handicap will be. All W.G.A. members are to follow the following procedures:

1. Your first and last name are on all scorecards.
2. All score cards must be legible.
3. Scratch out any non-members names and score.
4. Date all cards.
5. Turn in only 18-hole score cards from all courses played.
6. Put scorecards in the handicap box in the Pro Shop.
7. Start turning in 18-hole scorecards for handicap on April 26.

Any questions you have concerning your handicap, please contact the Handicap Chairman, John Davis.

### Item:

Waveland Pro Frank O'Braza has purchased a new supply of W.G.A. golf hats and caps. Members are asked to wear a W.G.A. hat or cap to promote the good will of the Association.

## U.S.G.A. PUBLIC LINKS SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SET

Leo Hejda, U.S.G.A. Public Links Sectional chairman, announces June 23 as the 36-hole qualifying date.

Entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. on June 4. Low qualifiers will proceed to the Public Links Championship Tournament at Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, Stateline, Nevada, on July 14-19, 1980.

All those interested in the Sectional Qualifying should contact Leo Hejda, 255-9528, or fill out an entry in the Waveland Pro Shop. Entry fee is only \$10.00.

## 1979 — PUBLIC LINKS QUALIFYING SETS RECORD

A record 54 entries provided the Des Moines section a record, the opportunity to send three qualifiers to the Public Links Tournament in Portland, Oregon. J. D. Olsen, Tom Sandie of Des Moines and Gary Rozer of Cedar Rapids were the low qualifiers. The qualifiers receive a share of the \$7 of the entry fee (\$10) for travel, room and board expenses.

All qualifiers agreed the Public Links Tournament is first class and believe an Iowa golfer can win the Public Links Championship. Your support and donations will help the success of our section.

## PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES 4-MAN BIRDIE SHOOT

Your President invites you to come join with him in a great hunt on the hills of Waveland in quest of some exotic game, namely the birdie, the eagle, and even the rare double eagle. You can bring along your handicap, so this elusive game should be easy to bag.

Four-man teams will be competing, with points to be awarded as follows: Birdie — 1 point, Eagle — 3 points, Double Eagle — 6 points. Cash prizes will be given to the teams that bag the highest totals.

This hunt is scheduled for the week of July 21-27 and there are no limits on the game, so you can enter as often as you wish.

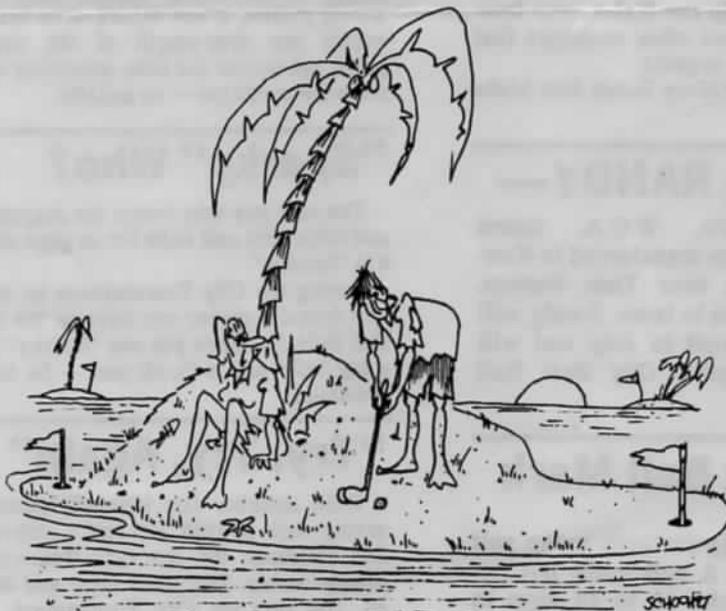
One final tip from the President: Most of the birds at Waveland are found in the open, so if you spend much time in the woods you're likely to come back empty handed.

## HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

Congratulations to Gary Epstein, 1979 Hole-In-One Club winner. Gary holed out the Par 3 5th hole at Waveland.

All W.G.A. members making a hole-in-one at Waveland will be honored at the Fall banquet.

Hole-in-ones between April 8th and August 26th, with 2-witnesses, will share in the \$25.00 prize fund.



"Don't you ever get tired of it?"