

July CWGA Villager Article

Under the CWGA Golf Umbrella

One of the consistent themes in my childhood came from my mother, “Do the right thing, even when no one is watching.” She would always clarify that if you do not know what the “right” thing is, “Follow your heart, and ask yourself, what would your mother think of this action?” Can you imagine what the world might be like if we all followed this one simple message. CWGA emphasized this very axiom with the “Under the CWGA Golf Umbrella” theme of Rules, Integrity, and Etiquette during the month of June! Let’s for a moment think of Charbonneau Golf Course as our world when we are playing golf!

Following USGA Rules and CWGA Local Rules on Tuesday, even though there is no payout for CWGA members, and on Thursday, and any day you enter your score in GHIN is vitally important. Some of the rules like, being on time, moving to play at an earlier or later time or switching from 18-holes to 9-holes (or vice versa) without officially confirming with the Pro Shop are off the course rules that can cost penalty strokes or disqualification. Integrity is all about core values, such as honesty, judgement, and responsibility. Accurately recording your score, playing your ball where it lies, and adding penalty strokes for an unplayable ball are a few examples of opportunities to demonstrate trustworthiness on the golf course. Etiquette represents the core value of respect for self and for others. CWGA describe etiquette with these four words: Courtesy, Consideration, Camaraderie, and Class. A few examples of these traits that represent CWGA is wearing appropriate golf attire, giving full attention to our golf game by turning off cell phones (both texting and calls), being prepared with golf equipment and being ready for the next shot, keeping a ball marker on you for easy access, and being quiet when others are hitting their ball.

In the month of July our theme is relationships. What better way to build relationships than to play golf with integrity, etiquette while following the rules of golf, and we are certainly playing a lot of golf! During the months of April and May alone, a total of 311 members played golf on Tuesdays with just 9 days of play. On Thursdays, 364 members played golf on only 6 days of play. We are currently 132 members strong in our club with every member having an established handicap in GHIN. One opportunity to build relationships with women from other clubs is to play in WIP, Women’s Interclub Play. CWGA is invited to compete in match play with teams from other women’s clubs at courses all over the state. This last month

at Rose City Golf Course our team took 1st place bringing CWGA in 4th place in a field of 16 WIP teams in the Portland Region. Congratulations to the CWGA team of Karen Miller, Linda Peck, Deb Nemes, Victoria Mendenhall, Susan Cary, and Peg Wells for representing CWGA. This amazing CWGA team beat the second-place team by 10 points in gross and 3 points in net!

In keeping with the July theme of relationships, the July 18th Scramble committee, Judy Wilcox, Barb Patch, and Debbie Stonebraker decided that we should travel "Around the World in 18 Holes, Making Friends Wherever We Go". What better way to build relationships than to travel together playing golf! The shotgun scramble starts at 8:30 followed by our general meeting and lunch of turkey club sandwiches, caprese skewers, Greek salad, fruit, and cupcakes. As always, sign up for golf through the Golf Genius invitation which will be sent on July 10th and pay the \$5 entry fee to the Pro Shop on the day of the scramble. You can sign up for lunch in the Pro Shop in the CWGA binder. Don't forget to place \$20 for lunch in the CWGA drawer by Monday, July 15th. Our monthly scramble is a little later in July to make room for CWGA's second tournament of the year, the Handicap Tournament which will be held on Tuesday July 9th and Thursday, July 11th. As with all of CWGA tournaments, you must be able to play both days to enter. Winners of this tournament will be determined using their net scores. There will be winners in all three handicap tiers! This is one tournament that all of our members have a chance to do well! Practice those skills and stay positive for the best outcome! As Nancy Lopez said, ""Do your best one shot at a time, and then move on. Remember that golf is just a game."