

CWGA 2023...And that's a WRAP!

It has been a memorable year for all of us at CWGA, and to say that "it takes a village" certainly applies to our club. As we look back on this 50th Anniversary year of celebration, reflecting on our accomplishments, acknowledging our leaders as well as those behind the scenes who were instrumental in making this year of golf and fun spectacular, and honoring our club champion as well as our most improved player are noteworthy topics for this article.

Thanks to our leaders, CWGA has exceeded their goals for the 2023 golf season. Here are some highlights!

- Our Communication committee, Cathi McClain, Sue Oberg, and Kathie Barton launched our new website in April of this year. In addition, a classy new logo was designed by Cathy McClain.
- A new handbook was created to include a member directory with photos. I could finally remember names of members because of this photo reference!
- Our Historian, Lynda Marshall provided the Communication Committee and this author with photos of the year's events.
- Led by Joanne Linville, our members were updated and reminded of local rules as well as OGA rules of the game.
- Dianne Meyers, who chairs the Handicap, Day's Play and Scoring Committee helped to launch a second day of play for our members on Tuesdays in which 777 rounds of golf were played by our members from April to September. On Thursdays our members played 749 rounds of golf, not including scrambles or competitions.
- An increase of membership, currently at 123, has kept Jean Czubin, our Membership chair, busy with orientations and directory updates.
- The year's celebration of our 50th Anniversary at the scramble socials were skillfully researched and presented by our Co-Vice Presidents, Amy Day and Carol Riley.
- Monthly scrambles are an event our membership enjoys. In addition to a variety of scramble formats and surprises, each scramble is attached to a breakfast, luncheon or dinner and gives our board a chance to update members on decisions as well as to celebrate our accomplishments. Of course, there is always a theme with creative decorations, food provided by the staff of the Market Café' and fun activities. None of this could happen without the members who volunteer to host this event each month and all the members who help implement the creative ideas.
 - April: *Golf is a Way of Life*, Jean Czubin, Chair
 - May: *Cinco de Mayo*, Laura Curran and Leslie Leeper, Chairs
 - June: *Hot Flippin Summer*, Terry Borst, Chair
 - July: *OOH-La-La Tournament of Fun*, Deborah Ulrich and Jann Smith, Chairs
 - August: *Dog Days of Summer*, Dana Richmond and Jan Watson, Chairs
 - September: *Fifty and Fabulous*, Colleen Larson and Kristine Jones
 - October: *Cheers to Fifty Years*, Rose Mason, Kathy Stout, Sharon Kadell and Ann VanDamelon, Chairs

There are several competitions throughout the golf season, Partner, Handicap, and Club Championships and Most Improved Player. The last two on this list are the most recent competitions that have not been covered in the Villager. While 27 members qualified for the Most Improved player of 2023, one of our new members, BJ Shrock won that award! This award is determined by the USGA GHIN system and based on April and September handicap differences. Past President of CWGA and longtime Charbonneau resident, Laurie Bales was crowned the Club Champion in September. In addition to her role as Co President with Terry Borst in 2021, she has held numerous committee positions and authored Villager articles in 2021 and 2022.

Our membership is extremely grateful to the current Executive Committee, Co-Presidents, Janet Ferguson and Alice Galloway, Co-Vice Presidents, Amy Day and Carol Riley, Treasurer, Debbie Bray, Secretary, Marikate Book, Competitions, Faye Judson and Kathi Smith for their leadership and endless hours of work this year on behalf of our club. They have paved the way for the newly elected Executive Committee to continue to execute the vision and principles of CWGA. The 2024 elected Executive Committee is Co-Presidents Amy Day and Carol Riley, Vice President Lynne McMaster, Treasurer Debbie Bray, Secretary Patti Book, Competitions Terry Borst and Laurie Bales and Past Presidents Janet Ferguson and Alice Galloway. It is clear by the number of members mentioned in this article and many more who were not that this club is a village that supports golf, fun and celebration. Looking forward to more golf, events, and fun that are sure to come in the 2024 CWGA season!