

WOWGG NEWS

Women of Winchester Golf Group

January 2025

CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year I would like to thank our previous Board for their contributions and sacrifices throughout the year to make this a wonderful golf group. I am excited (again this year) to welcome the new members. I am also excited to see what new ideas and initiatives we will bring forth.

The New Year brings one much anticipated change: the Nine and Diners will be playing on Tuesdays at 10:30am. The WOWGG Executive Board will meet at 9:00am the first Monday of each month at the WCC Homeowners Clubhouse. All WOWGG members are invited to sit in on any of them.

I am pleased to share that the Board has agreed to keep the annual dues at the modest amount of \$100 (prorated for members joining after June). You should see the charge on your February statement.

As all of you know by now, Josh is leaving Winchester. On behalf of all WOWGG members, I'd like to wish him well and thank him for his support of our group throughout the year!

May 2025 be a year of good health, happiness and joy for you and your families. See you on the course.
Lisa Locati

BE IN THE KNOW: BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- 86 Members
- WOWGG T/Th drop zone on hole #15
- Join our WOWGG [Facebook](#) page!
- Send your ideas or pictures for inclusion in upcoming newsletters to me Trisha at ruthnick@comcast.net or 510 528-9261
- No trophies for major tournaments

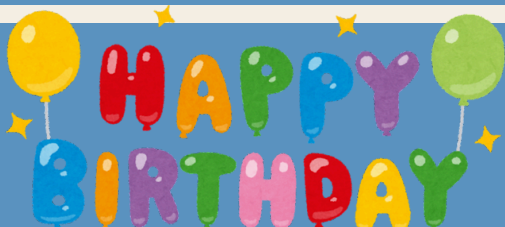


TIPS FROM TRACEY

Cart Path Only

Estimate your distance to the green at the cart path and then take the club you would normally hit for that distance and then one longer and one shorter.

Remember that your shots do not go as far in cold and wet conditions



January

Kathy Killer (10)

Lisa Graves (16)

Deanna Classon (22)

Karen Miller (24)

Sierra Gold Team Play

Thursday, April 24 Winchester Hosts
Tuesday, May 20 @ Granite Bay
Tuesday, June 10 @ Catta Verdera
Monday, July 21 @ Lincoln Hills
Thursday, August 21 @ Serrano



Saturday Match League

April 19 @ home vs. El Macero
May 24 @ Cold Springs
June 21 @ Catta Verdera
August 16 @ ValleyHi
September 7 @ home vs Lake of the Pines

Come Golf with Us!

Tuesday - Nine n' Dine
Thursday - 18 Holes
Saturdays - Ladies Open Game
Not Ready for Primetime - TBD
Friday Night Fights - Check roster book for dates



Save the Date(s)

February 13: Love Our Junior Golfer Fundraiser
March 28: WOWGG Spring Guest Day
May 23: WOWGG Past Captain's Tourney
May 30-31: WOWGG Sugar Pine Invitational

NEW THIS YEAR

A year-end recognition for the most rounds played. We will announce in the newsletter every month who has posted the most rounds the previous month. Then end of the year prizes for the highest total(s). Not limited to just play at Winchester.

Any round played and posted will count!

Woohoo!

Prizes for playing lots of golf.

From Maggie A.
Pictures and a note from a grateful Mom about the Meadow Vista
Friendly Neighbors WOWGG Holiday Fundraiser



Hello Maggie. Happy new year!! Thank you all so much for the lovely gifts 🎁.
And gift cards will help me so much. The kids loved every single gift. Every thing
was perfect. They absolutely loved all the clothes and shoes. ♡ i loved them too.
I'm always in need of clothes and shoes for them . We are so grateful ♡

Next board meeting: Monday February 3 9 a.m.
Winchester HOA

Rule of the Month - January

This year, we will focus on dealing with balls that land in penalty areas (red and yellow stakes) or balls that land in "the junk" (unwelcoming areas that are not penalty areas) on our Winchester course.

As a newer golfer or one who simply does not know some of the basic rules, this will help point out situations on our course that you experience every time you play. It's a good feeling when you know your options after you hit a ball into a penalty area or into the junk. Beginning in February, we will focus on these areas by taking two holes each month from our Winchester course and applying the rules concerning your options.

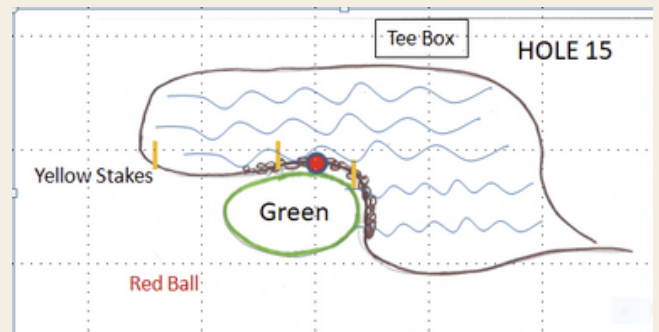
If you are a seasoned golfer, we will go over one or two unusual situations each month to challenge your knowledge of the rules. If you have situations that have posed problems for you and your group while playing, please send them to Shelley (neighbourfamily@yahoo.com) to be included in the rules of the month discussion.

January Rule of the Month: a situation that happened to Trisha on HOLE 15.

The ball carries over the water and hits the green then bounces backward and lands just off the grass on the other side on the yellow stakes. It is situated up against the turf in the dirt such that it is basically unplayable although this is unknown until we reach

the green to locate the ball.

Where do you take relief?



Answer: Even though the ball is considered unplayable, you can always gamble and try to "play ball as it lies" by whacking it over the grass ledge, but it will likely hit the edge and roll back into the rocks or water. You can go "back-on-the-line," which puts you back at the tee box, or you can go back to use "stroke and distance" and tee it up again.

While at the tee box, you are not sure if the ball is still on the course after it bounced. Should you play another ball? This would not be a provisional ball, as it is not allowed with yellow stakes if it's in the penalty area. Hole 15 is not covered by a local rule. What do you do?

Answer: The official answer is you go to the green and see if your ball is there and playable. If not, go back to the tee box and hit another ball. Commentary: There should probably be a local rule covering this so that a provisional ball can be taken to save time from having to go back to the tee box, similar to the local rules we have for many of the other holes.

Hole 15 - WOWGG Drop Zone

When the first ball off the tee goes into the water on hole 15, a second ball needs to be hit again from the tee box. If this ball also goes into the water, you can move around to the Drop Zone near the green. You will be hitting stroke 5.

We are officially designating the Drop Zone as an area between 10 and 15 feet from the rock (located on the right as you enter the area from your cart) going toward the water. Draw an imaginary circle approximately 6' in diameter around this point and drop your ball.



Cart Parking