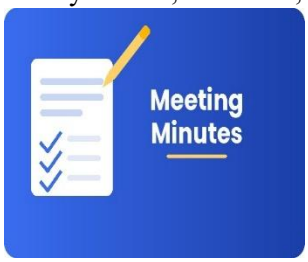


WVMGC FAIRWAYS

Men's Club Established: 1968

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Minutes from the November 3 Board Meeting



Marty Refkin, President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 P.M. Jay Jacobs, Steve Kosloff, Mike Lopata, Andy McLaren, Rick Meeker, Jerry Melnyk, Rick Naranjo, Mark Rasmussen and Roy Ratcliffe attended the meeting.

Minutes: Minutes of the October 6 meeting not read but were approved.

Membership: Mark Rasmussen tallies 191 full members and 111 associate members through the SCGA portal. Rick Naranjo asked Rick Meeker to add his contact information to the welcoming email to invite new members to reach out to him to discuss our local rules.

Treasurer's Report: No report, Dick Cook absent.

Tournaments: Marty Refkin reported 28 partner entries for tomorrow's combined score tournament. Marty also noted a low turnout for the Turkey Shoot but expects late entries as usual. Jay Jacobs, Steve Kosloff, and Mark Rasmussen will join Marty to finalize tournament schedules for 2027. As participation has dwindled in the Wednesday and Saturday Tournament of Champions tournaments, Rick Naranjo questioned whether we should continue to purchase prizes for participants. The board decided to keep the tradition this year, but will re-evaluate moving forward.

Handicaps: Jerry Melnyk voiced concern about a couple of members close to "three strikes and you're suspended" from tournament play prize money, KP's and pot game payouts for repeatedly not posting scores. Jerry will continue to monitor these members to get them on track

Rules & Greens: Rick Naranjo recommended a temporary free drop from recently placed dirt mounds around several trees. The board approved the recommendation effective immediately.

SCGA: Mike Lopata relayed news that members will be able to access USGA rules within the GHIN Handicap portal starting March 1, 2027.

Team Play: Mike Lopata has finalized the 2027 schedules home-and-away for Thursday: Publinks (Los Robles), Brookside and Simi Hills and Saturday: Apple Valley, Silver Lakes and Spring Valley Lakes.

New Business: The board selected officers and committee chairs effective January 1: President - Mark Rasmussen; Vice President - Roy Ratcliffe; Treasurer - Dick Cook; Secretary - Steve Kosloff; Handicaps - Jerry Melnyk; Rules and Greens - Rick Naranjo; Membership - Mark Rasmussen; Welcoming - Rick Meeker; and 50/50 - Jeff Pankratz. Marty Refkin will continue to coordinate Wedneday tournaments; Mike Lopata will do Wednesday regular play; Steve Kosloff will coordinate Saturday tourmaments; and Mark Rasmusssen will handle Saturday regular play.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 P.M.

Repectfully Submitted, Steve Kosloff, Secretary

WVMGC Local Rule Change
Ground Under Repair, Hard Pan Areas

Rick Naranjo: Rules Chairman

We have reverted to a free drop policy without penalty for all marked and unmarked ground under repair and hardpan areas including greens and fairways only (with approval from at least one playing partner). Take drop outside under repair area no closer to the

Welcome: John Pawlowski

"Putts get real difficult the day they hand out the money." **Lee Trevino**



November 18: Tournament of Champions

December 2: Partner's Scramble

December 12: ABCD and BBQ Lunch

December 26: Tournament of Champions



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Wednesday:	Mike Lopata	(818) 653-2360
Saturday:	Mark Rasmussen	(818) 621-7228

Need a tournament entry?
https://www.wvmgc.com



NOTICE: Westlake Golf Course management has once again asked the WVMGC to speed up our pace of play. All members need to recognize that their pace of play affects others unless we play promptly throughout the round (such as preparing for each stroke and moving promptly between strokes and going to the next tee). Other tips include: play "ready golf;" keep your pre-shot routine short; minimize your time on the tee; aim to play within 30 seconds; plan your shot before you hit the ball; and use a buddy system when sharing a cart.

2027 WVMGC MEMBER 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_____

FEE is $125 if received by DEC 17, 2026. If not received by DEC 17TH, you will be dropped from SCGA and WVMGC. If payment is received after DEC 17, the FEE 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 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

18-Hole Mixer Tournament
October 21, 2026 Final Results

A Flight	NET	B Flight	NET	C Flight	NET	D Flight	NET
Moran	*67	Poe	60	Melnyk	67	Ratcliffe	74
Jensen	67	Oliver	66	Kahanowitch	69	Bregar	69
Floris	*69	Lopata	67	Lipkin	70	Wise	70
Dickinson	69	Hill	68	Schecter	71	Hessel	72
Van Wyk	70	Bailey	69	Evans	74	Smull	73
Fine	71	Piman	69	Machuga	77	Kosloff	74
Carroll	72	McLaren	70	Sherren	79	Hamilton	74
Meeker	72	Pitsch	72	Dutra	79	Esparaza	79
Cook	73	Reiland	74	Jacobs	WD	Pesce	91
Refkin	73	Ott	79	McGill	WD	Radhakrishnan	WD
Halloran	WD	Buron	79	Shulman	WD	Houston	WD
Scimo	WD	DiFonzo	WD	Balletta	WD	Kemmerling	XO
Weeks	WD	Dixon	WD				

* Won Placement With Card-Off

Prize Money: 1st $125, 2nd $85, 3rd $55

Partner's Combined Score
November 4, 2026 Final Results

A Flight	NET	B Flight	NET	C Flight	NET
Moran- Schoenerr	132	Schecter-Schecter	128	Bregar-Ratcliffe	130
Garboski-Vatcher	133	Buron-Balletta	137	Smull-DiFonzo	137
Valladares-Garay	138	Bailey-Melnyk	139	Meeker-Dutra	140
Rasmussen-Fine	136	Weeks-Hopton	140	Coburn-Hamilton	143
Jensen-Fritz	138	Lopata-Shulman	140	Loscko-Evans	144
Floris-Turner	138	Blair-Sepehr	142	Jacobs-Kosloff	149
Stump-Poe	140	Reiland-McGill	142	Pesce-Nassirzadeh	149
Scimo-Refkin	141	McLaren-Lipkin	145	Allami-Wise	155
Franco-Franco	142	Dickinson-Hill	WD	Esparza-Houston	165
Halloran-Hirsch	WD				

Prize Money: 1st $140, 2nd $120, 3rd $100

Partner's Scramble Tournament
Wednesday, December 2, 2026
Entry Fee: $25 Per Player (Pay for green fee and cart at pro shop.)

Entry fee includes net flight winners and KP's.

Name_____**Name**_____

Indicate Playing from Blue, White or Silver Tees

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 to Dick- Cook or 818-964-4161.
Entry deadline is Sunday, November 29, 2026

The *"Big Show"* ABCD Tournament

Saturday, December 12, 2026 – 7:30 Shotgun Start
Four-Man Texas Scramble Format – Teams based on index in ABCD order
$100 Entry Fee (Includes Green Fee, Cart, Mulligans, KP's & Prizes
Carts Required for Shotgun Start



Tri-T BBQ lunch with one complimentary beverage
Raffle prizes for all participants
Prize money – top 25% for all flights
Seven team KP winners

Name _____

Payment must accompany entry. No exceptions.
Mail to WVMGC, 4812 Lakeview Canyon Rd., Westlake Village, CA 91361 or place entry in WVMGC mail slot in clubhou
Venmo payment: Dick - Cook or 818-964-4161. Entry deadline is Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

2027 Schedule

Thursday
January 7 Publinks @ Westake
January 14 Westlake @ Publinks (Los Robles)
January 21 Brookside @ Westlake
January 28 Westlake @ Brookside
February 4 Simi Hills @ Westlake
February 11 Westlake @ Simi Hills

Saturday
January 9 Westalake @ Apple Valley
January 16 Apple Valley @ Westlake
January 23 Westlake @ Silver Lakes
January 30 Silver Lakes @ Westlake
February 6 Westlake @ Spring Valley Lakes
February 13 Spring Valley Lakes @ Westlake

Urgent: If your name is included in the following list, you have a credit due for an overpayment or an authorized withdrawal from a past tournament. If so, please remember to apply the credit to your entry for an upcoming tournament (refunds will not be issued).

WVMGC - Member Credits @ October 1, 2026

First Name	Last Name	Amount	Comments
Shawn	Allami	$25.00	Over paid dues
Bruce	Blair	$8.00	$50 used for 7/9/25
Bill	Brown	$25.00	Overpaid 4/11/26 Olivas Tournament
David	Brown	$25.00	Overpaid 4/11/26 Olivas Tournament
Bill	Fulton	$25.00	$25 Used 9/12/26
Brian	Hainley	$10.00	Refund 6/13 Tournament. $25 Used 9/12/26
Bob	Hessel	$25.00	Credit 12/11/24
Al	Houston	$75.00	Overpaid 8/5 & 9/12 tournaments

Steve	Isbell	$25.00	Withdrew from 1/7/2026 tournament
Jay	Jacobs	$25.00	Refund 7/11 Tournament
Richard	Karlson	$25.00	$25 from 9/13/2025
Robert	Kemmerling	$25.00	11/15/25 Turkey Shoot
Mark	Martin	$40.00	11/5/25 ABCD
Mike	Mossmann	$75.00	Overpaid 2026 Dues
Marty	Refkin	$25.00	Refund 7/11 Tournament
Fred	Van Wyk	$25.00	Refund 7/11 Tournament

Revised criteria to determine Player of the Year
(Wednesday and Saturday)

Per Flight
1st: 4 Points
2nd: 3 Points
3rd: 2 Points
All: 1 Point just by entering (no point received if player withdraws)

Due to the importance of the Club Championship and the 36-Hole Partner's Championship, the committee suggests increasing points for these tournaments accordingly.

Per Flight
1st: 6 Points
2nd: 4.5 Points
3rd: 3 Points

President's Cup
1 Point each win, 1 Point just by entering (no point received if player withdraws)
Tie Breaker: Most 1st place wins…most 2nd place finishes---most 3rd place finishes
Note: Members receive one point for each tournament missed due to a Team Play competition.

Saturday T Of C Qualifiers Thru 10/1	Saturday Player of the Year - Thru 10/1		Wednesday T of C Qualifers Thru 11/4	Wednesday Player of the Year Thru 11/4	
Carroll	Valladeres	13	Bailey	Reiland	28
Balletta	Van Wyk, F.	12	Balletta	Carroll	26.5
Buron	Franco, L.	12	Bregar	McGill	26
Cumplido	Jacobs	12	Buron	Bregar	22
Dixon	Jensen	12	Carroll	Ratcliffe	21
Dutra	Cook	11	Cumplido	Oliver	20
Franco, L.	Buron, C.	11	Dutra	Buron	19
Franco, M	Oliver	11	Esparza	Moran	19
Haloran	Carroll	10.5	Evans	Pitsch	18
Hessel	Peratis	10	Franco, M.	Jacobs	18
Isbell	McGill	10	Garboski	Bailey	18
Jacobs	Franco, M.	9	Hirsch	Westfall	16
Jensen	Salter, J.	9	Houston	Cook	16
Lopata	Cumplido	9	Jacobs	Houston	16
Machuga	Fulton	9	Lipkin	Esparza	16
McGill	Reiland	8	Loscko	Weeks	16
Meeker	Weeks	8	Machuga	Lipkin	16
Naranjo	Halloran	7	McGill	Cumplido	15
Oliver	Scimo	7	McLaren	Van Wyk, F.	15
Pitsch	Meeker	7	Melnyk	Evans	15
Reiland	Lopata	7	Moran	Jensen	15
Riessen	Rowe	6.5	Oliver	Balletta	15
Salter, K.	Smull	6	Ott	Machuga	14
Sherren	Pitsch	6	Pitsch	Vatcher	14
Valladares	Moran	6	Poe	Franco, l.	14
Weeks	Sherren	6	Ratcliffe	Poe	13
	Salter, K.	5	Reiland	Refkin	13
	Poe	5	Schecter, G.	Scimo	13
	Refkin	5	Schecter, B.	Fine	13
	Dixon	4.5	Schoenerr	Garboski	13
	Weeden	4.5	Sherren	Loscko	12
	Martin	4	Valladeres	Meeker	12
	Rasmussen	4	Vatcher	Stump	11
	DiFonzo	4	Weeks	Dutra	11
	Sepehr	4	Westfall	Radrakrishnan	10
	Vatcher	4		Floris	10
	Fine	4		Lopata	10

USGA Rule 16.1/1 Are you allowed to take free relief from the rough and drop it in the fairway?
Yes, you are allowed to take free relief from the rough and drop it into the fairway if the conditions that require relief interfere with your swing and the relief area extends into the fairway. The rough and fairway are part of the same "General Area," and it is permissible to drop your ball in the fairway if you are taking free relief from an abnormal course condition (like a sprinkler head or ground under repair).

WVMGC – LOCAL RULES Update 8/1/25
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.
Note: Free drops are allowed until further notice (with a playing partner's approval) in all hardpan or other unmarked areas that appear to be ground under repair in the fairway.

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. One club free relief from either side.

4. All interior protective fences are immovable obstructions; swing and stance relief and line of site relief. One club free 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 upon arrival at the ball.
6. Sand traps – If a trap is not raked by a previous player and footprints and ball marks remain, the player may take "Abnormal Ground Condition" and place the ball to the nearest raked area of the trap.

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 either side and line of sight. 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.

9. Relief of Green side Sprinklers - Rule 16.1: If a ball lies through the green with a sprinkler on or within the line of play, and within two club lengths of the putting green, the player may take of a free drop within one club length no closer to the hole.

10. - Wood Chip Areas". The Wood Chip Areas are Lateral Penalty Areas," The player may play the ball as it lies or take penalty relief outside the Penalty Area within two club lengths and one stroke penalty Lost ball in wood chip penalty area: drop ball within two club lengths at point of entry, one stroke penalty.

11. #18 OB 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.

2026 Wednesday Tournament Schedule

DATE	FORMAT	TIME
January 7, 2026	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
February 4, 2026	Individual Medal Play	7:30
March 4, 2026	Partner's Scramble	7:30
April 1, 2026*	Partner's Best Ball	7:30
May 6, 2026	Partner's Combined Score	7:30
June 3, 2026	Partner's - Front BB/Back Aggregate	7:30
July 1, 2026	Partner's Scramble	7:30
August 5 & 12, 2026	36-Hole Partner’s & SCGA Qualifier	7:30
September 2, 2026	Partner’s Combined Score	7:30
October 7, 2026*	Individual Medal Play “Mixer”	7:30
November 4, 2026	ABCD & BBQ Lunch (Shotgun Start)	7:30
November 18, 2026	Tournament of Champions - Individual Medal Play	7:30
December 2, 2026	Partner's Scramble	7:30

Date may change depending on aeration of greens

2026 Saturday Tournament Schedule

DATE	FORMAT	TIME
January 3, 2026	Partner's Scramble (Postponed)	7:30
February 15, 2026	(Sunday) President's Choice	7:30
March 14, 2026	Partner's (Nine Holes BB/Nine Holes Aggregate)	7:30
April 11, 2026	Away Tournament – Olivas Links	9:30
April 25, 2026	Partner's Scramble (Re-Schedule from 1/3)	7:30
May 15-16, 2026	Fri. Derby (5:00), Sat. Member-Guest and BBQ (Shotgun)	7:00
June 13 & 20, 2026	Partner's Championship and SCGA Qualifier	7:30
July 11, 2026	18-Hole Medal Play "Mixer" (canceled)	7:30
August 15 & 22, 2026	36-Hole Partner's and SCGA Qualifier	7:30
Sept. 12 & 13, 2026	Club Championship (Individual Gross and Net)	7:30
October 17+, 2026	President's Cup	7:30
November 14, 2026	Turkey Shoot (Shotgun)	7:00
December 12, 2026	ABCD and BBQ Lunch (Shotgun)	7:30
December 26, 2026	Tournament of Champions	7:30