

Celebrating 50 Years of CWGA Presidents

When I was a Principal of a K-8 school in Beaverton, some of the younger children would call me the President of the School, rather than the Principal. How wise are young children? The word President literally means “to sit before”, “to act as head or chief”, “chosen leader of a body of persons”. In the April CWGA Villager article entitled Great Organization Have Great Leaders, I shared some aspect of leadership that have guided me through my career and are exhibited by the current Presidents of CWGA. While I did not experience the leadership of past Presidents, I believe that we would not be 130 members strong and, on our way to becoming this area’s premier women’s golf club without the leadership of Presidents during the last 49 years!

In my April article I wrote that great leaders, have a “shared vision that seeks to improve an organization while honoring the work that occurred in the past.” They recognize “the strengths and weaknesses of themselves and others so that they can recruit members to help carry out the vision.” I chose these two quotes from that article because recognizing and honoring 50 years of CWGA leaders this month exemplifies these points. At the July 7th Ooh La La Scramble luncheon, Vice Presidents Amy Day and Carol Riley continued the 50th Anniversary celebration by honoring 50 years of CWGA Presidents. Of the 50 past presidents listed, 12 of these presidents (bold letters and photo) are still members of CWGA. Together these 12 women not only served as presidents, but collectively held 169 other positions in the organization! Terry Borst, a 2021 Co President with Laurie Bales was the organizer and host of the Scramble and luncheon. Dressed in pink, black, white and sparkles, 69 CWGA Members played in a fabulous four-person scramble. Laurie and Terry collectively held 15 positions other positions in CWGA. They are former authors of Villager articles and current chairs of the social committee, just two examples of this fact. Sue Oberg, CWGA President in 2006, (photo below) has been a member of CWGA for 25 years and has held 48 different positions. Sue still contributes as one of the leaders of Communications and Website. Many of the 12 past presidents still currently lead and serve CWGA on other committees. We honor and recognize our past and current president for “stepping up to lead CWGA with vision, energy, persistence, and a willingness to honor the past while making changes that moves CWGA on a path toward a premier women’s golf club!”

We are all looking forward to the August Shotgun Scramble, Dog Days of Summer which will be held August 10th at 8:30. Will the organizers play “Who Let the Dogs Out”? We are not sure, but we know they put a little twist in this scramble. Golfers will only be allowed to carry and play with 3 clubs. Which 3 would you choose? At the luncheon that day we will continue our 50th celebration with a presentation by Chris Benzel about the history of CWGA. On September 7th, look for flamingos on the golf course during a Shotgun Scramble starting at 1:30. A Flamingo Party after the scramble includes appetizers, dinner, and cocktails.

Lastly congratulations to the 2023 Champions of the Partner’s Tournament Alex Carney and Susan Taylor (photo). Results of the next champion of the Handicap Tournament will be published in the September issue.

