

## LONGSHORE LADIES' 9-HOLERS



### *Longshore Ladies Nine-Hole Golf Association*

*Women of all ages...women of all playing abilities...  
enjoying the game of golf*

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## LONGSHORE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND STAFF

Telephone access to the **Longshore Starter's** office has been semi-automated. Dialing 1<sup>st</sup> Tee 341-1833 (341-1Tee)

leads to two instructed options:

press 2 to make or cancel a future reservation

press 0 to speak to a person in the Starter's office.

Note that the first option does not pertain to this Association's reservation and cancellation procedure for Thursday morning play. If it is necessary for a member to cancel Thursday morning play, dial 341-1Tee (341-1833) and press 0 to speak to a person on the Starter's staff.

Paul Taylor is the Golf Course Supervisor and as such is responsible for the Starter's office.

The **Longshore Pro Shop** telephone number is 222-7535. For shop or golf range hours please call the Pro Shop. Hours vary depending upon the time of year.

The Senior **Golf Professional** is John Cooper. Both individual lessons and group clinics are available, for which consult the Pro Shop.

Stuart S. McCarthy is Director of the **Parks & Recreation Department**. The telephone number is 341-5090.

## LADIES LONGSHORE 9-HOLES HISTORY NOTES

How would you like to start to play at 7:30 a.m? That was the starting time for the first Sportyniners in the 1970s. A group from the Westport Woman's Club, spearheaded by Lola Gerhardt, decided that they wanted to play nine holes of golf on a regular basis. They approached Emily and George Buck who listened and gave their support. After many meetings with numerous people, a nine-hole group was born. It was not without birth pains.

It began with thirty-six women playing the back nine holes on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in foursomes. A group of older male players in the community banded together and convinced Baldy Lee, then Recreation Director, that the women should not be on the same course as the men. The nine-hole women's group schedule was altered, and they were allowed to follow the eighteen-hole women's group. This was not satisfactory to either group. Finally, Emily Buck and Lola Gerhardt were able to convince Lee to agree to assign the nine-hole lady golfers play time from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays.

The nine-hole lady golfers became officially recognized as a group in 1980 at which time Emily Buck took charge of communications between the Town's Recreation Department and other officials, and Lola Gerhardt organized the players and coordinated the scheduling. In the early 1980s, New Neighbors wanted to form a nine-hole league. Because no time would be allotted to another women's group, women from New Neighbors and the Westport Woman's Club joined forces.

In 1984, co-chairmen Marie Taylor and Ann Donovan drafted a set of rules and regulations, a statement of golf etiquette, the 10 Golden Rules, and other instructions and made all items available to members. The Bylaws initially included a requirement that at least one member of New Neighbors and the Westport Woman's Club be included among the elected officers. This requirement was subsequently deleted from the Bylaws.

In June 1987, the official name of the league became the *Longshore Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association*. Tee times were changed from 8:00 to 8:33 a.m. to allow men to start before the group began to tee off, and foursomes were changed to threesomes.

The club continues to evolve and grow and in 2003 it was necessary to revert to playing foursomes to accommodate the growing numbers in membership.

In honor of two important champions of the Association's cause, the Emily Buck Tournament and the George Buck Championship golf days are scheduled each year. In 1997, a John Cooper Tournament was added to the calendar.

## LONGSHORE LADIES 9-HOLE ASSOCIATION RULES

Members of the Longshore Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association play on Thursday mornings. First tee time is 8:33 a.m.; the last time scheduled is 10:25 a.m. It should be noted that if we do not use all of our tee times, the Longshore starters will make these times available to the public. Since our players go out in a "block" of tee times, the tee time taker must use her discretion to ensure that members use consecutive tee times. The result is that on a given day our starting time may be later than 8:33 or our last time may be earlier than 10:25.

One may join either the 9-hole group or the 18-hole group, if one qualifies; however one cannot belong to both associations. This is a rule of both associations and the Westport Parks and Recreation Department. It is deemed unfair for a resident to have more than one preferred tee time on this public course.

**Dues** for the Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association are \$45.00 per annum and must be paid before one can reserve a tee-time to play on Thursdays at the scheduled times. For golfers interested in joining the Association, three scores played at Longshore must be submitted with the membership application. At the discretion of the Treasurer/Membership Chair, applications and checks may be held pending receipt of the three scorecards. For other questions concerning handicaps, contact the Handicap Chairman.

How to get a **tee time**? Telephone the person indicated below on the Monday before play for Thursday of that week. Calls will be accepted on Mondays from 7:30 – 9:00 either in the morning or the evening, depending on the preference of the tee time taker. Make every effort to call at that time. If, in an *unusual* circumstance, a member is unable to telephone on Monday during the designated hours, one may try to reach the tee-time-taker the following day; please do not abuse this additional courtesy. Walk-ons will be accepted on Thursday morning, as space permits.

April 14 – May 12	7:30 – 9:00 PM	Joyce Steinhoff	454-7409
May 19 – June 16	7:30 – 9:00 PM	Josephine Laska	227-7631
June 23 – June 30	To Be Announced	Suzy Dean	557-8601
July 7	7:30 – 9:00 PM	Josephine Laska	227-7631

July 14 – August 11 To Be Announced Pat Coulson  
7899

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August 18 – October 20 To Be Announced Debbie Greenberg 226-2296

A member may **sign up** for herself and *one* other person. The tee sheets will be delivered to the starter at Longshore on Tuesday afternoon so that any unused timeslots can be made available to the public. One copy is given to the Longshore starter and a second copy is left in the Ladies Locker Room. If a player needs to cancel a tee time after Tuesday morning, she must go down to Longshore and delete her name from the sheet in the Ladies Locker Room and also inform the Longshore starter who maintains a copy of our sheet. If a member must cancel on Thursday morning, call *before 8:00 a.m.* the Longshore Starter, who will have a copy of the starter's scheduling sheet. Note that a semi-automated telephone system has been installed in the Longshore Starter's office. Dial 341-1Tee (341-1833), *then press 0* to speak to the Longshore Starter. He can make a note of the cancellation and notify the starters-of-the-day to cancel the name. Anyone failing to have her name deleted as outlined above will be listed as a "no-show" and may be denied a tee-time time subsequently.

**Arrival time** prior to one's tee off should be twenty minutes before play. It is obligatory to check in with the starters-of-the-day who will be stationed near the first tee. They check in each player and will advise you of the group that will make up the foursome in which you are playing and if your group will be teeing off at the scheduled time - or perhaps earlier. Note that a group may be expected to tee off earlier than the originally assigned time because of openings which have occurred due to last minute cancellations. Starters-of-the-day will also advise of any special event of the day or other instructions.

After **checking in** with the starters-of-the-day, proceed to the Longshore Starter's window to pay and be checked off. Note that a handpass issued by the Westport Parks and Recreation Department is required for eligibility to play.

Being a **starter-of-the-day** at least once during the golf season is a requirement of each member. Each Thursday the starters shall pick up the completed tee sheet from the Ladies Locker Room and check for changes with the Longshore starter. The starters-of-the-day shall sit at the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee

bench to mark off members as they arrive to play, advise players of any special instructions, monitor and adjust tee-off times to assure continuous play, and mark no-shows as necessary. The starters-of-the-day are part of the last group to tee-off, prior to which one of the starters shall deposit the checked-off sheet in the ladies locker room.

With the obligation of serving as a starter-of-the-day comes a “perk.” Each week, the starters of that day may note down in the designated space on the sheet their preferred tee times for the following week.

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## LONGSHORE LADIES 9-HOLE 2005 "ON THE GOLF COURSE"

In cooperation with the Longshore officials, we are committed to playing as efficiently as possible. In order to save time we ask all members to adhere to the following pointers:

- Warming up on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tee is not permitted, although *one* practice swing is allowed.
- It is the responsibility of all players to watch each other's balls. The Longshore starter has emphasized that all golfers can save time by spotting one another's ball so that precious time is not spent looking for lost balls!
- Keep an extra ball, tees, and ball marker in one's pocket.
- In between shots, bring handcart up to the ball (parallel to it) so as not to spend unnecessary time going back for the cart.
- In a motorized cart, the golf pro recommends that the driver drop off the rider and proceed to her ball while the rider hits, rejoining the driver later after hitting.
- Think of one's next shot. Practice it while waiting, if it will not disturb other members of the flight.
- **Keep pace** with the group ahead. Remember, your place on the golf course is directly behind the group in front of you – not directly in front of the group behind you!
- Play "ready golf," that is, if the person farthest from the green is not ready to hit and another player is ready and can safely hit, she should do so to speed play.
- Always move *quickly* and directly to one's ball.
- From a motorized cart, bring all the clubs that might be needed.
- Further, the Association rules require that a player pick up after *six* strokes on a par-3 hole and after *ten* strokes on other holes. Should you need to pick up after six on the par 3's you will need to record the score you would most likely have made had you completed the hole, not exceeding the maximum allowable score under Equitable Stroke Control.
- Never bring a motorized or handcart to within thirty feet of a green. A good rule of thumb is that no cart should be within an area of the bunker closest to the green.
- Always **rake bunkers** carefully to remove all footprints, being mindful also not to leave the rake in front of the pin.

- **On the green**, never cast a shadow on a putter's line of sight to the hole or over the hole.
- Be ready behind one's ball, sighting the green (without addressing the ball or distracting a fellow putter) to take one's turn to putt.
- Avoid another player's "line" to the hole.
- Remain still when another golfer is putting.
- Quickly move from a green to the next tee.
- Clubs should be transferred to one's bag and the score marking done at the next tee.

**Play the ball as it lies.** If a lie is unplayable, a ball may be dropped from the place where the last shot was played, incurring a penalty. If the ball was hit from the tee, the ball may be teed up, or alternatively, it may be dropped within two club-lengths but no nearer to the hole or from any distance behind the unplayable spot, keeping it between the player and the hole. If the ball that is unplayable is in the bunker, it *must* be played from the bunker.

**Hazards.** Anything that is growing or fixed may not be moved, bent or broken. Natural objects which are not fixed or growing may be moved. If the hazard is immovable, the ball may be dropped within one club-length from the nearest point of relief but no nearer to the hole. On the putting green, a ball should be *placed*, not *dropped* from the nearest point of relief but no nearer to the hole. In casual water, ground-under repair, or holes made by burrowing animals, a ball may be dropped from the nearest point of relief but no nearer to the hole.

In a bunker or water hazard, the ground may not be touched with either a hand or club before striking the ball. If a ball is hit into a water hazard and cannot be played, a ball should be dropped behind the hazard or from the place the unplayable ball was last hit. If the ball has been hit from the tee, the "new" ball may be hit again from the tee, incurring a stroke penalty (thereby shooting a 3rd stroke). If a ball is hit into a lateral hazard, a ball may be dropped within two club-lengths from the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin or from a point equidistant from the hole on the opposite margin, incurring a stroke penalty.

If a ball is hit **out-of-bounds** (from fairway or rough), another ball must be hit from the tee, incurring a stroke penalty. If one is unsure if the ball is out-of-bounds, a provisional ball may be hit; however, if the *first* ball is

found to be within bounds, it *must* be played. If the second ball is played, a stroke penalty is incurred.

A “**whiff**”, that is a club swung with the intent to hit the ball and missed counts as a stroke. In fact, *any* forward motion of the ball counts as a stroke, even if it moves only an inch!

For further rules or interpretations, consult the latest USGA’s booklet, *Rules of Golf*.

# **LONGSHORE LADIES 9-HOLE ASSOCIATION BYLAWS**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **Name**

The name of the association shall be the Longshore Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **Object**

The object of this association shall be to encourage proper play of golf and to enhance the joy of playing golf for Westport women.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Membership**

**Section 1.** Membership shall be limited to women who:

- A. hold current Longshore Golf Course photo handpasses, including non-resident handpasses.
- B. have paid their annual dues to the Longshore Ladies 9-Hole Golf Association.
- C. have submitted three attested nine-hole scorecards from Longshore Golf Course. One attested eighteen-hole scorecard will count as two nine-hole scorecards for the purpose of meeting this requirement for membership. A new member who already has a GHIN handicap does not need to submit three scorecards.

**Section 2.** Application for membership can be made by filling out an application and submitting it to the Treasurer/Membership Chair along with the annual dues. Applications from new members must include three attested nine-hole scores. (At the discretion of the Treasurer/Membership Chair applications and checks may be held pending receipt of the three scorecards.) Members with nine-hole handicaps will carry over to the new season and do not need to submit three nine-hole scores.

**Section 3.** Members are responsible for reading and abiding by the USGA's *Rules of Golf*.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Nominations and Elections**

**Section 1.** The elective officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chairman, Starter Chairman, Events Chairman, Handicap Chairman, Handbook Chairman, Director-at-Large Publicity and Newsletter, and Director-at-Large (Historian).

**Section 2.** The Nominating Committee shall consist of the elected officers. In July, the Secretary shall post a notice indicating the board positions which are available for the following season. Any member who is interested in serving on the board shall place her name next to the position she would like to hold. The Board of Directors will consider these expressions of interest when they determine a proposed slate of officers.

**Section 3.** The names of the persons nominated and the office to which each has been nominated by the Nominating Committee shall be listed with the Secretary of the Association at least fourteen (14) days before election and shall be posted on the bulletin board.

**Section 4.** The proposed slate of officers will be presented by the Secretary at the fall luncheon meeting for the approval of the members in attendance.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Board of Directors**

**Section 1.** The term of office shall begin with the installation of officers at the annual fall luncheon and extend until the installation of the new slate of officers the following fall. The term of office shall be limited to two (2) years in the same Board position.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors shall fill any vacancies occurring among the officers.

**Section 3.** The Board of Directors shall be allowed to choose an allotted tee time at the beginning of the season. It is each officer's responsibility to notify the tee time take via telephone or email prior to Monday morning if she knows she will not be using her tee time for that week. In addition,

Board members may contact the tee time taker prior to Monday morning to request that *one* other member be listed in her time slot. This provision affords Board members the same privilege as other members who are able to request tee times for themselves and one other member each week.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Duties of Officers**

**Section 1.** President. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors. She shall call a spring (coffee) meeting and a fall (luncheon) general meeting. She will be an advisor, assisting the Vice President with the fall luncheon. This position can be co-chaired.

**Section 2.** Vice President. The Vice President shall discharge all duties of the President in her absence. She shall be the fall luncheon chairman.

**Section 3.** Starter Chairman. The Starter Chairman is in charge of assigning two members to serve as Starters on a weekly basis. She must provide written notification and instructions to each Starter and call them the week before their assigned date to confirm the schedule and provide them with any information the Board wants the Starters to pass along to the players before they go out that week (e.g. special events, sign-ups, etc.). In addition, the Starter Chair shall obtain three members to take the weekly tee times and give them written instructions and tee time sheets.

**Section 4.** Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Association and the Board of Directors. She shall have general charge of correspondence, send out notices at the direction of the President, and be responsible for the Association's By-laws. In addition, the Secretary shall post notice of Board vacancies and present the proposed slate of officers to the membership at the annual fall luncheon.

**Section 5.** Treasurer/Membership Chairman. The Treasurer / Membership Chairman shall collect all membership dues, along with three (3) Longshore 9-hole golf scores from new members (passing these on to the Handicap Chairman), and maintain a list of paid members (passing the membership applications to the Handbook Chairman). She shall receive and disburse all monies, keep the Association accounts and report such at meetings. She shall pay all bills authorized by the Board of Directors.

**Section 6.** Events Chairman. The Events Chairman shall be in charge of and supervise special weekly events and the annual Emily Buck and George Buck Tournaments, working closely with the Handicap Chairman. She shall be in charge of the prizes. This position can be co-chaired.

**Section 7.** Handicap Chairman. The Handicap Chairman shall have charge of all handicaps, perform all duties connected with handicaps, and follow the USGA handicap system. She shall assist the Events Chairman with tournaments that use handicaps.

**Section 8.** Handbook Chairman. The Handbook Chairman shall be responsible for the membership Handbook. She shall print mailing labels of the membership as needed and be responsible for all e-mail addresses since she maintains the Association database.

**Section 9.** Member-at-Large, Publicity/Newsletter. The Member-at-Large, Publicity/Newsletter shall be in charge of all publicity for the Association (such as submitting announcements to the local newspapers). She shall send out the Newsletter monthly and maintain the Association's locker room bulletin board and outside bulletin board.

**Section 10.** Member-at-Large, Historian. The Member-at-Large, Historian shall be a member of long standing who is able to assist the Board of Directors with historical perspective and advice. She will also be Chairman of the 9 hole fundraisers.

**Section 11.** Each chairman may appoint her own committee.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Miscellaneous**

**Section 1.** All members shall submit to the Handicap Chairman via the box in the ladies' locker room a signed, dated and attested score card for *tournament* play. Otherwise members are responsible for entering their own scores in the handicap computer following play with the necessary adjustments under Equitable Stroke Control and do not need to submit a score card to the Handicap Chairman.

**Section 2.** Prizes. To be eligible to be awarded Club Champion (determined at the George Buck Tournament) a member must have entered four nine-hole Longshore scores for rounds played on Thursdays with our Association prior to the date of the George Buck tournament. This requirement does not apply to eligibility for awards within the ABC flight designations.

**Section 3.** When a member calls in for a tee time on Mondays, she may sign up herself and *one* other member.

**Section 4.** If a member finds that she must cancel on the Thursday morning prior to play, she should call the first Tee (341-1Tee) + option 0 (to speak to the Longshore Starter) to leave a message of cancellation. Members who do not call and do not show up for their tee time may be denied a tee time for the following week.

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