

EWGA OPENING MEETING

Wednesday, March 27th, 12:30 pm

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OPEN MEETING: President, Cricket Ordakowski

Hello everyone! Thanks for coming to EWGA's opening meeting (36 members attended). Would like to thank last year's officers for all their hard work; this club would not have functioned without them (As President, I now have the easy job!)

Would like to introduce this year's Officers and four elected chairs (listed above). Would also like to recognize the Rules Committee (Marlies, Susan, Eli, June) for their availability going forward. Have a question? Ask someone on the Rules Committee; they would be glad to clarify. Also appreciate all helpers in the league volunteering their time to make this the best league ever!

EWGA has been around since 1978. Would like to pay a special tribute to Sue Armbruster's Mom, Betty Wieneke who was chair of the Women's League at South Sherwood Forest Golf Course, which later became the Downs, and was playing in our league at the time. As chair, Betty contacted Eisenhower and arranged for the league to move to Eisenhower. Sue remembers playing in several member/guest tournaments early on, and her Mom Betty played in the league until she passed in 1994. We are carrying on the tradition: go EWGA!

Eisenhower is run by Ed Ruiz, General Manager and Director of Golf, Mark Cutter, and Ben Chitterling. You will see them around and about. Please get to know their positions, responsibilities and how they can help you enjoy your season of golf.

MEMBERSHIP: Vice President, Sharon Sellars

Our league currently has 74 members. I'd like to introduce the 10 new members by name and ask them to identify themselves if they are at the meeting (5 new members were at the meeting). It is exciting to see our league grow!

WEBSITE INFO: Webmaster Sharon Sellars

The Eisenhower website (ewgaweebly.com) has had a much needed facelift and is now much more navigable and user friendly [Thank you Sharon!] A link to "Sign Up Genius" for weekly play is accessible from the home page of the website.

There are now eleven tabs so familiarize yourselves with the new look! Photos are requested as you are playing (wildlife on the course) or at a league function (fellow members having a great time), for inclusion under our photo tab.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer Joanne Montgomery

The league is growing! We have 75 paid members, with about 40 members playing each week [we are busy women]. As of opening date, below is the proposed budget for 2024:

2024 Proposed EWGA Budget

Balance in checking account at PNC as of 11/9/23	\$2,298.30
Paid to AACO Golf Mgmt for shirt order	<u>(\$1,125.00)</u>
	\$1,173.30

Income

75 league fees @ \$45.00	<u>\$3,375.00</u>
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\$ 4,548.30

Expenses

Trophies	\$90.00
Prize Money	\$2,220.00
Contribution towards Mezzanotte end of year luncheon	\$800.00
	<u>(\$3,110.00)</u>

Balance

\$1,438.30

League play can bring you little white envelopes with \$\$ at the end of the year. \$5 for Low Gross, \$4 for Low Net, \$3 for 2nd Low Net, \$3 for Low Putts, \$2 for Birdies and Chip Ins. Even if you think your play all season was “less than sensational”, there still is usually a little white envelope waiting for you.

LEAGUE PLAY/EVENTS: Tournament Chair Susan Darnley

Handicaps:

Please post ALL your scores in the handicap system, and post at the end of each day of play. Posting “hole by hole” will also help maintain your handicap correctly as the PCC (playing condition calculator) adjusts your score based on course conditions that day. This is new - only post the actual holes you played; handicapping system will fill out the rest of score for you. If you need clarification please talk to one of the board members.

Play:

We alternate between teeing off on hole 1 and hole 10 with the 9 hole women’s league each Wednesday. We have two schedulers, Susan Darnley and Carolyn Feeley. If you miss the Sunday deadline for play on Wednesday, contact Susan or Carolyn to see if they can fit you in. Eisenhower receives the list of players on Mon AM, with the first tee time Wednesday 8AM and every 10 minutes thereafter. Arrive 30 MINUTES early – we are not

Marines (no woman left behind) and it's ready golf. As the morning progresses, you're apt to tee off 15-30 minutes early. Contact one of the schedulers if you need to be deleted. If you need to cancel on Wednesday, call the course and call a person in your foursome. Suggest you print out the Eisenhower directory (provided by Joanne) so it is readily available on the morning you need to contact someone in your foursome.

Course:

Hummocks need to be cut on a regular basis; they are meant to be "pimples" (slow down play) not "penalties" lost ball. Cart exit signs are still WAY too far from the green...working the issue. Tarp in the fairway on Hole#3 is for growing grass; you get free relief. Handicap flags allow 10 ft away from **tee boxes**, hummocks, wet areas. You are allowed no closer than 40 ft from the green and must return to cart exit sign before returning to cart path. Handicap flags not available on CPO days. At the end of play, drop your completed score cards in shoe box on the table to the right as you walk into pro shop.

Restrooms:

Nothing has changed since last year. There are two restrooms in the trailer, two down in the pavilion, and port o pots on several holes. Restroom facilities are up to the county not course management; no change as of this date.

Clubhouse:

There have been several meetings recently to finalize and mark up plans for a new clubhouse and assess Information Technology needs. Bids for a General Contractor are expected to be complete by end of July, with contract award scheduled for November 2024. Monies that were provided are for construction phase, with construction phase beginning in July 2025. In early November the trailers are to be relocated down to the lower lot.

Season Startup:

Season Opener 4/3 is Strike 3. (scratch three lowest holes) no putts count. 4/17: Mock match play: Teams will be solids vs. patterns. Crofton Invitational June 6, 2024.

SPRING TOURNAMENT:

Spring Tournament:

(flighted) 5/1,5/8, 5/24. Best 2 out of 3. Must have played 2x with league in 2024 or qualified by playing in the league last year.

RULES: Rules Chair Marlies Empey

Suggest all members download the USGA app, go to **SETTINGS, EXPERT MODE** to get familiar with local rules. Rules committee has expanded to include June Paul, Eli Belli, and Susan Darnley; feel free to send emails to any of us with questions. All are encouraged to watch Videos on USGA website and YouTube – Jay Roberts.

Holes #4, #16 no longer have play zones, and unmarked dense vegetation areas are treated as red penalty. Hole #15 now has a mowed drop area 10 feet to the right of the cartpath (we were using it at the end of the season). Holes #5, #8, 12#, and #13 are impacted in our favor by Local rule B3.

Brief description: The intent of this rule is to speed up play; you don't look for your ball and drive back to hit again. . If you're not sure you carried the hazard on your tee shot, you can hit a provisional from where it crossed the hazard, going back as far as you want. If you use the provisional tee box on #8, no teeing up. This counts as your one "freebie". Maybe this posterboard about the new Local rule B3 will help explain your options from here.

Local rule B-3 in action.

Come with me as I play hole 5 under B-3.

I hit a decent tee shot. Believing I can hit over the hazard on hole 5, I hit my second shot but to my dismay, I hit it thin. I do not know if it had enough carry. What a mess!

Wait! I am rescued by local rule B-3 which allows me to hit a provisional ball. **Here is the beauty of this rule... I am NOT hitting from where i hit my second shot. I am hitting as if I did go into the hazard. Yeah...**

I walk up to the hazard, still unable to see my ball. **I announce I am hitting a provisional** and play that ball as if I did go into the hazard. I come back on the line. I hit my ball on the green. It lies 4 (drive, second shot, penalty, third shot)

I drive to the other side of the bridge; get out and start looking for my ball. Hurrah.. it cleared and is not in the penalty area. I abandon my provisional ball and play my original ball with no penalty.

WAIT.. I find my ball but it is lying in the penalty area. Now my options are 1. I can hit out of the penalty area without using any options (used those options on the provisional ball) so I have to play the ball where it lies in the penalty area. OR I abandon the ball in the penalty area and now play my provisional ball.

Take a moment to play hole 5 in your head. Pretty cool rule. Be sure you read about hole 8 that uses a dropping zone on the previous tee box about 90 yards out. If you are still confused about B-3, we are all here to help – just ask!

Reminder we are in an active season now in the Mid-Atlantic so post your scores.

On the fun side: We normally have lunch at Rams Head after golf Wednesday, so play your round and come mingle

SUNSHINE CLUB: Sue Darnley for Social Chair Cheryl Keeter

As luck would have it, our social chair was sick and couldn't attend. This is what it means to be "a golf family". If you know of anyone that needs a little sunshine sent their way (ill, surgery, a fall [smile]) please let the social chair know and a card will go out to them.

SWGA: Cricket for Donna Dalfonzo-Wiggs and Anne Richardson

We are hosting shotgun May 29th. If you can volunteer to help there is a sign up Genius in place for this. Please help by volunteering (hosting is a lot of work and your help is appreciated).

Many of us bought pretty, light blue shirts to play in support of the Eisenhower SWGA team. If you are interested in playing please contact Donna or Anne – they will be happy to get you started on your way to SWGA team match play.

Last year many members were eligible to play in SWGA, yet only the same few played. We really hope to include MORE people next year. ALL handicaps, i.e., A, B, C, and D players are needed to participate in these handicapped match play events. Any league member in good

standing (dues paid and have played 5 times at Eisenhower) is eligible. You no longer have to post SWGA play as Tournament scores.

The Chair Club rotates to Enterprise for 2024. Eisenhower will be hosting the 2nd match which we hope to play May 29 next year. Regular league will go out early that day. Schedule for SWGA matches are listed on the next page. Left QR Code brings you to the SWGA Sign Up Sheet, Right QR code brings you into the SWGA Website. Please note you can sign up for playing from your phone, but cannot delete yourself from playing from your phone.

This year's events are:

MAY 6th UMD (9:00 SHOTGUN) \$45 Eisenhower vs. Hobbit's Glen

May 29th Eisenhower (8:30 A.M. SHOTGUN) EWGA Hosts (helpers needed)

June 13th Navy (9:00 A.M. SHOTGUN) \$40 Eisenhower vs. Enterprise

JULY 24th South River (9:00 A.M. SHOTGUN) \$50 Navy vs. Eisenhower

August 14th Hobbit's Glen (8:30 A.M. SHOTGUN) \$50 Eisenhower vs. Oak Creek

September 17th Oak Creek (8:30 SHOTGUN) \$40 Eisenhower vs. UMD

September 30th Enterprise (8:30 SHOTGUN) \$42 Eisenhower vs. South River

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SPECIAL EVENT: Deb Andrew and June Paul

June and Deb are event chairs and are interested in starting GAMES once a month for league play (play your own ball, etc. establish handicap, input scores, what ladies like) Please email with possible games, and/or volunteer to help run a game once a month.

Eisenhower ladies like to run away from home once a year; this year it's to Carroll Valley Golf Club at the Roundtop Ski Resort. Trip is scheduled for August 21st – 23rd and there are currently 4 spots open. The approximate \$500 fee (two sharing a room) includes three days golf, two overnights, meals. Please contact June or Deb if you are interested in enjoying the fun.

WINTER GOLF: Katharine Mann

Winter golf did not happen much this year as every Wednesday seemed to bring rain. So instead of golf, we had an Eisenhower bowling league every Wednesday...keep this in mind for next year as it's an enjoyable time (even if you suck at bowling!) Also, thanks Katherine for bringing three different types of your wonderful cookies to the meeting; what would we do without you?

As an aside, Eisenhower recommends you keep a credit card on file to make check-in easier, as the 18 hole women's league players and the 9 hole women's league players are all checking in at the same time. Once on file, the check-in process takes very little time. Please keep this in mind the first time you play.

CLOSING SENTIMENT: Cricket Ordakowski

***** PLEASE ladies: POST YOUR SCORES! *****

Meeting adjourned. Time for lunch!