Spring Brings New Life, New Growth, New Beginnings, and New Opportunities with CWGA

There is a theory (non-scientific, of course) that you actually prefer the season in which you came into the world, because it was your first frame of reference. I was born in the Spring. There is a very old picture of my infant homecoming from the hospital with my mother and father placing my feet on the earth outside of our house before we entered. This family tradition was meant to immediately connect the newborn's spirit and body to the earth. I probably do not have to say this, but the season of Spring is my favorite time of year! I am connected to the earth especially in the Spring. Regardless of when you were born, I would guess that I am not the only CWGA member that is ready to say hello to Spring!

When I think of spring, new life, new growth, new beginnings, and new opportunities come to mind. CWGA has much to report in all these categories! Jean Czubin, Membership Chair reports, that we have had a surge of record-breaking growth with 16 new members added to our club roster. And it is still winter, not a typical membership growing period. The word must be spreading that CWGA is a great golf club with growing connections to the golfing community, and a great place to establish new relationships.

In terms of new opportunities, one goal this season for CWGA is to increase participation in golf and within the organization. CWGA has added golf times on Tuesday as part of sanctioned play. This means that signing up and playing 18 holes of golf on Tuesday in the slots provided for CWGA will be counted as a sanctioned round. Since the board recently voted to increase the number of rounds from 5 to 8 to qualify for participation in the Handicap and Club Championship tournaments, Tuesday play will provide an opportunity to increase your golf rounds and hopefully decrease your handicap. As a new member invited to write this column, this season members can expect an invitation to become more actively involved in growing this organization with fresh ideas for future activities. As the "publicity person" and in writing this article, I can tell you I believe my involvement in CWGA has increased significantly. Try attending the next board meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> and you may find a committee that sparks your interest.

Bringing new life to CWGA, the Communication and Website Committee, Cathi McLain, Sue Oberg and Kathie Barton, will launch our new website in the spring. The new website will bring ease of access to golf genius, player rosters and results, as well as expand communication for everything CWGA! As we celebrate what is to come in the coming golf season, CWGA will also celebrate its past. This year marks the 50th anniversary of CWGA, originally established in 1973 as CLGA! Stay tuned for some new twists on past golf attire, rules, standards, and equipment. Who knows, we may be bringing new life into some old traditions!

If you haven't had a chance to attend one of the winter luncheons, there is one last possibility on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Consider this an opportunity to start a new beginning with golfing friends, meet and welcome the new life of our membership and grow in laughter with a great group of women!