

Stanley Women's Golf Club



2017 SEASON

Our Mission Statement

The mission of Stanley Women's Golf Club is to encourage and promote the game of golf in a competitive environment with friendship and camaraderie a primary goal.

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MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Membership:

2017 Stanley Women's Golf Club Membership Dues is **\$90.00** for all members. Dues include payment to the CSGA for a GHIN handicap and all tournament entry fees, except for any additional amounts charged if a meal is provided. A late fee of \$5 will be charged against a returning member who's payment is not postmarked by 5/1/17.

Membership is open to all women sixteen years of age and older. New members will be assigned a mentor. If an interested applicant does not have a mentor, the Executive Board will assign one. Mentors will assist new members in getting acquainted with other members and answering any questions regarding the rules, regulations, and policies of our Club. Items that are addressed by the mentor include:

- Tournament Sign-up and Play – review tournament procedures to new members.
- Golf Rules – New (and old) members should obtain a USGA Rule Book and become familiar with basic rules as all tournaments are governed by these rules. Rules questions must be resolved **quickly** to avoid slow play in a tournament.
- Etiquette and Courtesy - Courtesy and good sportsmanship are critical components of our club. Mentors will explain courtesy on the green, order of putting, flag tending, honors on the tee, ready golf, and pace of play.
- Handicaps, Posting and ESC – the mentor will assist new members in posting golf scores and/or introduce the new member to the Handicap Chairperson, and explain the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) procedure. All members are assigned a "Local Number." A list of members' Local Numbers is located in a Binder next to the computer in the Pro Shop. See the Handicaps and Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) section for detailed information.

New members are eligible to play in all tournaments, but are NOT eligible for prizes until they have an established GHIN handicap. The exception is Opening Day where a Calloway Division is included for new members without a GHIN handicap.

Member Responsibilities:

To be eligible for tournament prizes, participants must post their scores on the GHIN handicap system on the same day of the event. Posting can be done either on the Pro Shop computer, at GHIN.com or a smart phone app.

Every member has a responsibility to the Club and to other players on the course to "protect the field" and maintain pace of play. Slow play, intentional or unintentional, is not permitted. Stanley Golf Course's rangers monitor slow play and if a group falls behind, that group may be told to pick up their balls to catch up. This disqualifies the entire group from the tournament that day.

Tournaments are played unless the course is closed. If you sign-up to play in a tournament, it is critical you arrive at the golf course ready to play. If a member must cancel less than 24 hours before the tournament, the player must notify the Pro Shop and Tournament Director or designee for that event.

LOCAL/USGA RULES

Note: USGA Rules govern all play except as amended on the back of the scorecard.

In the case of a tie in most tournaments, the winner is determined by matching cards according to the following USGA approved method: (the only exception is the Club Championship where the winner is determined by a Sudden Death Play-Off.)

Compare the total gross score of the last nine holes (low gross wins). If a tie remains, compare the last six holes of the back nine. If a tie remains, compare the last three holes of the back nine. If a tie remains, compare the last (18th) hole on the back nine. If a tie remains, follow the same comparison format for the front nine.

Unless otherwise instructed at the start of each tournament, members are to "Play the ball down" (i.e. the ball **CANNOT** be rolled over in the fairway or its position moved in the rough or sand traps).

1. **Lost Ball** - If your ball is lost anywhere or goes Out-of-Bounds, you **MUST** re-hit the shot from the original point, scoring one stroke for the first shot, one stroke for the penalty, and one stroke for the next shot. If you think your ball may be lost or Out-of-Bounds, play a second ball and declare it a provisional or second ball at play. A second ball at play under penalty of stroke and distance.

2. **Hazards** - Hazards at Stanley Golf Course are marked by red lines, red posts, yellow lines or yellow posts. When a ball is played in a hazard, the club **CANNOT** be grounded. For example: the left side of the fairway on the seventh hole of the Blue Nine is a hazard. Sand traps are hazards. Do NOT ground your club. Shots **DO NOT** have to be re-hit (the rule differs from that of a lost ball). Drop a ball two (2) club lengths from the spot where the ball entered the hazard, with a one (1) stroke penalty, and continue play.

Dangerous Conditions - If the warning siren goes off during a tournament, all play stops **IMMEDIATELY—no exceptions**—and all players must leave the course. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification (in a team event, the entire team will be disqualified).

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Stanley Women's Club tournaments are played on Saturdays. Please refer to the website for actual dates and start times.

All participants should arrive at the course no less than 30 minutes before their scheduled tee times and be ready to play at least 10 minutes prior to their scheduled tee time. If a tournament starts early and the next group is not ready to play, they will be placed at the end of the field.

Tournament Sign-Up: E-mail Only:

Approximately 2 weeks before a scheduled tournament event, the Tournament Director or designee will email the membership details of that event: Sign-up begins then: All members must sign-up to participate in that tournament by replying to the email sent for that tournament **no later than** the Thursday, 10 days before the event, by 5:00 PM.

The Tournament Director or designee will:

- Review the event format to see if there are any special needs required.
- Provide the Pro Shop with the names of the participants, tournament format, contest holes (if chosen) and any additional special instructions.
- Ensure the Pro-Shop has been provided with clear descriptions of scoring protocol.

On Tournament Day: The Pro-Shop will:

- Prepare and distribute scorecards at time of registration.
- Provide participants with a copy of the detailed tournament instructions and any special instructions for play that day.
- Register participants and collect monies for CTPP.
- Tabulate scores and forward the results to the Tournament Director, as well as post the results in the Ladies' Locker Room and on Stanley Golf Course's Website.
- Notify the President or her designee of any concerns or conflicts that may arise during registration or during tournament play.

Handicap Chairperson will:

- Assist players with scoring issues.
- Remind players that they must post score the day of the tournament.
- Hand their scorecards to the Pro Shop staff.
- Verify that all score cards are turned in before leaving the course that tournament day.
- Assist members with questions regarding their handicaps and postings of scores.
- Notify members personally if there are any discrepancies regarding their handicaps and postings.

TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTIONS

- May 6: OPENING DAY: Individual Event** Stroke Play. New and current members are invited to participate and get acquainted. New members will be grouped with current members in good standing. Members' full handicap will apply for this tournament. New members without handicaps will play in a Calloway Division. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight, and Calloway.
- May 20: CRY BABY: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Each player's four worst holes revert to Par for tournament scoring only. Full handicap will apply. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.
- June 3: MYSTERY NINE: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Pro Shop draws the nine holes to be used for tournament scoring only once a player has teed off. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.
- June 17: FLAG TOURNAMENT: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Each player will start off with a flag and Target score. Your Target score is your 18 hole handicap plus par. If you reach your Target score while you are still on the course, you must plant your flag near the spot the ball landed. The goal is to carry your flag off the 18th hole. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.
- July 8: Red-White-Blue Scramble (A,B,C,D) Team Event** Pro-shop picks team. Team members tee off from the Red tees on Par 5's, from the White Tees on Par 4's, and from the Blue Tees on Par 3's. All team members tee off, choose the best ball and all hit from that position (a club's length from that position: rough-to-rough---fairway-to-fairway and within 6" on the green). Continue in this fashion until all have putt out. The number of shots to the hole is the team's score for that hole. Prizes are awarded: Gross only (**Note:** Posting for handicap not possible).
- July 22: MEMBER-MEMBER/MEMBER-GUEST: Team Event** Shotgun start at 8:00 A.M. with lunch to follow. The entry fee for this tournament covers the expense of meal and prizes. Payment for the meal is mandatory—no refunds. The format of this two-person team event is Two-Person Best Ball format. Members choose their own partners, either another Member or a Guest. Handicaps are required for all guests to be eligible for prizes. Raffles are held to offset other costs and to raise money for the Women's Club. Members may bring up to 3 guests. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight- Member/Member and Member/Guest.
- Aug 5: TEE TO GREEN: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Players record total score and number of putts for each hole. Subtract putts from total score after completion of round to get your "Tee to Green" score. Putts from the fringe are not counted as putts for this tournament, only putting strokes on the green. Prizes are awarded: Gross, Net and Low Putts per flight. Only one prize per person. (Note: Post adjusted ESC score in GHIN for handicap).

Aug 19, 20: CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Individual Event (T & T) Two-day, 36-hole Stroke Play with **8:00 A.M. Start times both days.** Player with the lowest gross score will be the Club Champion. Low Gross and Net prizes will be awarded for each flight (A, B, C). In the event of a tie for low Gross after 36 holes, there will be a Sudden Death Play-off. Ties in other flights will be determined by the USGA method. If any flight has less than five participants, those participants will compete in the next highest class. Groups are arranged by handicap order with the lowest handicap players in the first group on the first day. The groups on the second day will be by first day scores, with the highest scorers from the first day playing first.

***Members must have played in three 18-hole SWGC tournaments to participate in the club championship. SNEWGA events on the same date as an SWGC tournament will count towards this rule as a player is representing our club.**

(Rain Dates: To be Announced)

Sept 9: NET POINT: Individual Event Stroke Play. Each player plays her own ball. Points are awarded per hole based on the Net Score for that hole, as follows:

Hole in One (Actual)	8 pts	Double Eagle (3 Under)	6 pts
Eagle (2 Under)	5 pts	Birdie (1 Under)	4 pts
Par	3 pts	Bogey (1 Over)	2 pts

Double Bogey (2 Over) 1 pt ** Net 0 or Net 1 is **NOT** a Hole-in-One
Prizes are awarded for Net only per flight.

Sept 16: TWO-PERSON BEST BALL: Team Event. Partner chosen by Pro-shop: Each player plays her own ball for the entire hole and then selects the best gross score and net score of the 2 players for the team score. Team handicap is determined using the two players' handicaps together. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net.

Sept 30: Odd-Even: Individual Event Stroke Play. Only the odd numbered holes for the first nine and the even numbered holes for the second nine will count towards the total score (10 holes in all) for the tournament. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.

Oct 7: TRIFECTA (Best-Ball/Scotch/Scramble): Team Event Two-player teams: Pick your own Partner: play 6 holes as a Best-Ball (each player plays her own ball for the entire hole and then selects the best Gross score of the two for the team score); 6 holes as a Scotch (both players hit, select the best shot then alternate shots until the ball is holed; last 6 holes as a Scramble (both players hit, select the best shot and both hit from that spot, until ball is putted out); Team handicap is determined using the two players' handicaps together. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net. (**Note:** Posting for handicap not possible).

Oct 21: HARVEST TOURNAMENT: This is the last tournament of our golf season. The format is left to the discretion of the Board. Prizes will be determined based on that format. Posting for handicap will be determined based on tournament format.

NOTE: Tournament Gross and Net prize payouts may be adjusted based on tournament participation.

INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS:

May 21: VS HUNTER AT STANLEY: 2 person team – Match Play. Cumulative score of all matches determines the winner.

September 2: VS TIMBERLIN AT TIMBERLIN: 2 person team – Match Play. Cumulative score of all matches determines the winner.

HANDICAPS and EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (ESC)

A USGA GHIN Handicap is required for participation in all tournaments, except for Opening Day. An accurate handicap is essential to ensure the integrity of tournament scoring, especially in team tournaments. The only way to do this is by accurately posting your scores for all rounds of golf played. The maximum handicap allowed for tournament play is 42 (USGA Index of 40.4). Players with higher handicaps are assigned the maximum handicap for tournament play.

To establish a handicap, a new member must post five 18-hole scores, (or the equivalent in 9-hole scores), indicating the date, gross score, slope and/or course rating of the course played (found on most scorecards). A handicap will be issued after five scores are transmitted. The computer will take new scores immediately, but handicaps are issued and/or updated by the USGA twice a month on the 1st and 15th of the month. Therefore, it may take up to 3 weeks after entry of five scores to get a handicap.

Once a handicap is established, members should post all 9 and 18-hole adjusted scores. Scorecards should be adjusted per the ESC guidelines. (It is NOT necessary to turn in scorecards for non-women’s league play).

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) Guidelines:

In 1993 the USGA introduced a simple, straightforward procedure to adjust scores under Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). ESC sets a maximum number a player can post on ANY hole, regardless of par, depending on the player’s Course Handicap. ESC dictates the following maximum strokes per hole:

Course Handicap	Max Score to be Posted on any hole
9 or less	2 over par
10 – 19	7
20 – 29	8
30 – 39	9
40 – and above	10

There is no limit to the number of holes reduced to your maximum score. Remember, the reduction is applied to any hole, regardless of par on that hole (i.e., a player with a course handicap of 17 can take a maximum score of 7 on a Par 3, Par 4 or Par 5). The **Adjusted Score** is entered into the Handicap Computer to maintain your handicap, your **Actual Score** is used for tournament scoring and prizes.

Each member is responsible for adjusting her score in accordance with the Equitable Stroke Control Chart. The Handicap Chairperson, Tournament Director, Club Officers and Pro Shop Staff can assist members with this procedure. The Handicap Chairperson, will review scorecards after the Pro Shop has tabulated tournament results to ensure all members have complied with the above.

SNEWGA (Southern New England Women's Golf Assoc.)

The Southern New England Women's Golf Association (SNEWGA) is a group of over 500 women from 30 golf clubs throughout Connecticut. Its goal is the promotion and enhancement of women's golf in the state. Membership provides many additional opportunities for organized golf activities for all levels of golfers and all levels of competition, from statewide major golf championships to invitational tournaments and a spring and fall match play event. Individual member dues are **\$15.00**. Members receive an Annual Directory detailing the information needed for active participation in events.

SPRING & PRESIDENT CUP MATCHES: SNEWGA Match Play Tournaments are played in the spring and fall with other clubs. Both events take place over three consecutive Saturdays and are Match-Play by handicap. It is a great opportunity to meet women golfers from other clubs and play in different surroundings in a match play format.

INVITATIONAL: An Invitational is a tournament that takes place during the golf season at clubs throughout the state. You can make up your own teams. Generally the format is Best-Ball by handicap. Lunch is usually provided with prizes and door-prizes awarded.

SNEWGA MAJOR TOURNAMENTS: SNEWGA holds ten major championships each year. Prizes are awarded for gross and net winners. Selection for team events is a random drawing from interested players. Announcements and entry forms for these tournaments can be found on the SNEWGA Bulletin Board in the SWGC locker room, on the SNEWGA web site (www.snewga.org) or contact our SNEWGA Rep Sue Seigars, (grandmasusan23@gmail.com). SNEWGA sign up is included in the Stanley Women's Golf Club application.

Non-SWGC Sponsored Golfing Events

Stanley Golf Course offers other opportunities to play competitive golf and improve your game. Below is just a few. Please contact the Pro-shop at Stanley Golf Course @ 860-827-8570 or visit- Stanley Golf Course at stanleygolf.com for further information.

Bill Davidson Scramble: Sunday, April 9, 2017, 8:00 AM Shotgun
Demo Day: Saturday, April 22, 2017, 12:00 – 4:00 PM
City Championship: Rd #1 Sunday, July 23, 2017
City Championship: Rd #2 Sunday, July 30, 2017

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