

2024

**FIREWHEEL WOMEN'S
GOLF ASSOCIATION**

FIREWHEEL GOLF PARK

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PAST PRESIDENTS

2002 Jo Benfield	2020 Lindy Fox
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2004 Liz Campbell	2022 Lindy Fox
2005 Margie Storey	2023 Lindy Fox
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2007 Margie Storey	
2008 Connie Gibbons Margie Storey	
2009 Carolyn Trundle	
2010 Marilyn Thomasson	
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2012 Susan Tomson	
2013 Barbara Holst	
2014 Lindy Fox	
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2017 Lauren Larson	
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2019 Lindy Fox	

FWGA BY-LAWS 2024

Article I -Name

The name of this Association shall be the Firewheel Women's Golf Association (FWGA).

Article II – Objectives

The object of the Association is the promotion of good fellowship and sportsmanship among its members and to encourage the active participation of its members in playing golf and taking part in golf tournaments conducted in accordance with the rules of the USGA, except as modified by local rules of this course.

Article III – Golf Season

The year shall be March 1 to October 31.

Article IV – Membership

The membership of the Association shall be limited to any woman, female at birth or female as of today as specified by the United States Golf Association (see <https://www.usga.org/genderpolicy.html>), and age 18 and older, who has paid their membership dues. Base Membership dues are \$40 for the year payable before March 1st. Dues may be raised or lowered by \$5 per year by the FWGA Board based on the end of the year financial report. The \$5 Flower Pot Fund fee may be waived or applied based on balance from the prior year. New members who join after June 30th pay \$10 less than the current year's membership and Flower Pot Fund if applicable. Dues are nonrefundable.

The "Hole in 1 Club" was established by the Firewheel Women's Golf Association (FWGA) as an *optional* item for club members. A member **must** join the Hole in 1 Club at the time of turning in their FWGA membership form before March 1st. ***This form must accompany the \$10 payment to be valid*** and **must** accompany the FWGA membership form. The FWGA Board has the discretion to cap the Hole in 1 Club amount at \$2500 for returning members each year. New members joining at the beginning of the year will be eligible to join the Hole in 1 Club at that time. If there is no hole-in-one during the year, the Hole in 1 Fund will be carried over to the next year.

New members joining after June 30th will not be eligible to join the hole in 1 Club until the following year.

Hole in 1 Club funds will be distributed annually at the December meeting and will be divided equally among all winners for the official league-sanctioned year. If there is no Hole in 1 during any official league sanctioned year, the funds will be rolled forward to the next year and added to any newly collected funds.

Each member must pay GHIN fee by/between the date of February 15th and March 1st annually to the FW Pro Shop regardless of whether her GHIN has been previously paid through another organization. GHIN fees are payable at the BRIDGES PRO SHOP and is each member's responsibility. If not paid by April 1st of each year, the name will be removed from FWGA membership roll.

To be eligible to participate and compete in the Monthly Tournament or any FWGA sponsored and participating events where prizes and monetary awards are given, one must be a member of the Association as specifically defined above according to United States Golf Association policy with an established handicap and have played at least one (1) other time during the month. In the event of open play or unusual circumstances, the Tournament Chairman may waive handicap requirements. Should a member not meet the (1) playday per month rule a member may pay an additional \$5.00 in order to be able to participate in an End of Month Tournament.

To be eligible to participate in the Club Championship, one must be a member of the Association as specifically defined above with an established handicap and have played five (5) times during the year.

Any woman as defined above is welcome to play two (2) times as a guest but shall then be asked to become a member. Out of town visitors are always welcome to play as guests. Guests shall not be eligible for FWGA competition.

Article V – Officers

The officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These four positions comprise the voting membership of the Board. The Board members shall appoint committee members.

Each member in good standing shall have one vote for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Election of Officers and Committee Chairmen will be held at the October meeting. Those who are members in good standing will each have one vote.

Article VI – Officers' Duties

President – the President shall preside at all meetings (included but not limited to Board Meetings, General Meetings, Kick-Off Luncheon and Year End Christmas Luncheon). She will coordinate duties and schedule with other Board members, be the main point of contact with golf course management, and be responsible for communications for the organization.

If an elected officer or committee member can no longer fulfill the requirements of her office, the President will appoint an interim officer to complete the term.

The President shall appoint a nomination committee in August of each year to search for new officers for the following year. The nomination committee chair shall present the slate of officers at the September meeting (30 days before a vote is taken in October). President should install the newly elected officers at the December Christmas Luncheon.

The President's name will be on the organization's checking account along with Treasurer.

Vice-President – the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President as needed, and she shall be the Chairman of the Member/Guest Tournament each spring. She will appoint committees as needed for this tournament including, but not limited to, tee prizes, raffle, hole sponsors, goodie bags, and lunch coordination with the FW Event Coordinator, etc. The FW Tournament Chair shall be directly in charge of running the golf tournament format.

Treasurer – the Treasurer shall collect dues from members, collect and keep all monies of the organization and disburse them as directed by the Board. When such time arises, the Treasurer shall be responsible for a financial report.

An audit committee will review the organization's yearly finances at the end of the year. The audit committee will comprise of the Board members. When a new Treasurer will be taking over the position for the following year, a member-at-large will be added to the audit committee.

The Treasurer shall maintain all forms and funds for the Hole in 1 Club.

Any expenditure over \$300 must have Board approval prior to the expenditure.

Secretary – the Secretary shall keep and record minutes of all meetings and keep the Bulletin Board current.

The Secretary shall provide a copy of the minutes listing the newly elected officers to the President and Treasurer for banking and government notification. A copy will also be needed to inform the government of the changeover and to also file for an E-card.

Article VII – Committee Chairmen and Duties

The Committees are: Pairings, Tournament, and Member/Recruitment and others as deemed necessary by the Board.

Pairings Chairman – the Pairings Chairman shall be responsible for reserving tee times and providing the Pro Shop with the day's pairings.

The Pairings Chairman or a stats keeper shall provide the Tournament Chairman an up-to-date list of days played for Tournament eligibility.

The Pairings Chairman shall collect and distribute monies for putting, chipping and polie pots. Those with the lowest putts or most polies will win the pots. If there is more than one winner, money will be divided among winners. Chip-ins are paid by the number of chip-ins made. However, polie and chipping money may be carried over if there are no winners. If the distance for a polie is in question, the distance is to be measured before leaving the green.

Tournament Chairman – the Tournament Chairman shall be responsible for scheduling the pairings for the monthly tournaments and Club Championship, planning the format, tallying scores, determining prizes, and distributing awards. She may plan Rules & Handicap Clinics with the Golf Shop. The Golf Pro will settle any rules disputes.

Member/Recruitment Chairman – the Member/Recruitment Chairman shall maintain a membership packet containing the by-laws, a membership roster/directory and copies of Play

Day and Local Rules to be distributed to new members. She shall be our liaison within the Garland Community to interest women in becoming members of the FWGA.

Prior to the opening of the season, the President or the Member/Recruitment Chairman shall email FWGA Application and Hole in 1 Form to the members from the prior year. One reminder shall be sent if a member does not respond.

Article VIII – By Laws

Any changes to the by-laws must be presented to membership 30 days prior to a vote. Vote may be taken at any regular or special meeting.

Article IX – Privacy Policy

Privacy is respected, and FWGA will not tolerate spam and will never sell, rent, lease or give away your information (name, address, email, etc.) to any third party. Nor will we send unsolicited email. All FWGA members will hold the membership list as confidential information.

Article x – GHIN Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)

ESC is an adjustment of individual hole scores (for handicap purposes) in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC is applied after the round and is only used when the actual score or the most likely score exceeds a player's maximum number. ESC sets a limit to the number of strokes a player can take on a hole depending on Course HandicapTM. Apply ESC to all scores, including tournament scores. Below is the maximum number a player can take:

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 – 19	7
20 – 29	8
30 – 39	9
40 and above	10

You must adjust your total score using this chart when you enter a total score in GHIN. If you enter your scores hole-by-hole, GHIN will automatically adjust for ESC.