

EWGA OPENING MEETING
Wednesday, March 29, 2023

Open Meeting: 10:36am

Thank you: Deb M. thanked everyone for coming and thanked the EWGA Board for all their hard work over the winter preparing for the upcoming golf season.

Welcome: Deb M. acknowledged all our new members present at the opening meeting. Those new members were asked to stand and give their names.

Closing minutes of 2022: Deb M. asked members to approve 11/2/22 closing minutes sent recently to members for your review. Katherine Mann made motion to approve, and Susan Darnley seconded it. The members voted to approve.

By-law revision: Deb M. asked members to approve proposed revision to the by-laws allowing the President to sign checks. Sue Armbruster made motion to approve, and Joyce North seconded it. The members voted to approve the revisions to the by-laws authorizing the President to sign EWGA checks.

Clubhouse: Deb M. sent an email out to members Thursday (3/23/23) on supporting FY24 funding of our new clubhouse. Deb indicated funding has NOT yet been provided for the construction of the new clubhouse. Deb expressed hope the County Exec Steuart Pittman would include it in his proposed FY24 budget. Because funding is not assured, members were asked to please send an email to Pittman, Jessica Leys & all the county council members asking their support in the FY24 funding of our new clubhouse. Sharon Sellars, Nancy Schrum & Deb M. met with Jessica Leys, AACo Director of Recreation & Parks, March 14th, to discuss the status of the clubhouse. She was very informative and helpful. Jessica is a strong proponent for the clubhouse. The plan was always to build a new clubhouse but, of course, the problem is finding the money to fund it. The county has so many priorities for a limited number of dollars. This is why it is so very important for our league to reach out to those elected officials' and ask for their support. It was clear after meeting with Jessica we needed to let our voices be heard. Jessica shared a story of a pickle ball group asking for funding support for new courts of County Exec Pittman. That group attended, some 50+ people strong, one of Pittman's public budget meetings. They had one spokesperson and

50+ people holding their pickle ball paddles at the public meeting.....it was a very effective, visual demonstration and one the County Exec still refers to today. Deb asked if you haven't already sent your email to our county exec, Jessica, & all the council members do it when you do home today and to include your address and phone number in the email. The timing of these emails is important.....the county exec will be forwarding his proposed FY24 budget to the county council May 1st . *According to Council women Amanda Fielder "at that point the budget will be in the hands of the County Council. If the County Exec does not include the funding for a new clubhouse, the council will have to make cuts elsewhere and request the administration add the project in a supplementary budget (the council may only cut the budget)."* The council has about 45 days to deliberate and pass a final budget. If funding for the clubhouse is included in Pittman's proposed budget our next step will be to attend the 2 public meetings the county council schedules to demonstrate our support. Additional information will be sent out on this in the coming weeks.

Deb M. indicated she has also asked the Eisenhower ladies 9-holers and the Eisenhower men's leagues to request the CE's FY24 funding support of a new clubhouse. Nancy Schrum also reached out to Compass Pointe to ask their golfers as well.

If FY24 funding is provided construction on the new clubhouse is planned to begin in the summer of 2024 and completed in the fall of 2025.....of course this timeline is an estimate.

Eisenhower Personnel: Deb M. indicated a new Assistant Pro this year he is Ben Chitterling. Ed Ruiz/Director of Golf, Bryan Deerstine/Superintendent, Mark Clutter/Tournament Director & Melissa Merica/Food & Beverage Manager are back from last year.

Food Services AM Availability: Deb M. mentioned because tee times are starting earlier there will probably be no morning food services (e.g. breakfast sandwiches). Purchases of water, etc. may be obtained from the check-in folks.

League Rates: League rates will remain the same as last year, \$42 for riders & \$27 for walkers. Range balls are also the same as last year, \$4 for a small bucket, \$8 for a medium & \$12 for a large bucket.

Eisenhower handicap fee is \$40 this year. I believe this is an increase over last year's.

Membership or Advantage cards are still not available from Eisenhower this year.

Carts May No Longer Enter Parking Lot: Velma indicated new posts have been installed to block carts from entering the parking lot. There was some speculation this may have been instituted because the club experienced golfers filling up their carts with alcoholic beverages.

Driving Range: The concerns of range balls hitting into hole #10 forward tees, into the fairways on #11 & #18 were heard. New netting will be installed soon. The polls for the netting have already been installed. The netting has been ordered and will be installed when it becomes available.

Handicap Flags: Deb M. indicated copies of the Eisenhower procedures/rules dealing with the issuance of handicap flags entitled "Handicap Cart Access" were recently (3/24) forwarded to the members. It indicated the following:

Who is Eligible for Handicap Access: Golfers requiring use of Handicap Cart Access will be at the discretion of the Golf Staff. Golfers may be asked to present proof of a medical requirement.

Tees: We ask that you stay at least 10 feet away from all tee boxes. Please stay clear from all inclines and decline areas. Please stay clear of wet areas around the tee box.

Fairways: We ask that you limit the amount of time in the Rough and do most of the movement throughout the Fairway accessing from 90 degrees. Please stay away from inclines / declines and 10 feet from fairway Hummocks. Lastly, please stay clear of wet areas.

Greens: We ask that you stay 40 feet away from all greens. Please be sure to keep clear of incline and decline areas. Please stay clear of wet areas around the greens.

Handicap Flags: Use of any handicap Flag must be authorized and provided by the Golf Staff. Players may not bring their flags.

Cart Path Only Days: No flags or access will be allowed.

Ed Ruiz, Director of Golf at Eisenhower, also indicated the following:

1. Golfers requiring a flag should request one at check-in.
2. Golfers may be asked to acknowledge you've read Eisenhower's "Handicap Cart Access" sheet by either the individual at check-in or the Starter.
3. Golfers may also be asked for proof of a medical requirement such as a DMV issued handicap parking pass.

Path #17 and #18: We thanked Ed and Superintendent Bryan Deerstine when we last met for mowing a path for walkers at the end of the season between holes 17 & 18 forward tees at our January 30th meeting. We're hoping they continue this practice, but Ed didn't seem as committed. It's a runoff and labor issue.

Ed has asked when leaving #17 we not walk on #12's cart path because of golfers hitting from #12's tees. This is a safety issue geared more towards our walkers.

Trim Growth Around Streams #15: We requested Eisenhower trim around the stream in front of #15 forward tees and Ed is committed to having this done. It's difficult to see where your ball lands where the vegetation is high around the stream and not sure if you need to hit another ball....which delays play.

We also discussed trimming around the streams on #5 & #12 (near cart path cross over) with Ed and believe they'll be done more frequently.

We asked for a small area in front of #15's forward tees (nearer cart path possibly) to drop balls. We're hoping this happens this year.....it's a time/labor issue.

Membership: Deb M. for Sharon Sellars indicated we had a lot of interest from prospective new members and have added 15 new members representing over 20% of our total membership. We now have 71 members.

We currently have 8 ladies on our waiting list, however, only 3 meet our eligibility requirements (18 yrs. old, hold current USGA 18-hole handicap & index 40.0 or less). We don't plan to add any additional members now as we'd like to see how weekly participation shakes out. We don't want to find ourselves in a situation where we must wait list members wanting to play on league days. It's our understanding the 9-hole ladies discovered this problem when their membership rose too quickly.

We are a tee time league, with 12 tee times at 10-minute intervals. This equates to 48 golfers playing on league day.

We'll be monitoring our participation on league days and revisit membership levels if its warranted.

Below is a list of our new members:

Sue Pare
Diane Conley
Carolyn Tabor
Lisa Lisko
Dixie Flam
Nancy Ward
Barb Bennett
Betty Mack
Kathy Shanahan
Cathy Doerrer
Kim Kelly
Irene McDermott
Sandi Watt
Donna Trenz
Margie Sita

All the new 15 members have been added to SignUp Genius. As a reminder, we normally allow you to sign up 2 weeks out, so even if there is a third week in SignUp Genius, please wait to use it until 2 weeks beforehand. We put the extra one in as a placeholder so that we don't have to keep recreating the slots.

There is a second Sign Up called “EWGA SWGA Availability 2023” listing all the SWGA matches for the year. If you are interested and eligible to play for EWGA at SWGA, you can express interest here for all matches now. Please remember signing up now does not guarantee you’ll play in a particular match. Donna Dalfonzo-Wiggs and Cricket will be sending out additional information on SWGA later.

If you have any trouble getting in the SignUp Genius, please contact Sharon Sellars.

Treasurer: Joanne Montgomery presented the following EWGA Preliminary budget for 2023:

<u>Beginning Balance</u>		\$ 3,833.10
<u>Income</u>		
71 members @ \$45.00	\$ 3,195.00	
Wine bar contribution	225.00	
Contributions from luncheon attendees	360.00	
Deposit for Invitational to AA Co. Golf Mgmt	<u>500.00</u>	
To be reimbursed from Invitational funds		
	\$ 4,280.00	
		<u>\$ 8,113.10</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
SWGA fee	\$ 50.00	
Jefferson Cup & engraving	70.00	
Prize money payouts	2,000.00	
Mezzanotte yr end luncheon (total cost will be offset by Estimated 35 Members x \$20.00 contributions)	500.00	
Mezzanotte deposit	<u>300.00</u>	
	\$ 2,920.00	
		\$ 5,193.10
Invitational 2022 money held for 2023 Invitational (see below Invitational Financial Statement)		<u>2,950.00</u>
		\$ 2,243.10

EWGA 2023 INVITATIONAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income

20 entry fees @ \$380.00	\$ 7,600.00	
Clothing sale	835.00	
Contribution from K. Mann	200.00	
Basket raffle at luncheon	<u>230.00</u>	
		\$ 8,865.00

Expenses

Refund of invitational entry fees (14 x \$380.00 & 1 x \$95.00)	5,415.00	
Deposit with AA County Golf Mgmt ((\$500.00 Invitational deposit to be credited back to EWGA))	<u>500.00</u>	
		<u>\$ 5,915.00</u>

\$ 2,950.00

(Team entry fees that were requested to be retained for 2023 invitational (6 x \$380 = \$2,280 - \$95 = \$2,185) (\$ 2,185.00)

Sunshine: Susan Darnley for Cheryl Keeter asked everyone to please let Cheryl know if any of our members need a little sunshine. Cheryl does a wonderful job letting our members know we are thinking of them when they may need it most.

Rules: Marlies Empey asked our members to get re-acquainted with the rules and specifically our EWGA local rules (see EWGA website) as well as USGA Rules of Golf. EWGA plays by the USGA Rules of Golf.

Marlies went over a few of the key 2023 USGA rules changes we will most likely come into play on our course:

1. Ball moved by natural forces: when your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.
2. Simplified back-on-the-line relief: when using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.

She also went over the options one has when the ball lands in a Hummock, which were provided in an email sent to members March 28th and are also listed on our website under EWGA rules.

She indicated we maintain the option on hole #8 to use the dropping zone in front of the penalty area on the right of the cart path. NO option to use back on the line relief (Local rule E1.3).

Marlies asked everyone to please be sure to read Local rule #6, NO PLAY Zone as this is not something we see often on other courses.

As always, Marlies would love to hear your rules comments and questions throughout the season.

Invitational: Deb M for Deb Andrews/June Paul reminded everyone of some of the particulars of our upcoming invitational:

When: Monday, June 5th

Where: Eisenhower

Cost: \$95/golfer

Theme: Caddy Shack

Format: 4-person scramble with Ambrose scoring

Deb A indicated most of the work for our invitational was done last year but we'll still need your help this year. Deb A/June will be circulating a volunteer list again. We'll need **help with setup, cleanup, selling raffle tickets, decorating, breakfast and the goodie bags need some attention** also.

Deb A/June would also like to ask your **help in getting our invitational flyer out to other clubs** nearby. A copy of the updated flyer was sent via email to EWGA members recently. Deb A/June think it is better if the flyer is sent to a friend who you know will circulate it at their club. Deb A has already contacted **The Cannon Club**, Dee Pumphrey already contacted the **Enterprise**, Cindy Curtis already

contacted **Oak Creek**, they've all sent it out to lady members. Sue Armbruster indicated she'd share it with the **Navy** ladies.

Deb A indicated we have **three baskets that need to be redone** and **she and June will take care of all three**. Deb M had asked at the opening meeting if members would donate one scratch off ticket for the lotto basket, but thankfully Eli recalled we'd raffled off last year's lotto basket at the November 2nd closing lunch and could use those funds to replenish this year's lotto basket, thanks Eli!!!!

As always, Deb A and June know you will come through to help. We're looking forward to a fun event.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Deb A at 443-336-4923.

Suburban Women's Golf Association (SWGA): Deb M for Donna Dalfonzo-Wiggs, Representative & Cricket Ordakowski, Alternate Representative

Donna and Cricket, our SWGA leaders, couldn't be here today so I'll share the information on SWGA they provided me. The Suburban Women's Golf Association (SWGA) is a group of seven 18-hole league clubs playing in friendly match play events (Crofton dropped out this year.). Those 7 are:

- Enterprise
- Hobbit's Glen
- Navy
- Oak Creek
- South River
- U of MD
- Eisenhower

The matches are flighted A, B, C, & D. Each club has 8 member teams, 2 for each of the four flights. The A flights compete against another clubs A flight, B flights against B and so on.

The 2023 schedule of matches is as follows and is on our website:

Wednesday, May 10 at Eisenhower (Eisenhower does NOT play)
Thursday, June 1 at Navy, (Eisenhower vs. South River)
Wednesday, June 28, at South River (Eisenhower vs. Navy)
Wednesday, July 12 at Hobbit's Glen (Eisenhower vs. UMD)
Tuesday, August 1 at Oak Creek (Eisenhower vs. Hobbit's Glen)
Monday, August 28, at Enterprise (Eisenhower vs. Oak Creek)
Monday, September 25, University of Maryland (Eisenhower vs. Enterprise)

Any Eisenhower 18-hole league member in good standing, meaning you've paid your dues and have played at least 5 times at Eisenhower (not just league days count) last year or played 5 times in the golf season this year are eligible to participate in SWGA. **IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THESE SCORES HAVE BEEN POSTED.** If you are a new member, please let Donna know when you become eligible to play SWGA. If you are a member of more than one league, you must declare a team to play under, you may only play for one.

We encourage all our members to participate in these fun matches, whether you're playing for Eisenhower or one of the other clubs. The schedule of matches is posted on our website, and you may sign up now for the matches on our website. Please note that signing up for a particular SWGA match does not mean you'll necessarily be playing in that match but rather you're indicating to Donna/Cricket you're interested in playing in that match. Each of the SWGA clubs must submit their listing of eligible SWGA members by April 2023 so please sign up. This does not preclude revisions to this list later.

If you are tabbed to play in a match, you will be provided with additional information about the play day, cost, time, strokes, pace of play, etc. The fees to play generally run about \$35- \$50 with some clubs offering lunch at an additional fee. The appointed captain, which Donna identifies, collects cart fees for the day and stays after to get the scores correct.

The 2023 season will see changes in the scoring of the SWGA matches. Last year we used 1 point per hole for a win, ½ point for a tie and 0 if lost for a total possible point of 18 per match. An alternate point system was being simultaneously used allowing 1 point for the winner of the front 9, 1 point for the

back 9 and 1 point for the overall winner of the match for a total possible point of 3. This year the representative from the 7 SWGA clubs decided to combine the two scoring methods, so the total possible points of a match would be $18 + 3 = 21$. The scoring changes was made to hopefully avoid the situation last year of a tie.

Points are accumulated throughout the year to determine the Teams placement. The team with the most points at the end of the season is awarded a trophy. There will not be a Fun Day this year because of the odd number of teams.

The 2022 final standings had **Eisenhower in 5th place with 252.0 points**

Places for	2022	
UMD	1	268.5
South River	2	268.5
Navy	3	258.0
Hobbit's Glen	4	257.0
Eisenhower	5	252.0
Enterprise	6	241.0
Crofton	7	237.0
Oak Creek	8	233.5

We want to thank all who participated in SWGA last year. We had 19 members play in at least 1 match last year. This is down from previous years, and we would like to see more participation from our members. We are hoping our new members will participate in SWGA once they become eligible.

The Chair Club of the SWGA rotates every year and is the University of Maryland for 2023. The Chair Club has many responsibilities including scheduling the years matches, presenting and engraving the winning team's trophy.

We are hosting the first match on Wednesday, May 10th and because of the odd number of participating SWGA clubs won't be playing in the match, but the Eisenhower ladies league will still be playing that Wednesday.

We need volunteers for the first SWGA match on May 10th to help check in SWGA players, distribute water and snacks to the carts before play, and to be spotters and marshals on the course. If you would like to help, please sign up on our web site under the SWGA's signup link and indicate if you'll be joining the group following play at Rams Head for lunch.

Donna and Cricket THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!

Tournament Chair: Susan Darnley presented the following:

1. Hope everyone received and read the first 2 emails from her reminding members about **posting your scores as we are in active season. She also went over Attendance requirements for both the spring and fall tournaments.**
 - **Handicaps.. integrity .. will be doing random checks**
 - **Attendance if you play SWGA on a Wednesday.. May 10th at Eisenhower, June 28th at South River ,and July 12th at Hobbitt's Glen....it counts in the attendance credit and if you play SWGA for another team please let Tournament Chair know so you can receive attendance credit.**

2. **Walk through procedures:**
 - a. **Two weeks of league days are posted on our website signup there.**
 - b. **Friday or Saturday before Wednesday league day tentative list is sent out as a reminder. You can still Add/delete your name.**
 - i. **Must be logged into your account on Sign up Genius to delete.**
 - c. **CHANGE FOR THIS YEAR: 4 SCHEDULERS... Carolyn Feeley, Deb Andrew, Sharon Sellars or myself. You will know by the email**
 - d. **Sunday morning:** Need to be signed up because pairings will come out any time after noon to early evening. At that time, the scheduler will also delete the sign-up sheet but will also add a sign-up sheet for 2 weeks away.
 - i. **There are always 2 weeks of sign-up sheets.**

- e. At this point ALL CORRESPONDANCE ABOUT AN ISSUE MUST BE MY EMAILED TO THE SCHEDULER.
 - i. Problems.. can you add me? Can you delete me?
 - ii. Scheduler will let you know **Monday am** where you are added... usually “Revised pairings” is sent out Monday afternoon.
 - iii. Revised Pairings are sent to Group.
 - iv. **Tuesday..**Issue you need to cancel .. notify Scheduler and Eisenhower
 - f. **Wednesday: arrive 30 minutes before tee time. Flow of teeing off.**
 - i. Reminder: Bathrooms and 9 hole league also checking in
 - g. **After Play: One official card... attested. Right inside Pro Shop on table there will be a Box to put cards in, recording sheet on a clipboard.. a handicap sheet so you can check you handicap.**
 - i. **Counting Putts:** Continuous
 - ii. **Record your name even if you pick up.**
 - iii. Training late Hostesses in April... Ramshead for lunch after play
- 3. Games: Forming an events committee to help with games.**

Schedule for the upcoming month will be sent out to you.

Meeting adjourns 11:58am

Respectfully, Deb M for Cricket