17) TOURNAMENT CHAIR

The Tournament Chair, along with her committee, is responsible to the president for all tournaments for Lakes West WGA. There are two major tournaments held each year, usually in March and in November/December. In addition, the Tournament Committee is responsible for the Guys and Dolls day in the spring. Duties of the Tournament Chair include the planning of these activities, determination and distribution of prizes and attendance at all board meetings.

The Board made a change in 2016, all players will have paid their tournament fees for both the Eclectic and Club Championship Tournaments in their membership dues.

The Tournament Chair is responsible for the following activities which apply to the Eclectic & the Club Championship Tournaments:

1. One month prior to each of the tournament start date, the Tournament Chair will post a notice and sign-up sheet of the dates of play. Members playing in the tournament must sign-up in advance so the flights and payouts can be determined in advance. The members not wanting to play in these tournaments will need to sign-up for regular Tuesday play.

1. Contact the greens keeper by email or phone (623-876-3037) to arrange to have the course marked.
2. Prior to the start of the tournament, prepare rules of play and grounds for disqualification. A copy should be given to each participant and posted prominently.
3. Coordinate with the Tee Time Chair to determine and post starting times on the LWWGA website and bulletin board. Then forward by email to the Pro-Shop Starter to post on the RCSC website. All cancellations or changes will be handled by the Tournament Chair.
4. During the Club Championship and Eclectic tournaments, the lowest handicap players will tee off first on the first day of the tournament. Starting times are then rotated so each group of similar handicap players start first on one of the days. The last day the rotation for starting will be high to lowest handicap.
5. Tournaments funds still available after the registration in the fall is completed. Funds will be transferred into the Tournament Account by the Treasurer. Contact the Treasurer to obtain amount of tournament funds available for prize money. ~~We usually divide money~~ Money is divided as evenly as possible for both tournaments. After each tournament the Treasure will be notified with the amount of the payment, The Treasurer will issue a check to the head starter who will provide a receipt for the Tournament Chair and the check will be forwarded to RCSC office. The Tournament Chair will issue the Certs Request form to the RCSC office. The RCSC will place the certs for winners into their respective accounts.
6. For Club Championship and the Eclectic Tournament, Chair will contact Publicity Chair with the list of names for photos and the write ups submitted to the paper and posted throughout Lakes West’s communication areas.
7. Copies of the winners list should be prepared and distributed by email or printed as follows: (1) bulletin board; (2) Tournament Chair’s book; (3) Publicity Chair; (4) Club President; and, (5) web site.

**Club Championship Tournament:** **In 2012 the LWWGA 18-hole league amended the rules to say: All participants except the Championship Flight can play 2 out of 3 weeks. (To be considered a club champion and eligible for Champion of Champions, the player must play all 3 weeks.) In April 2021 the Committee also amended the payout for first flight to best 2 of 3 other than the Champion. Additional duties for the Club Championship include the following:**

* This is a flighted, low gross stroke play tournament. Players will be flighted according to handicap index. Composition of flights is left to the discretion of the tournament chairman and is determined on the basis of the number of participants and their various handicap.
* A Club Champion tie will be broken by a sudden death playoff beginning at Hole #1. All other ties will be paid out equally (if 2 players tie for 2nd place the money for 2nd and 3rd is added together and divided by two). If warranted, a scorecard playoff will be made to determine Lakes West’s fourth player in the SCWGA Championship.
* The overall winner is declared the Lakes West Club Champion.
* The Winner of the Club Championship may choose between $50 cash or $25 cash plus a trophy or plaque; this will be paid out of the General Fund.
* The Club Champion will be removed from their flight and all players in that flight will advance i.e. 2nd would move to 1st and 3rd to 2nd. These players will be paid the same amount as those placements in all other flights.
* Prize money for all flights will be paid on best 2 rounds played with the exception of the Club Champion.
* Arrange engraving for individual plaque or trophy if needed and engraving on plate for the winner’s plaque which hangs in the trophy room at Lakes West Golf Course.

**Eclectic Tournament:**

* This is a handicapped tournament, stroke play. Players will play the tees decided by the tournament committee. Players will be divided as evenly as possible according to index. The final score will be a composite of the best gross scores recorded, hole by hole and then the handicap will be deducted. Approximately 1/3 of the field should be paid.
* First Place ties will be broken by the best back 9-hole score, less ½ handicap. If there is still a tie, the ties will be broken by the best front 9-hole score, less ½ handicap. If a tie still remains, begin at 18th hole and compare net scores, going back hole by hole, until a winner is declared. If two people tie for 2nd place the 2nd & 3rd place is added together and divided by two.

**Guys and Dolls Tournament:** This activity is held in the Spring (generally April), with each team composing of one man and three women. **The guys must have a verifiable handicap.  Partners and/or significant others cannot play on the same team.** Tournament Committee will post a sign-up sheet 30 days in advance and arrange flights on the basis of number of entries, make score cards and determine hole assignments (coordinate with Pro Shop). This tournament is an 8AM shot gun start. The pro shop will collect the sweeps money. Tournament Committee will do the scoring, posting results on the wall sheet, sending cert request form and receipt from the pro shop to RCSC office. Lunch will be arranged by the Social Committee.

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