

2018

**FIREWHEEL WOMEN'S
GOLF ASSOCIATION**

FIREWHEEL GOLF PARK
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2009	Carolyn Trundle
2010	Marilyn Thomasson
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2012	Susan Tomson
2013	Barbara Holst
2014	Lindy Fox
2015	Lindy Fox
2016	Lindy Fox
2017	Lauren Larson

FWGA BY-LAWS 2018

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 women members who have paid their membership dues. These dues will be set at \$30.00, payable before March 1st. For any member joining after June 30th, the dues amount will be reduced to \$25.00. Dues are non-refundable.

A member must have an established Firewheel Golf Course GHIN handicap. The handicap fee is payable to the Pro Shop and is each member's responsibility. A handicap is established by posting at least 5 rounds of golf which are entered into the Club's Handicap System.

To be eligible to participate in the Monthly Tournament or any events where prizes are given, one must be a member of the Association 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 with an established handicap and have played five (5) times during the year.

Any woman 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.

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

The **President** shall preside at all meetings (included but not limited to Board Meetings, General Meetings and Year End Luncheon), 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.

The **Vice President** shall assume the duties of the President as needed, and be the Chairman of the Member/Guest Tournament.

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 budget.

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

Article VII – Committee Chairmen and Duties

The Committees are: Pairings, Tournament, and Member/Recruitment.

The **Pairings Chairman** shall be responsible for reserving tee times, providing Pro Shop with the day’s pairings and maintaining the Birdie Tree. She will work with the Tournament Chairman to keep list up-to-date of days played for Tournament eligibility. She shall collect and distribute monies for putting and chipping pot and be responsible for the sign-up sheet to be available before tee-off time. If there is more than one winner, money will be divided among winners. However, chipping money may be carried over if there are no winners.

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.

The **Member/Recruitment Chairman** shall maintain a membership packet containing the by-laws and a membership roster/directory to be distributed to members. She shall be our liaison within the Garland Community to interest women in becoming members of the FWGA.

Article VIII

The By Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting.

PLAY DAY RULES

All play governed by USGA rules.

A player must count all strokes. There are to be no mulligans, wiffs or gimmees allowed. You must putt out all holes. If a player does not complete all 18 holes, she is ineligible for prizes (game of the day, chipping and putting pot).

To be eligible to win or participate in the chipping and putting pots, a player must be an FWGA member in good standing.

On Tournament Day, all ties will be settled by a scorecard playoff, starting on the number one handicap hole.

Settle all disagreements about a hole before moving on to the next hole. If there is a difference as to how to play your ball, play the ball as it lies and a second ball as a provisional, keeping both scores, and present the problem to the Rules Chairman immediately after play. All decisions by the Golf Pro are final.

Summer rules are always in effect unless otherwise posted by Pairings Chairman before play. When winter rules are in effect and your ball is in the fairway, you may lift and clean your ball replacing it within two (2) club lengths of its original position, no closer to the hole.

Be sure to mark your ball so it is identifiable.

To be eligible to participate in the Monthly Tournament one must be a member of the Association with an established handicap and played at least one (1) other time during the month. (Tournament Chairman has the right to waive handicap and monthly one-time rules, due to unusual circumstances). Should a member not be eligible to play in the Monthly Tournament due to not meeting the one play day participation requirement, a member may pay a \$5 fee in order to participate in the Monthly Tournament

To be eligible to participate in the Year End Tournament one must be a member of the Association with an established handicap and played five (5) times during the year.

LOCAL RULES

Players are required to be in their carts 15 minutes prior to assigned tee times.

Once a player has hit two (2) balls into a forward water hazard, she may carry the ball around to the drop area with no extra penalty stroke. (Example: 2nd stroke in, 3rd stroke out, 4th stroke in, 5th stroke out—go around the hazard and hit from drop area as your 6th stroke).

A player shall have a maximum of 3 putts per hole. Once the 2nd putt is missed, the player shall pick up her ball and record 3 putts on her scorecard. If the player chooses to putt again and misses, she has to count all strokes until the ball is in the cup. This does not apply in tournament play.

A player shall have a maximum of 2X the par score per hole. Once the player exceeds 2X par number of strokes per hole, the player shall pick up her ball and record 2X par for that hole. She should record 3 putts as per the previous rule. This does not apply in tournament play.

If for any reason, a player does not play one or more holes, she is not eligible for the putting or chipping pots for that day.

The chipping pot should be distributed by the number of chip-ins made, not by the number of golfers making them.

FWGA PROCEDURES

Play Day Sign Up – A sheet will be available each week to sign up to play the next week. If a member was unable to sign up the previous week, **contact the Pairings Chairman, no later than 4 PM** on the Tuesday before Thursday's play day. If you call after 4 PM, you may play only if there is an opening.

Cancellations – **If unable to play for some reason, please call the Pairings Chairman no later than 4 PM on the Wednesday before Play Day. If unable to come on day of play, call the Pro Shop as soon as possible in the morning.**

Bad Weather – If bad weather is threatening, the play day may be cancelled. The golf course will be notified by 7:30 AM in case of cancellation. Please call course to find out if we are playing. **Should you be playing and it starts to thunder and lightning, play should cease immediately. Mark the location of your ball and return to the Club House. Do not get under a tree.**

Check In On Play Day – Please arrive at the golf course at least 30 minutes prior to the League's first tee time. After paying in the pro shop this is the time to sign up for the next week, put the money in the Chipping and Putting Pots (\$0.25 each), pay any fees, and listen to any announcements.

Monthly Tournament – On the day of the tournament, the Tournament Chairman will collect \$5.00 in entry fee money from each participating member. The entry fee will be given to the winners of that day's tournament.

Scorecards – Give all scorecards to the Tournament Chairman for eligibility to receive any prizes and/or awards, and to keep your handicap up to date. Scorecards should have the player's name, date, handicap and scores recorded, as well as totaled. Highlight Birdies, Chip Ins, Hole-In-One, Putts or if breaking 100. Please record putts on a separate line. One of the Board Members or Chairpersons is responsible for entering their scores into the computer to keep handicap up to date (if the members choose not to enter the scores themselves.)

READY GOLF

Golf is a four hour game. It is important to keep up with the group ahead. **Play READY GOLF!!**

1. Be at your ball, ready to hit, when it is your turn.
2. Mark your ball's flight with a background object. Keep an eye on the shots of others so you can help them spot their ball.
3. Think about what club you want to use before you get to your ball.
4. Take 2 or 3 clubs to your ball when playing cart path only golf.
5. Study the line of your putt while others prepare to putt.
6. The player furthest from the hole hits first whether on the green or fringe.
7. On the tee box, whoever is ready should hit.
8. As soon as your group has finished a hole, move to the next tee and record scores there.

BE AWARE OF YOUR PACE AND PLAY READY GOLF!!!

GOLF ETIQUETTE

DO:

1. Remain quiet on greens and tees when players are ready to hit.
2. Keep carts and bags off greens and away from front of greens and fringe area.
3. Play BRISKLY-play "Ready Golf".
4. Spend very little time looking for lost balls. (Time limit of 5 min.)
5. Move immediately to the next tee when holed out.
6. Record score at the next tee.
7. Repair all ball and spike marks. (Fix yours and 2 others if possible.)
8. Replace your divots.
9. Be prepared to golf thirty minutes before your tee time.
10. Unless marked differently, use 90 degree cart path rule.

DON'T:

1. Drop the flagstick on the green.
2. Allow the flag to flutter when tending the pin.
3. Walk in line of another player's putt.
4. Stand where you cast a shadow on the line of a putt.
5. Stand opposite a player while she is putting.