



WOWGG NEWS

Women of Winchester Golf Group

April 2026



April Birthdays

Lynne Evans (2)
Cheryl Williams (6)
Robin Jeffery (15)
Ann Kline (21)
Debra Belcastro (23)
Lynn Bloss (24)

Rounds Posted in March

Will be announced in the next newsletter. Your editor will be on a cruise without her computer. Yay for vacay!

IMPORTANT DATES

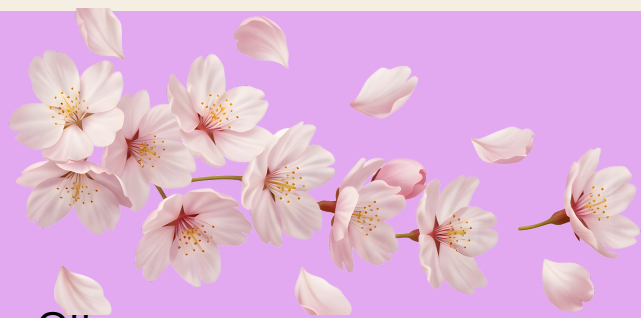
- April Board Meeting 4/6 at 9 a.m. HOA
 - April 7 - 9-Hole Clinic
 - April 9 - Rules Clinic 8:30
 - April 16 - Spring General Meeting 2:30 p.m.
 - April 18 - Saturday Match Play at Lake Of the Pines*
 - April 20 - Not Ready for Prime Time 4:00 p.m.
 - April 23 - Sierra Gold at Winchester*
 - April 24 - Friday night Fights 4:30
 - April 30 - Winter Rules end
 - June 4-5 - Sugar Pine Invitational
- *Contact Lisa or Gill if interested in team play.



TIPS FROM TRACEY

Speed of Play- Teeing Off

Players in the 1st cart should tee off first to increase the speed of play. That way the first cart can drive to their ball as soon as the last player tees off.





Around the Grounds

by Justin Saragueta, General Manager

- We are working on Hole 3 green renovation. A temporary green is being created in the fairway to allow all the work to be completed by (hopefully) the member-member tournament.
- Brian Whitlark with the USGA agronomy team has completed his course evaluation and site report. Main points - need for more drainage and more targeted watering, less mass watering on timers. Number 3 green - remove trees for more sunlight and air flow.
- In April we will start our bunker project.
- Also in April we have a sod project for turf in the fairways starting.

Matt Johnson's Pro Thoughts



Putting

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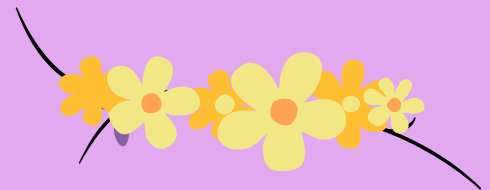
Light grip pressure

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Spend 5 minutes hitting short putts (3–5 feet) focusing only on solid contact and starting the ball on line.

For Matt’s complete putting check list see the last page of this newsletter. It’s really good.



THIS and THAT

Spring Guest Day was a big success. 8 teams, 32 players and really nice weather—finally. The past two spring guest days were miserable weather wise. So yay. And hopefully everyone had a fun day.

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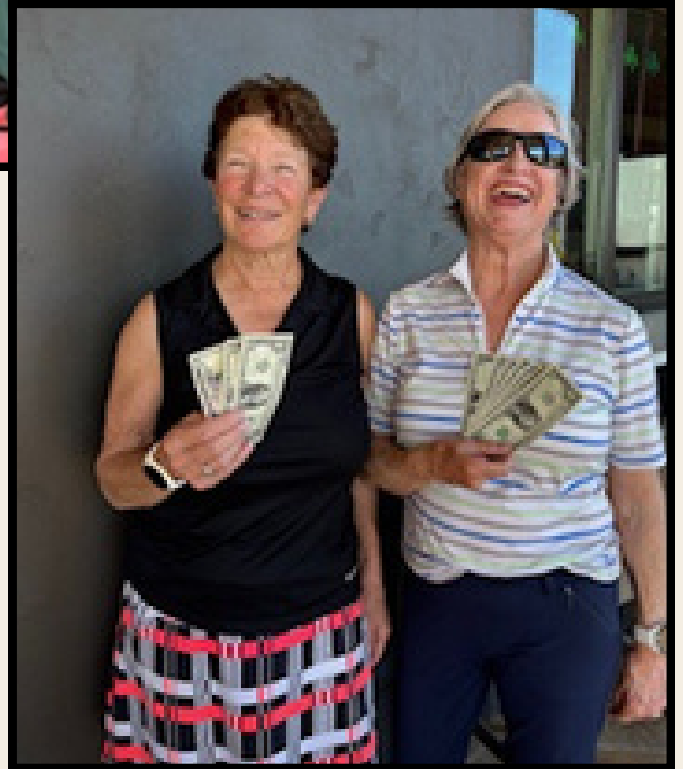
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Wearing o' the Green for
Luck o' The Irish Game
March 12

Luck o' The Irish Game Players Lisa and Shelley who had to win money to be wearing o' the green! They had the lowest net (65 and 66) scores to help their random team (which included Ann Kline and Debbie McGrath) to victory.



Robbin and hubby Dave on a mission
to repaint the member tee box
designations.



Gill playing English golf -

1. At this course all the tee boxes have a mat to hit off.
2. Then you have to carry your own strip of artificial turf to hit from while on the fairway.
3. And then you hit off said fake grass -hoping it doesn't come up and smack you in the head.

So let's all be thankful we can still hit off real grass here.



Herman and Gil in sunny England taking a break from carrying their grass around.

SPRING GUEST DAY March 26th



← The Winners
Gill, Dorcas, and their guests
Kathy Kim and Heidi Matlack

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Lunch on the Pub patio



→
The Par-Tee Team, working more on the
party than than the tees



How to Practice Your Putting

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2. Master Short Putts (3–6 Feet)

- This is where you save strokes. Try this drill:
- Place 5 tees in a circle around the hole at 4 feet
- Putt from each spot
- Don’t leave until you make all 5 in a row
- This builds confidence and pressure performance.

3. Work on Distance Control (Lag Putting)

- Three-putts usually happen from poor speed, not poor line.
- Ladder Drill:
 1. Putt balls to 10 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet
 2. Try to stop each ball within 2–3 feet past the target
 3. No coming up short
 4. Focus on feel and tempo, not mechanics.

4. Practice With One Ball

- Avoid rapid-fire putting. Instead:
- Read the putt
- Go through your routine
- Hit one ball
- Evaluate result
- This mimics real on-course performance.

5. Add Pressure to Your Practice

- Make practice competitive:
- “Make 10 in a row from 3 feet”
- “Up and down challenge” from off the green
- “No three-putt” game around the practice green
- Pressure practice translates to confidence on the course.

6. Use Alignment Training

- Many missed putts start offline. Try:
 1. Lay a club on the ground for alignment
 2. Use a chalk line (or string) for straight putts
 3. Practice starting the ball on your intended line
 4. Even 5 minutes of this can improve accuracy quickly.

7. Create a Simple 20-Minute Putting Routine

- 5 minutes – Short putts (3–5 feet)
- 5 minutes – Distance control (20–40 feet)
- 5 minutes – Breaking putts
- 5 minutes – Pressure drill
- Stick to this and you’ll see improvement fast.

Final Tip

The best putters don’t just practice more — they practice smarter. Focus on:

Start line Speed Routine Confidence

Do that consistently, and you’ll start turning three-putts into pars... and pars into birdies.