

Women's Golf Association

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Members' Voices



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As the Charbonneau Women's Golf Association grows in membership, one challenge that we face is how do we, as leaders, hear and listen to the voices of our members? How do we meet the challenge of gathering thoughts and suggestions of 138 members? This year a new task force was created to do just that. The group is known as Members' Voices, and they function under the direction of our Co Vice Presidents Deb Nemes and Sue Schneider. The seven-member task force represent all different factions of our membership, new members and long-time members, low and high handicaps members and one member drawn randomly. This year's task force members are Coleen Larson, Judy Wilcox, Chris Shaw, Mary Powell Prewitt, Candice Guise, Cathy Hartlaup and Barb Barber.

The purpose of Members' Voices is twofold, to vet a new idea with our membership before changes are implemented and to take the pulse of our membership regarding practices that are already in place. Topics or ideas for vetting through the Members' Voices Task Force can come from members or from the board. The task force determines if the topic should be vetted based on a clear set of criteria. Does the topic affect a majority of the membership? Does it align with the CWGA Bylaws and vision

statement? The task force then makes a recommendation to the Executive Board to move forward with the process. The Board determines if the idea or topic moves forward again based on criteria like budget implications and promoting the bylaws and mission of CWGA.

If a topic is selected for the Task Force to pursue, it develops questions and talking points to take to members for input. The input that is gathered is compiled and presented to the CWGA Board for review. Based on the data collected, the task force makes recommendations to the board for a vote to accept or reject the recommendations or to gather further input. One topic that came before the task force is a review of the number of competition tournaments and if there was a way to combine these competitions. The Competitions Committee Chair, Mary Jane Hunt, brought her ideas to the task force and some modifications were made, but we will continue to have three competition tournaments. Later in the season we will be gathering the pulse of our membership on other topics thanks to the amazing work of this task force.

Our scrambles have been a huge success! We started in May with "Swing into Spring," followed by June's "Wild About Golf," but we are really looking forward to "Red, White and BOOM," our July 3 Scramble. This event is going to take a little preplanning since each player can only carry three clubs! After the scramble, celebrate the upcoming Fourth of July holiday with an all-American lunch catered by the Butteville Store (Let's not forget the delicious homemade ice cream!). Sign-up and pay for golf and lunch beginning June 19 in the CWGA notebook located in the Pro Shop. Also, respond to the June 26 Golf Genius invitation with "playing." The deadline for signing up is July 1 at noon.