



Women's Public Links Golf Association of Southern California, Inc.

Established 1933

“In union there is strength and direction of purpose”

Purposes and Objectives

- To promote the interest of amateur golf and sociability
- To enforce uniformity in the rules of the game by creating a representative authority
- To establish a uniform system of handicapping
- To afford a convenient and authoritative means of arranging dates and places for holding tournaments
- To conduct a WPLGASC Championship tournament and such other golf events as may be deemed to come within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors and the Association
- To be operated as a non-profit organization

Our Mission

Women's Public Links Golf Association of Southern California (WPLGASC) is one of four women's golf organizations in Southern California recognized by The United States Golf Association (USGA). The mission of this Association is to follow the purposes and objectives as set down by the founders.

Our Association administers the USGA Handicap System licensing for Member Clubs. The license agreements allow clubs to issue USGA Handicap indexes to all members. In addition, USGA has licensed WPLGASC to issue USGA Course Ratings and Slope Ratings for women. The WPLGASC Course Rating Committee will provide a new rating, re-rating or temporary rating for member club courses when requested to do so.

WPLGASC has been in existence since 1933, serving the golfing community of Southern California. WPLGASC will accept applications for membership from any club in the Southern California area, (public, resort, semi-private and private).

Every WPLGASC Member Club must have at least 10 members, operate under bylaws with committees (including a Handicap Committee) to supervise golf activities, provide peer review, maintain the integrity of the USGA Handicap System and be licensed by USGA through this Association to issue USGA Handicap Indexes to its members. WPLGASC is available to guide and assist with the organization of new golf clubs.

In addition to Member Clubs associated with a golf course, Member Clubs designated as "Affiliates" (clubs without real estate) are those formed by a business, professional, traveling, or other such group. They are not associated with a course, arrange their own events, and are subject to the same requirements as non-affiliate clubs. There are presently more than 135 Member Clubs in the Association. There are three types of individual membership. These are Individual Membership (initial club), Multi Club Membership (additional clubs), and Junior Membership.

The areas covered by WPLGASC range from San Luis Obispo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties in the north, south to the Mexican border and from the ocean east to the California state line. The entire area is divided into divisions for easier administration by Division Representatives.

When WPLGA was established in 1933, there were thirteen member clubs, some of which were public but have since become private clubs. In 1942, Defense Stamps were given for tournament prizes and during that year, due to government regulations a member had to turn in an old golf ball upon receipt of a new one. In 1944, annual dues were fifty cents and, in 1945 if you won three out of five events, you won a pair of argyle socks. In 1944, the first "away-from-home-tournament" was held at the Pomona Valley Golf Club and dues were increased to \$1.

WPLGASC offers a comprehensive Tournament Program in which members may elect to participate. There are several very popular annual Major Tournaments, including the Championship and Senior Tournaments. They are often oversubscribed and players are selected according to an eligibility WPLGASC games procedure.

On the second Thursday of each month, an Association Day is held. The average participation ranges from 200 to 400 players, who may choose a site from up to ten courses throughout the Association geographic area. We welcome all new members to enter the Association Day tournaments. These will provide a chance to meet other club members. These tournaments will count toward Major Tournament eligibility, if that is necessary.

The annual "Far Away From Home" tournament is conducted at venues such as Hawaii, Canada, the Caribbean, and various golf resorts within the continental United States. This trip is usually seven to eight days in length and allows time for relaxation and sightseeing, in addition to 3 days of tournament golf. Another very well received event is WPLGASC Team Match Play, providing competition in 4 Ball Match play available for club teams in several handicap ranges.

Women's Public Links Golf Association of Southern California continues to receive numerous compliments on the professional and expedient manner with which their events are planned and executed. The Board of Directors works diligently at all tournaments. A special effort is made to minimize the work of the course staff and to insure a pleasant golfing experience for the tournament players.

The Members of the Board of Directors volunteer their time in the execution of WPLGASC business. The Association employs an Executive Director, who coordinates and manages the operations of the Association; and an Administrative Assistant, who assist clubs with Association membership and manages many facets of association business. They are all dedicated to providing a rewarding and wonderful golf experience for all members.

Championship History

Conducting a Championship was one of the listed purposes of the Association. **2011** marked the **75th year** the WPLGASC Championship has been contested. There was no tournament in 1933. The Championship was dark from 1943 through 1945 due to World War II.

There is an LA Times record of a Southern California Ladies Public Links Association annual meeting held September 6, 1934 at Lakewood. The president was listed as Edith McMeans of Brookside Park. As the Association was formed late in 1933, there was no tournament that year.

There has been no information found on the first WPLGASC Championship in 1934 and the Champion Muriel Sievert of Cloverfield. However, mention of Clover Field has been found in newspaper reports of men's tournaments at that time. A golf course was built in the area of Ocean Park (Santa Monica) in 1895. Record is found of Santa Monica Municipal Golf Course at Clover Field in 1928, which drew the nation's leading professional stars and most of the coast's top notch amateurs. Clover Field was a 15-acre landing site in the Santa Monica area named for World War I pilot Lt Greayer "Grubby" Clover. Clover Field became Santa Monica airport and the original home of the Douglas Aircraft Company. Cloverfield Boulevard, a street in Santa Monica, is a remnant of the airport's former name.

The first record of a Championship found in researching the LA Times archives was an article of May 18, 1936. The format was match play. In the listing of the **match** times was the name Mrs. Judy Campbell, the eventual Champion, who played against Mrs. Ruby Kelley. From our own records, we know that the President in 1936 was Mrs. Harold Kelley.

In 1939, the newspaper headline of May 2nd was *Phyllis Banat Captures Public Links Championship*. The article indicated that Miss Banat (described elsewhere in the article as a dark-eyed beauty from Brentwood) had risen to the forefront of association players rapidly in 1939. She captured her title by defeating Mrs. Clarence (Bess) Conrad of Rio Hondo by 9 and 8. Bess was a member of Rio Hondo her entire life and related stories not only of this rivalry but also of the early days of team competition.

Championship Items of Interest

- 1942 Allena Gates of Fox Hills was a 17 year old Venice High School girl who defeated Hazel Martin. If WWII had not intervened, it is possible that this young lady would have won more as she was quite a threat throughout the state.
- 1950's The format was changed from match play to medal play sometime in this decade.
- 1951-52 Two-time Champion, Shirley McFedters of Recreation Park, was 13 years old.
- 1952 The entry fee was **\$3.00** and play was at Fox Hills.
- 1955 Ruth Miller of Recreation Park won with a 54 hole total of 231 at Meadowlark. Ruth was a **6-time Champion** winning 5 times more in 1957 – 1961. (Note: Along with Ruth Thompson of Recreation Park, Ruth Miller was instrumental in the formation of the Southern California Women's **Masters**.)
- 1974 Barbara Mizrahie of Griffith Park went on to a pro career.
- 1983 The entry fee was **\$40.00** and play was at Rancho San Joaquin and Costa Mesa.
- 2015 The entry fee was **\$ 197.00** and play was at Industry Hills Golf Club

Other Multiple Winners

Janice Campbell, Santa Barbara – 5-time Champ

Harriet Glanville, Meadowlark – 4-time Champ

Irene Zuniga, River View and Donna Gilliam, Recreation Park – 3-time Champs

Ran Oh Keane, Recreation Park and Torrey Pines – 4 time Champ

2-time Champs - Judy Winters, Inglewood; Vera Golden, Rancho; Mildred Stanley, Griffith Park; Chris Lehmann, Simi Hills; Judy Greco; Recreation Park; Peggy Hogan, Santa Barbara; Linda Basham, Shandin Hills and Beverly Skibben, El Dorado

There have been 6 WPLGASC Champions from Recreation Park with a total of 16 Championships.

There have been 2 WPLGASC Champions from Santa Barbara with a total of 8 Championships.

***Presidents of the Association
1933 to 2014***

NAME AND YEARS of SERVICE	
Margaret Alderman	1933
Edyth McMeans	1934-35
Mrs. Harold Kelley	1936-37
Mrs. Leonard Pulley	1938-40
Mrs. J. L. Hanson	1941-45
Mrs. Harry Winters	1946
Mrs. Roy Vellacott	1947-50
Mrs E. E. Lunn	1951
Mrs. George B. Pace	1952-53
Mrs. A. K. Hall, Jr.	1954
Mrs. Howard A. Lee	1955-56
Mrs. Howard Ludwig	1957-58
Mrs. Ralph King	1959
Mrs. Louis A. Rasch	1960
Mrs. Charles Mills	1961-62
Mrs. William Meadors	1963-64
Mrs. Philip Candreva	1965
Jeri Showalter	1966-67
Marge Colby	1968
Mrs. Ray Woody	1969-70
Mrs. R. B. Withrow	1971-72
Natalie McBee	1973-74
Rosemary Schofield	1975-76
Billie Kelley	1977-78
Eleanor Maynard	1979-80
Kay Wade	1981-82
Gloria West	1983-84

Stella Schaar	1985-86
Ruth Edwards	1987-88
Lura Rae Dales	1989-90
Doris Elzey	1991-92
Shirley Logan	1993-94
Diana Quint	1995-96
Bea Russell	1/97-5/97
Jan Millar	5/97-1999
Helen Hamblet	2000-2001
Julie Hartman	2002-2003
Pat Blum	2004-2005
Cindy Ward	2006-2007
Marie Teeple	2008-2009
Kathy L. Egidi	2010-2011
Carol Scalise	2012-2013
Joanne Floyd	2014-2015

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