



WVMGC FAIRWAYS

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Minutes from the January 7 Board Meeting

Marty Refkin, President, called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. Dick Cook, Jay Jacobs, Steve Kosloff, Mike Lopata, Andy McLaren, Rick Meeker, Jerry Melnyk, Rick Naramjo, Jeff Pankratz and Mark Rasmussen, attended the meeting.



Mintues: Minutes of the December 3 meeting not read but were approved.

Membership: Dick Cook noted that we're starting 2025 with 151 members including 19 comps and nine new members. 44 members have not yet renewed for this year. (Note the 2025 Renewal Application on page three of this newsletter.)

Treasurer's Report: Dick Cook again stated that our budget is in good shape. We're starting the year with a similar, healthy net balance as with 2024. As we continue to receive a few tournament entries without payment each month, Dick would like to defer "collections" to others since he already has a substantial workload with other treasurer duties. Marty Refkin will assume this responsibility for Saturday tournaments, Andy McLaren likewise for Wednesdays.

Tournaments: Andy McLaren counted 28 partner teams for the upcoming combined scores tournament on January 8. However, as we've already moved this tournament to January 15, Andy anticipates a few more possible entries. Marty Refkin committed to a 5-Club Tournament as his selection for the President's Choice on February 16. Discussion followed about our requirement of an "eight stroke differential" for all tournaments. The board agreed to keep this requirement for partner scrambles only but remove it for aggregate, ABCD and other 4-ball tournament competitions.

Team Play: Mike Lopata, team captain, is fired up with big hopes for a successful year...particulary since we have 26 committed guys for Saturday play.

Rules and Greens: Rick Naranjo relayed news that course management is bringing in an outside agronomist

to explore possibilites for growing grass on the right-hand side of the #5 fairway. Various efforts have been unsuccessful over many years, but the agronomist will expore potential for new techniques. (The problem is a high underground water table comparable to the pond to the right side.) If no alternative exists, the recommendation could be a fairway waste bunker.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 P.M.
Respectfully submitted, Steve Kosloff, Secretary

WVMGC Local Rule Change Ground Under Repair, Hard Pan Areas

Rick Naranjo: Rules Chairman

Turns out, the Westlake Golf maintenance guys are so overwhelmed with irrigation pipe leaks and tee box repairs that they cannot spare time to designate ground under repair areas with white paint. So, until further notice, we will revert to the old rule: Players are once again allowed to take arbitrary free drops from hard pan and ground under repair areas...of course first getting approval from other players in the group.

Welcome

New Members: Kevin Morris, Sebastian Sassoon, Zion Sharp and Maxwell Wright



February 5	Individual Medal Play
February 16 (Sunday)	President's Choice (18-Hole 5 Clubs Only)



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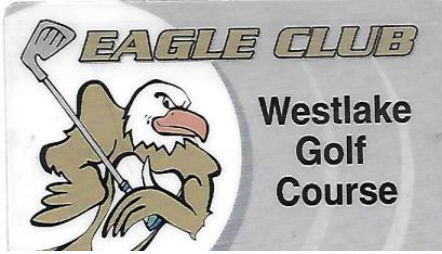


Saturday

January 11: Silver Lakes @ WVMGC (PP)
January 18: WVMGC @ Silver Lakes
January 25: WVMGC @ Antelope Valley
February 1: Antelope Valley @ WVMGC
February 8: WVMGC @ Apple Valley
February 15: Apple Valley @ WVMGC

Thursday

January 16: Braemar @ Westlake
January 23: Simi Hills @ WVMGC
January 30: WVMGC @ Simi Hills
February 13: WVMGC @ Braemar



If you don't know:

The Westlake Golf Course offers an Eagle Card for discounts throughout the club including green fees, carts, practice balls, merchandise, snack bar and beverages. See the starter to obtain the 12 percent discount (i.e. \$440 is a \$500 value).

2025 WVMGC RENEWAL APPLICATION
(PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION EVEN IF NOT RENEWING)

I am renewing, check enclosed 30-year member no fee I am not renewing

NAME _____

IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES FROM THE LAST ROSTER ENTER ONLY THOSE CHANGES BELOW

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

SPOUSE _____

Renewal fee is \$120 if received by DEC 17, 2024. If not received by DEC 17TH, you will be dropped from SCGA and WVMGC. If payment is received after DEC 17, the RENEWAL FEE IS is \$135, to cover the additional SCGA reinstatement charge. Your name will not be on the January index report. It will be on the index report in the month following your reinstatement.

Please place your renewal application and fee (checks only, no cash) in the mailbox at the club, or mail to:

**Westlake Village Men's Golf Club
4812 Lakeview Canyon Rd.
Westlake Village, CA 91361**

In Memoriam - Lyle "Coach" Reeves

Passed away December 29, 2024 at the age of 90

We fully expect that you've already started to write the 1st chapter of "The History of Heaven."

RIP Coach: Initial WVMGC Membership in 1970

Individual Medal Play Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Entry Fee: \$25 Per Player (Pay at pro shop for Green Fee & Cart)

Entry fee includes net flight winners and KP's. Submit \$20 if you don't want to be included in the KP side pot.

Name _____

Payment must accompany entry. No exceptions.

Mail to WVMGC, 4812 Lakeview Canyon Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 or place in letter box at the club.

Venmo Payment: rbcook03@gmail.com or 818-964-4161.

Entry deadline is Saturday, February 1, 2025

President's Choice: 18-Hole Individual 5 Clubs Only - **Sunday**, February 16, 2025

Entry Fee: \$25 Per Player (Pay at pro shop for Green Free and Cart)

Entry fee includes net flight winners and KP's. Submit \$20 if you don't want to be included in the KP side pot.

Name _____

Payment must accompany entry. No exceptions.

Mail to WVMGC, 4812 Lakeview Canyon Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 or place in letter box at the club.

Venmo Payment: rbcook03@gmail.com or 818-964-4161.

Entry deadline is Sunday, February 9, 2025

Partner's Scramble Wednesday, December 11, 2024 Final Results

A Flight		B Flight		C Flight	
COOK / REFKIN	*55	HIRSCH / PITSCH	54	HAMILTON / PROETT	46
FRITZ / RASMUSSEN	55	CARROLL / WESTFALL	54.5	SCHECTER / SCHECTER	50
GLASS / STARK	*56	CORDONE / NARANJO	*56	DIFONZO / SMULL	52
OUTCALT / WAHLGREN	57	HUSSAIN / HUSSAIN	56	FIELDEN / HOUSTON	54
FRIEDMAN / WEEKS	57	BURON / MCGILL	55.5	DUTRA / ISBELL	55
REILAND / VAN WYK	57.5	LIPKIN / MCLAREN	56	BREGAR - RATCLIFFE	56
WEAVER / VATCHER	59	LEONE / OLIVER	59.5	GAINER / PESCE	56
KINGSLEY / MEEKER	59	CANNON / KOSLOFF	61	EVANS / LOSCKO	56
FINE / JENSEN	62	ALLAMI / SEPHER	63		

* Placement determined by card-off

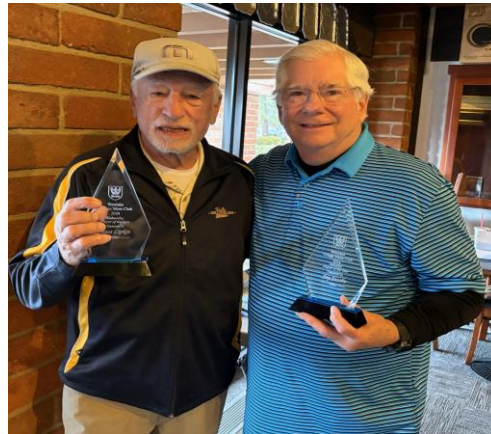
ABCD Tournament Saturday, December 14, 2024 Final Results

A Flight		B Flight	
PERATIS, DUFFY, NARANJO, HESSEL	55	OSWALT, KLINE, PALMER, LEONE	*56
CARROLL, WEAVER, DAVIS, PROETT	57	SCHOENHERR, SEPHER, HOPTON, HALL	56
MORAN, SALTER, LOPATA, SALTER	58	HUSSAIN, VAN WYK, JACOBS, KOSLOFF	57
FRIEDMAN, BURON, DIFONZO, BURON	59	VATCHER, MELNYK, STARK, GREENBAUM	57
RASMUSSEN, OLIVER, LIPKIN, MCGILL	60	ANDERSON, MCLAREN, ROSSI, ISBELL	58
SCIMO, REILAND, HUSSAIN, P, DUNKLEBERGER	63	VALLADERES, REFKIN, KINGSLEY, POLO	62
BUTLER, SCHULZ, JENSEN, RADHAKRISHNAN	65	COOK, FRITZ, DAVANI, PEACH	63

* Placement determined by card-off



It's time for the ABCD raffle prizes!



Russ Lipkin (Wednesday) and Jay Jacobs (Saturday) received their 2024 Player of the Year trophies.

Saturday Tournament of Champions Saturday, December 28, 2024 Final Results

A Flight		B Flight		C Flight	
HUSSAIN, M.	67	FULTON	66	DUTRA	65
VATCHER	69	MACHUGA	69	JACOBS	67
RASMUSSEN	*70	SEPHER	*72	ISBELL	68
CUMPLIDO	70	MCLAREN	72	NARANJO	71
FRANCO, M.	71	ROWE	73	DIFONZO	72
SCIMO	71	OLIVER	74	POLO	73
DUFFY	71	REFKIN	74	HESSEL	74
FRITZ	73	MELNYK	74	DAVIDSON	78
KLINE	73	WEAVER	76	KOSLOFF	WD
COOK	75	LOPATA	77	DAVANI	WD
FRANCO, I.	78	ALLAMI	83	LEONE	WD

* Placement determined by card-off

Partner's Scramble Tournament
Wednesday, January 4, 2025 Final Results

A Flight		B Flight		C Flight	
VAN WYK - VAN WYK	*55	HAINLEY - REEVES	50	HAMILTON - PROETT	50
HUSSAIN - SHARP	55	LIPKIN - MCLAREN	*56	JACOBS - KOSLOFF	52
VATCHER - WEAVER	*56	HUSSAIN - HUSSAIN	56	POLO - RADHAKRISHNAN	55
COOK - REFKIN	56	CUMPLIDO - OLIVER	56.5	SALTER - SALTER	56
NARANJO - SCIMO	56	BURON - MCGILL	56.5	FIELDEN - CHRISTIAN	59
FRANCO - FRANCO	57.5	PITMAN - PITMAN	62	DUTRA - GAINER	61.5
BUTLER - FRIEDMAN	58	BLAIR - SEPHER	WD	CONDRAN - KEMMERLING	62.5
LOPATA - MORAN	62				

* Won placement with card-off

WVMGC – LOCAL RULES Update 08/15/24

Rick Naranjo

1. Play is governed by USGA Rules. Putt out on all holes and play all balls as they lie, unless clearly instructed otherwise, i.e., unless play is governed by a lift, clean & place rule, or unless you are entitled to a drop for some other reason, such as ground under repair.

2. Ground Under Repair is defined as:

~All areas marked by the white paint marks as Ground Under Repair.

~All areas with a Ground Under Repair sign.

~All staked trees, as well as any flowerbed area maintained by the course.

~All drainage ditches that run throughout the course even if they are covered by grass, regardless of whether there is water in the ditch. Note -These ditches are "French Drains" and may have gravel underneath that can damage clubs or cause injury.

3. Yardage Markers are considered immovable obstructions that may NOT be removed from the ground. You only get a free drop if the marker interferes with your swing or stance or line of flight.

4. All interior protective fences are immovable obstructions; swing and stance relief only, no line of site relief.

5. Slow Play Rule - 5.6b Committees can now adopt local rules associated with the speed of play and have the discretion to vary the penalty, i.e., the first offense for slow play can be one stroke and the second offense can be two strokes. In all Men's Club tournaments, we are setting a recommended round of four hours, with a maximum time of (4) four hours, (15) fifteen minutes. Players should take no more than 40 seconds to complete their stroke.

6. Play Out-of-Turn - . There is NO PENALTY for playing out-of-turn in stroke-play events, i.e., you do not have to wait for the player who is farthest from the hole to play first and you do not have to wait for the player with the lowest score on the previous hole to tee off first. In short, in Men's Club events PLAY READY GOLF. Match Play events are exempted, as the player farthest away or with "honors" must play first. Note players may agree to play out of order to save time 6.4a(2).

7. Obstructions - Light poles, sprinkler boxes, electrical panels, paved cart paths and any item used for the purpose of course maintenance are considered obstructions. Drop ONE club length, NO penalty. NOTE: Any ball striking a light pole must be replayed, NO penalty.

8. Edging Grooves - "The edging grooves around the aprons or fringes of putting greens are ground under repair. If a player's ball lies in or touches a groove or a groove interferes with the area of intended swing: The player may take free relief on or off the green under Rule 16.1b.

(b) Abnormal Ground Condition: Ball on the Putting Green. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1d.

9. Relief of Green side Sprinklers - Line of sight relief from green side sprinklers located on holes 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 17. Rule 16.1: If a ball lies through the green with a sprinkler on or within two club lengths of the putting green, and within two club lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows without penalty: The ball must be lifted and dropped to the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a Penalty Area or on the putting green. This rule will also apply if a player's ball lies on the putting green and a sprinkler within two lengths of the putting green intervenes on the line of putt. In addition, the ball may be cleaned when lifted. Penalty For Breach Of Local Rule: Match Play – loss of hole; Stroke Play – two strokes.

10. - Wood Chip Areas". The Wood Chip Areas are Lateral Penalty Areas," If the ball is found within the 3 minutes allowed time, the player may play the ball as it lies and remove "loose impediments." If the ball moves while removing loose impediments, the player receives a one stroke penalty and replaces the ball. The player may also take a drop outside the penalty area within two club lengths and a one stroke penalty. If the ball is not found in the Wood Chip Area (within 3 minutes) the player must return to the estimated point of entry of the Wood Chip Area and drop a ball within two club lengths and take a one stroke penalty. There must be "Virtual Certainty" among the group that the ball remained in the Wood Chip area and did not go Out of Bounds. This is possible for holes #5, 6, 7 and 15, If the ball is Out of Bounds the player must proceed under rule #18.2, Stroke & Distance, by adding one penalty stroke and playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made.

11. Drop Zones (Tees): Penalty Area Options Still Apply:

#4 Gold Tee (permanent stones) or point of entry. Lateral of #13 lake & #4 fairway, drop within 2 club lengths from wood chip area and a one stroke penalty.

#8 Between Cart Path and the lake, silver tee box and green (approx. 115 yds)

#13 - Behind the green between the cart path & the OB fence is a Lateral Penalty Area. Play ball as it lies or move to drop zone with one stroke penalty. There is a designated drop zone to the left of the green.

#18 OB at Driving Range Fence – Fence is Out of Bounds – No free relief from the fence and/or steel poles.

Please refer to the Westlake Golf Club scorecard for further information.

2025 Wednesday Tournament Schedule

DATE	FORMAT	TIME
January 8, 2025	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
February 5, 2025	Individual Medal Play	7:30
March 5, 2024	Partner's Scramble	7:30
April 2, 2025	Partner's Best Ball	7:30
May 7, 2025	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
June 4, 2025	Partner's Modified Alternate Shot	7:30
July 2, 2025	Partner's Scramble	7:30
August 6, 2025	Partner's Best Ball	7:30
September 3, 2025	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
October 1, 2025	Individual Medal Play	7:30
November 5, 2025	ABCD & BBQ Lunch (Shotgun Start)	7:30
November 19, 2025	Tournament of Champions - Individual Medal Play	7:30
December 3, 2025	Partner's Scramble	7:30

2025 Saturday Tournament Schedule

DATE	FORMAT	TIME
January 4, 2025	Two-Man Scramble	7:30
February 16, 2025	President's Choice (Sunday Due To Team Play)	7:30
March 15, 2025	Two-Man BB and Aggregate	7:30
April 12, 2025	Away Tournament	TBD
May 9-10, 2025	Friday Derby, Saturday Member-Guest and BBQ	TBD
June 14 & 21, 2025	36-Hole plus SCGA Qualifier (Club Championship)	7:30
July 12, 2025	Individual Stroke and Skins Game	7:30
August 16, 2025	Stableford	7:30
Sept. 13 & 20, 2025	Club Championship (gross and net winners)	7:30
October 18+, 2025	President's Cup	7:30
November 15, 2025	Turkey Shoot (Shotgun Start)	7:30
December 13, 2025	ABCD and BBQ Lunch (Shotgun Start)	7:30
December 27, 2025	Tournament of Champions	7:30