

Introduction

On behalf of the dedicated team at the Oregon Golf Association, we thank you for volunteering your time and effort by serving as key liaison to your club and its members. Our OGA community of 47,000+ could not operate without an extensive group of dedicated individuals, such as yourself, who are the lifeblood of our association.

As Director, you play a key role in facilitating communication between the OGA and your club members about all the various services and benefits of membership the OGA provides. Your club relies on you to keep them informed of upcoming events, offers and educational opportunities they may want to attend. In addition, by representing your club and its interests, you have a direct pipeline to the OGA staff to voice concerns and provide input about what goes on in your community.

I hope you will find this handbook to be a useful tool for you to refer to from time to time and that you will feel even more comfortable with your role as you get to know your Association better. We encourage you to ask questions, provide feedback and help further the mission of the Oregon Golf Association where possible. In turn, we want to assist you and your club in growing and maintaining membership and being responsive to your members' needs.

Again, thank you! I look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Best Regards,

Rick R. Rangel
Chief Executive Officer
Oregon Golf Association

Duties of a Director

You are a VIP to the OGA! You represent both your club and the Oregon Golf Association. Please familiarize yourself with all OGA & PPGA programs, since all OGA members are also members of the PPGA. We encourage you to promote and attend OGA activities and review OGA & PPGA publications and our website at www.oga.org.

- **Communicate** the vision, purpose, services and programs to your club's leadership and members.
- **Promote** activities at your club. Don't forget to implement FREE services and take full advantage of the Explore Oregon Golf Marketing Initiatives available to all clubs & facilities.
- **Publicize, promote, and attend** the following activities in your area: Championships, junior golf events, rules seminars, handicap seminars, course rating activities, and OGA Tour events.
- **Post** and **distribute** tournament information forms, competitions calendars, Rules Education flyers, OGA news and other information as made available.
- **Encourage** your membership to participate in Championships, OGA Tour events or to volunteer at OGA events, Championships & Junior Golf competitions.
- **Represent** your club by ensuring that a team is entered in the Men's Team Championships & Women's Interclub Play.
- **Assist** with golf course participation in programs and events at your club or in your region. Examples include volunteering for events, encouraging participation.
- **Educate** your membership about the programs that the OGA & PPGA supports, such as Evans Scholars, Turf grass research, OGA Junior Golf, The First Tee, and more! (Find more online at www.oga.org)
- **Ensure** your club's compliance with the World Handicap System™ Certification and Licensing Program.
- **Support** your Handicap Chair, Committee, and the PPGA!
- **Attend** educational opportunities including the Annual meetings and inform your membership of all important issues from these meetings such as by-law revisions, election of officers and member fees.
- **Advocate** for your club and be the conduit between your club and the OGA. Let your club's voice be heard!

About the Oregon Golf Association

The Oregon Golf Association was founded in 1924 as an organization of private member clubs to take over the management of the Oregon Amateur Golf Championship.

Today, the OGA has evolved into a non-profit entity of approximately 300 public and private clubs and over 47,000 members throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. The Oregon Golf Association is an Allied Golf Association of the United States Golf Association with the exclusive jurisdiction and responsibility of administering the World Handicap System™ and is solely responsible for rating and measuring courses in accordance with the Course Rating System™.

As guardian of the game of golf for this region, our Mission is promoting golf to benefit the communities and people of Oregon and Southwest Washington. While the activities and services of the Oregon Golf Association are often overlooked or misunderstood by many members, the OGA does play a crucial role in support and development of the game in our region.

Founded:	1924
Type:	Non-profit 501(c)(6) State Amateur Golf Association
Members:	Approximately 47,000 (men and women)
Clubs:	Approximately 230 regular (real-estate) clubs & 60 associate clubs
Governance:	Volunteer board of directors comprised of men and women, elected by their golf clubs throughout Oregon and SW Washington. Each golf course is entitled to appoint two OGA Directors from the rosters of their OGA Member Clubs. All Associate Clubs can appoint one Director per club.
Dues:	Currently \$35 annually per individual paid through their club.

The staff of the OGA, along with its many volunteers and member clubs, shares in the following vision:

OGA Vision “Enriching lifestyles through golf”

OGA Subsidiaries: In structuring the operation of the golf course, the OGA reviewed the tax implications of a non-profit organization running a golf course, which under tax regulations is a taxable business activity. With advice and rulings from the IRS, the OGA created the following operating structure:

1. The Oregon Golf Association is the owner of the golf course land.
2. A subsidiary corporation, OGA Properties, Inc. (OGAP) was created to provide golf course construction services and course maintenance. OGAP is a for-profit operation governed by a separate board of directors.
3. A subsidiary of OGAP, OGA Golf Course, Inc. (OGAGC) was established to operate and manage the golf course and pays rent to the OGA for use of the land. OGAGC is also a for-profit entity. Rent income paid to the OGA is non-taxable income to the OGA and is a deductible expense for OGAGC.

OGA Golf Course, Inc.: The concept of the Oregon Golf Association building its own golf course was adopted by the OGA Executive Committee in the 1970's and ratified by the OGA Directors. The reasons for building an association owned golf course were several folds. There was a need to reduce – not eliminate -- the number of requests for member clubs to host OGA championships by two or three per year. Also, the course could serve as a focal point for junior golf development and growing the game. Additionally, the golf course could provide a financial foundation to help keep dues at an affordable level for members.

With this in mind, the Executive Committee of the OGA established a fund to build a golf course. This action, too, was ratified by the OGA Directors. All OGA members initially contributed one dollar from their annual member dues, eventually increasing to two dollars in 1980.

In early 1992, the OGA was approached with an astonishing offer from Tukwila Partners Development Corporation to donate over 179 acres of farmland in Woodburn, Oregon alongside their residential real estate development, for the purpose of constructing and operating a golf course on the land. As a result of cautious investing of funds along with the partnership between with Tukwila Partners, the OGA, along with the support of its directors, was able to initiate development of a three-phase construction project that began in July of 1993. Phase I included the construction of the first nine holes, a driving range, course maintenance facility, and a temporary clubhouse. The first 9-holes opened in August of 1994. Phase II saw the completion of the second nine holes in April 1996. The final phase saw completion of a 14,000 square foot clubhouse and permanent OGA headquarters in February 2000.

As one of only six golf associations in the United States that own and/or operate their own golf course (of which only Oregon and Northern California have built their own), the OGA Golf Course gives back to the game in numerous ways and will continue to do so for many years.

Over the past several years, the OGA Golf Course has hosted more than 50 OGA Championships, plus USGA qualifiers, PGA Chapter and Section pro-ams, OSAA District and State competitions and other charitable events while offering as many starting times to the public as possible.

OGA Executive Committee

Executive Committee members are unpaid volunteers representing clubs throughout the Oregon and SW Washington who govern the Association. Current OGA Executive Committee members are:

President	Jeff Allen	Eastmoreland GC - Portland
Vice President	Vincent Johnson	Leisure Hour Golf Club - Portland
Treasurer	Eric Schoenstein	Portland GC – Portland
Immediate Past President	Helen “Rusty” Beckel	Eastmoreland GC - Portland
Junior Golf Chair	Lara Tennant	Waverley CC – Portland
Director	Scott Baines	Pumpkin Ridge GC – North Plains
Director	Barbara Gee	Orchard Hills CC – Washougal, WA
Director	Travis Schoen	NW Golf Guys – Portland
Director	David Fiskum	Illahe Hills CC – Salem
Director at Large	Don Clark	Running Y Ranch Resort-Klamath Falls
Director at Large	Cameron Azari	Tualatin CC - Tualatin
Director at Large	Patrick Siver	The Campbell Course – Portland
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OGA Membership

The OGA is incorporated as an Association of Member Clubs. It is not an association of individuals or golf courses.

However, our stakeholders/customers include everyone and every organization that benefits from the services we offer including golf courses, golf professionals, superintendents, and the media.

A club is defined by the USGA as an organization of at least ten individual members that operates under bylaws with committees (especially a handicap committee) to supervise golf activities, provide peer review and maintain the integrity of the World Handicap System™.

OGA Member Clubs must be licensed to utilize the USGA Handicap System by the Oregon Golf Association, which has been granted jurisdiction in Oregon & SW Washington. An OGA Member Club can be one of three (3) types:

- **Type 1** – The members are located at a single specific golf course with a valid USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating where most of the club's events are played and where scoring records reside.
- **Type 2** – The members are affiliated, or known to one another via a business, fraternal, ethnic, or social organization prior to organizing or joining the club. The OGA presently has more than 65 Type-2 clubs that have been established at companies such as Nike, Hewlett-Packard, and Boeing, as well as churches, social and ethnic groups and even first responders such as the Portland Area Firefighters Association.
- **Type 3** – The members have no prior affiliation. The OGA presently has eleven Type-3 (Internet) Clubs -- NW Golf Guys and (10) Regional Clubs.

Individual memberships are not offered. An individual "joins" the OGA when he/she joins an OGA Member Club.

Golf Courses are also not members. Unlike many associations, the Oregon Golf Association does not charge a membership fee to golf courses. Golf Courses that are home to OGA Member Clubs, however, do receive several free services and benefits.

The OGA provides many services that enhance the enjoyment and protect the time-honored traditions of the game of golf for its members, as well as for all golfers throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington.

The organization prides itself on operating the association in a professional, business-like manner, providing services at the lowest possible costs, while maintaining a high level of customer service.

OGA Support & Services

By partnering with the Oregon Golf Association as an individual member, a member club or a golf course, you can feel proud knowing that you have joined an alliance committed to promoting the game and fair play, safeguarding its integrity, preserving the game's traditions, and enhancing the playing environment for all golfers.

The OGA supports the golf industry in many ways:

Ensuring the Future of the Game: In addition to providing FREE HANDICAP SERVICES TO ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS 18 & YOUNGER, our initiatives include Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc., that conducts a comprehensive schedule of more than 40 Junior Golf competitions throughout the state each summer and selects (and provides financial assistance to) the state's top juniors each year to compete in national and international team competitions. It also includes the Erling Jacobsen Play Days, Youth on Course Program, support for USGA/LPGA Girls Golf, U.S. Kids Golf, support for OSAA High School Golf Championships as well as the First Tee program that teaches both life skills and golf. You too can help ensure the future of the game by becoming an OGA Volunteer!

Turfgrass Research: Your Association funds research leading to improved disease-resistant turfgrass. Turfgrass is one of the leading exports in Oregon, with Oregon turfgrass growers providing seed to the vast majority of golf courses throughout the U.S.

Advisory Services: We conduct workshops to help your golf course staff and club officers administer the World Handicap System™ with GHIN Products and Services, create successful events by providing Golf Genius software and educate golfers in the Rules of Golf. We also provide Course Rating & Measuring services and Course Marking services.

Grants & Fellowships: The OGA, along with assistance from the USGA, PNGA and WGA, provides opportunities for personal development through golf and its values. In addition to offering internships to those interested in a career in the golf industry, the OGA supports the Evans Caddie Scholars Foundation, providing full tuition and housing support for a select number of young people each year.

Championships: Your Association runs all state amateur championships and USGA qualifiers, supporting competition at the highest level.

Golf Alliance of Oregon: The OGA is a leading participant in the Golf Alliance of Oregon, a consortium of organizations devoted to the game including the Oregon Golf Course Owners and Operators Association, the Oregon PGA, the Oregon Club Managers Association, and the Oregon Golf Course Superintendent's Association. We also serve as liaison with national & regional associations including the United States Golf Association, Western Golf Association, Professional Golfers' Association of America, and the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.

Together, our goal is to improve economic & political conditions for the golf industry in Oregon & SW Washington by serving as an advocate for the industry before the state legislature and other governmental bodies, as well as be the conduit through which we can communicate the economic benefits and environmental stewardship provided by the game of golf.

Individual Benefits of OGA Membership

Individual benefits are provided to golfers who belong to any OGA Member Club and who have been issued a Handicap Index™. The World Handicap System™ requires golfers be members of licensed clubs.

- **Golf Savings:** Eligible for special pricing from Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, and members-only pricing at a trio of championship-level courses: Chambers Bay, OGA GC and The Home Course. Special members-only email offers are sent throughout the year with deals to fantastic area golf courses. Members can also receive more than \$2,400 in golf savings through the Passport program.
- **Employee Store Access:** OGA Members gain periodic access to shop the adidas Employee Store, Columbia Employee Store and Nike Company Store
- **Handicap Index™:** For golfers looking to establish their Handicap Index™, the OGA provides all members with easy-to-use score tracking resources (online and mobile app) with the GHIN computation service.
- **Games & Giveaways:** Enter to win several giveaways in the annual Member Madness and Member November promotional periods. The only eligibility requirement is that you are an OGA Member.
- **Bonus Magazine Subscriptions:** OGA members with up-to-date mailing information in their GHIN profile will receive subscription to *Pacific Northwest Golfer* and *Golf Digest* magazine.
- **Tournament Eligibility:** OGA members are eligible to participate in a variety of different playing opportunities, including OGA Championships, OGA Tour and Women's Interclub Play (WIP) events.
- **PNGA Membership:** OGA members, free of charge, automatically become a member of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association. With this membership privilege, OGA members will be able (where eligible) to participate in regional championships conducted by the PPGA.

Club Benefits of OGA Membership

Benefits of Establishing an OGA Member Club:

- USGA™ Club Licensing assistance and administration support for club to be able to issue Handicap Indexes to individual members
- Handicap Certification programs and seminars for club Handicap Chairs
- Ability to offer handicap computations through GHIN. Recognized worldwide and only available via Golf Associations, GHIN is the world's largest handicap computation service representing more than 70 golf associations and 4 million avid golfers
- GHIN software for Member Score Posting and Index Calculation
- GHIN Admin Portal for Handicap Chair's private Internet access to club/player maintenance
- Event management solution, called Golf Genius, for generating computerized pairings, scorecards, and scoring reports for club events
- GHIN product technical support
- Peer review through the Internet
- Rules of Golf support for club events
- USGA publications and communications including the WHS Rules of Handicapping & Rules of Golf.
- Amateur status monitoring
- Advertising of club events on ExploreOregonGolf.org & through Explore Oregon Golf Initiatives
- Access to USGA, NGF (National Golf Foundation) and OGA informational materials
- Eligibility for participation in State Club Team Championships
- Support of developmental junior golf programs and other "good of the game" initiatives
- OGA Annual Awards, including Club of the Year Recognition
- Toll-free resource line to Oregon Golf Association staff

Facility Benefits of OGA Membership

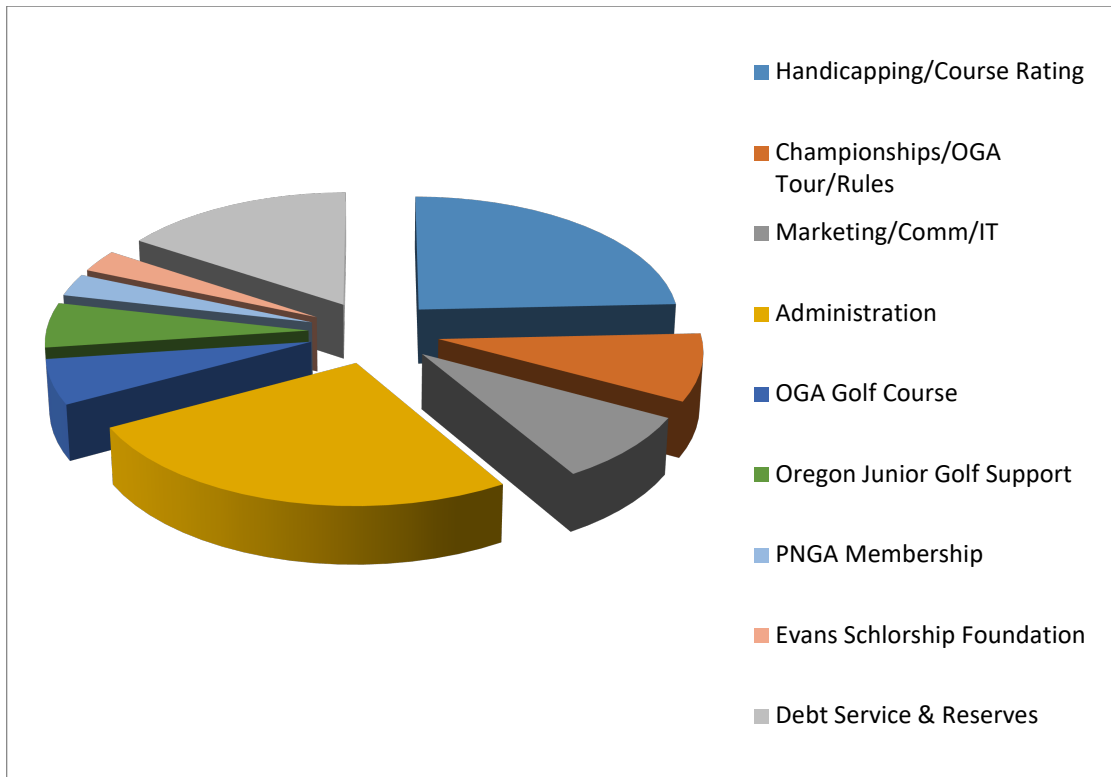
Golf Courses Receive Numerous Benefits at No Additional Cost!

Benefits for Golf Courses with OGA Member Clubs:

- Laser Course Measuring
- Course and Slope Rating services
- Course marking consultation
- GHIN products & services for handicap management and member score posting
- Members & Guests appreciate the convenience of being able to record scores on GHIN and being connected to nearly 100% of all other golf courses in the region
- Event management software, Golf Genius
- GHIN
- Additional Golf Course promotion for hosts of OGA administered Championships, Junior Golf events, and OGA Tour events
- Directory pages for the golf course, golf clubs and golf events in ExploreOregonGolf.org
- Course promotion & marketing consultation services and programs
- Link from Explore Oregon Golf to facility website (if applicable)
- Access to USGA Green Section Turfgrass Advisory Service
- Rules of Golf support for facility events
- Support of developmental junior golf programs and other "good of the game" initiatives
- Support for Turfgrass research
- OGA Annual Awards, including Facility of the Year Recognition
- Toll-free resource line to Oregon Golf Association staff

2022 "Where Do My Dues Go?"

Handicapping/Course Rating	\$ 8.50	24.3%
Championships/OGA Tour/Rules	\$ 3.00	8.6%
Marketing/Comm/IT	\$ 3.00	8.6%
Administration	\$ 9.00	25.7%
OGA Golf Course	\$ 2.00	5.7%
Oregon Junior Golf Support	\$ 2.00	5.7%
PNGA Membership	\$ 1.00	2.9%
Evans Scholarship Foundation	\$ 1.00	2.9%
Debt Services and Reserves	\$ 5.50	15.7%
	\$ 35.00	100%



Volunteering with the OGA

Here are the areas where we most need dedicated volunteer assistance from those who'd like to give back to the game.

Tournament Assist Group (TAG) Team: Without the assistance of the TAG Team, it would be impossible to provide an enjoyable experience to all competitors at OGA events, including OGA Junior tournaments. TAG Team members serve as Starters, Rules Officials, Forecaddies and Checkpoint Officials.



The Starter sees to it that groups tee-off on the proper starting hole at the proper time and is also responsible for distributing the official score cards, reviewing playing procedures, and answering any inquiries a contestant might have prior to play.

Rules Officials assist players in the proper execution of the competition and acts to prevent players from breaching any rules.

Scoring Officials are responsible for seeing to it that scorecards are properly turned in, maintained in their proper order, and assisting in posting scores on the scoreboard or internet.

Checkpoint Officials are essential to the smooth operation of a championship round ensuring that a reasonable pace-of-play is maintained by and for all groups.

Course Rating Volunteers: Each year, course rating teams assist the OGA in measuring, compiling, and analyzing the physical attributes of 30-40 Oregon and SW Washington golf courses including (but not limited to) roll, elevation changes, doglegs and forced lay-ups, prevailing winds, altitude, topography, fairway width, green target size, recoverability and rough, bunkers, out of bounds and extreme rough, water and other hazards, trees, green surface, and psychological reactions.

These evaluations provide each course with accurate measurements for each set of tees including yardages, and Course and Slope Rating. The Course Rating System is an enhancement of the World Handicap System™, ensuring that players of differing abilities can participate in enjoyable and competitive games. We look forward to bringing new contributors into the OGA family. Email Gretchen Yoder, Manager of Handicapping & Course Rating, at gretchen@oga.org for more information.



PNGA Membership Information

The Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) was founded on February 4, 1899. It is a 501c3 charitable, international, amateur golf association dedicated to preserving the true spirit of golf by supporting its member associations, conducting quality championships, and promoting activities beneficial to golfers in the Pacific Northwest region of North America.



The original purpose of the PNGA was to conduct a regional amateur championship. Since 1899, the Association has been a pioneer in developing competitions and services, and its mission has grown and evolved. Today, the PNGA remains committed to being a truly “regional” organization by providing additional benefits to the membership of each Member Association.

The Member Associations that comprise the PNGA are:

- British Columbia Golf
- Idaho Golf Association (IGA)
- Oregon Golf Association (OGA)
- Washington Golf (WA Golf)

The PNGA is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of three individuals from each Member Association, which includes the CEO or Executive Director of each respective association. Combined, these Member Associations serve and provide benefits to over 175,000 members.

The PNGA shares a staff with Washington Golf and together they employ a full-time staff of 15, headed by a CEO/Executive Director, with offices located in Tacoma, Washington. Under the direction of the Board of Directors and in conjunction with a number of standing committees, the staff administers the day-to-day affairs of the Association.

Championship Eligibility: Members of British Columbia Golf, IGA, OGA or WA Golf are eligible to compete in PNGA championships. Each year, the PNGA conducts 12 major, regional, amateur championships for men, women, juniors, and seniors throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Men’s Amateur (1899)

Junior Boys’ (1955)

Senior Men’s Amateur (1965)

Men’s Mid-Amateur (1985)

Women’s Mid-Amateur (2002)

Super Senior Men’s Amateur (2010)

Women’s Amateur (1899)

Junior Girls’ (1956)

Men’s Master-40 Amateur (1976)

Senior Women’s Amateur (1986)

PNGA Lamey Cup (2006) *(Invite Only)*

Super Senior Women’s Amateur (2011)

Pacific Northwest Golfer Magazine: Members of British Columbia Golf, IGA, OGA or WA Golf receive a copy of the Northwest’s largest and longest-running golf publication, *Pacific Northwest Golfer* magazine, which has been the voice of golf in the Northwest since 1994. The Golfer is all about golf and dedicated to golfers. Four issues are mailed directly to homes. (Digital only in British Columbia).

To receive this outstanding publication chronicling golf activities throughout the Pacific Northwest, all your club or individual member would have to do is maintain the mailing addresses directly in GHIN. This can be done by logging into GHIN.com or using the GHIN Mobile App to update the profile. The PNGA pledges to only use these addresses for the specific purpose of mailing our magazine and will not sell or distribute them for any other purpose. A written guarantee of this can be provided upon request.

Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame: The PNGA administers the Pacific Northwest Golf Hall of Fame, which recognizes the game’s brightest stars from the region who have excelled at the highest level of golf competition. The Association conducts induction ceremonies every other year to honor individuals who have been nominated

by the media and golfing public and then selected by the PNGA Hall of Fame Committee.

Pacific Northwest Player of the Year: Every year, the PNGA Championship Committee reviews the competitive records of players from throughout the region and recognizes the individuals who have compiled the most outstanding accomplishments and awards them the Pacific Northwest Player of the Year Award. One individual in each of the following categories is recognized: Men, Women, Men's Mid-Amateur, Women's Mid-Amateur, Senior Men, Senior Women, Junior Boys, and Junior Girls.

PNGA Distinguished Service Award: A Committee comprised of all living PNGA Past Presidents selects a recipient(s) of the PNGA Distinguished Service Award in recognition of meritorious service to amateur golf, not necessarily as a competitive player. Along with induction into the PNGA Hall of Fame, this prestigious award is considered the Association's highest honor.

Discounts & Benefits: Through unique partnerships and "co-branding opportunities," the PNGA will, from time to time, make available various golf related discounts and benefits. This may include such things as travel discounts or the opportunity to purchase a product or service at a special price. These discounts and benefits will be promoted in PNGA publications, on the PNGA's web site, and through various email announcements.

The Home Course: Members of British Columbia Golf, IGA, OGA or WA Golf are entitled to play The Home Course at a reduced green fee. The Home Course is located in DuPont, Wash. and is cooperatively owned and operated by WA Golf and the PNGA. To receive the discount, members just have to show their updated Association Membership Card when paying their greens fee.

PNGA Patrons of the Game Program: The PNGA is a 501(c)3 charitable amateur golf association dedicated to preserving the spirit of golf through support of our Member Associations, conducting first-rate amateur championships, and promoting the health and growth of the game in the region. Unreimbursed contributions to the Association are deductible for federal income tax purposes (U.S. residents only).

Contributions big and small from generous organizations and individuals help carry out the PNGA's mission. A tax-deductible contribution to the general fund will directly benefit and support PNGA programs and its member golf associations.

Contributions can be made by visiting www.thepnga.org and clicking on "Donation."

Evans Caddie Scholarship Program

Chick Evans Caddie Scholarship Program one of the beneficiaries of OGA fees

The Chick Evans Scholarship for caddies was started by legendary amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans Jr. He learned the game as a caddie, won the 1910 Western Open and gained worldwide fame in 1916, when he became the first to win the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open in the same year. Evans insisted on preserving his amateur status, and any money he received from golf was put toward caddie scholarships. The first two Evans Scholars enrolled at Northwestern University in 1930. Since then, more than 11,500 men and women have graduated from college as Evans Scholars, and 1,070 are currently in school. The Western Golf Association, founded in 1899, has supported the Evans Scholarship since its inception. The Chick Evans Scholarship for caddies is a grant that covers full tuition and housing in an Evans Scholarship House and may be renewed for up to four years.

Evans Scholars attend one of the 21 universities where the Evans Scholars Foundation owns and operates a Scholarship House. The first-ever Scholarship House in the Pacific Northwest was established at the University of Oregon in 2016. The Evans Scholars Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, is headquartered in Glenview, Illinois.

To be eligible to apply for a Chick Evans Scholarship for caddies, candidates must meet the following requirements:

1. Strong caddie record: Applicants must have caddied, regularly and successfully, for a minimum of two years and are expected to caddie at their sponsoring club the year they apply for the Scholarship.
2. Excellent academics: Applicants must have completed their junior year of high school with above a B average in college preparatory courses.
3. Demonstrated financial need: Applicants must clearly have a need for financial assistance.
4. Outstanding character: Applicants must be outstanding in character, integrity, and leadership.

The graduation rate for Evans Scholars is 95%, well above the national average of under 50% for all students entering four-year colleges and universities. The average GPA for current Evans Scholars is a 3.4. Currently, 37 caddies from Oregon and Southwest Washington are enrolled as Evans Scholars this Fall at the University of Oregon, University of Washington, and University of Notre Dame. All membership dollars collected in Oregon are given back to Oregon scholars! Thank you for allowing the OGA to donate to this generous program through your due's contribution.

Want to know more about Evans Scholarships? Visit www.evansscholarsfoundation.com

The Course Rating System

Purpose: The Course Rating System is an integral part of the World Handicap System™ and affects all OGA members in the calculation of their Handicap Indexes. Although it can seem a bit complicated, the net result of the Course Rating System is that it allows a player to move from golf course to golf course and get a fair indication of their level of play, regardless of where they play, which set of tees they play, or their ability level.

The OGA Rating Team: In the OGA region encompassing Oregon and Southwest Washington, our Course Rating team (currently numbering over twenty dedicated volunteers), led by Director of Handicapping & Course Rating Gretchen Yoder, carries out the on-course portion of the rating process. Back at the OGA office, Gretchen reviews the work of the teams, crunches a mountain of numbers, and issues ratings to our courses.

The OGA rates courses on a 7- 8-year rotation (even if they have not changed in any way) which is ahead of the USGA requirement of rating an established course every 10 years. Newly constructed courses change rapidly in the first few years and must be re-rated three times in the first ten years. A course must also be re-rated if significant changes have been made.

Course Rating System: The WHS Course Rating System takes into account all of the factors that affect the playing difficulty of a golf course. Accuracy and consistency are the keys to effective course rating. A course must first be accurately measured from permanent markers in the center of the teeing area. The measured yardage must then be corrected for the effective playing length. These effective playing length corrections are roll, elevation, dogleg/forced lay-up, prevailing wind, and altitude.

Ten obstacles that affect playing difficulty must then be evaluated in accordance with established standards. They are topography, fairway, green target, recoverability/rough, bunkers, crossing, lateral obstacles (penalty areas, OB, extreme rough) trees, green surface, and psychological. These standards reduce subjectivity in course rating.

Requiring a study of each hole, the rating process includes detailed data obtained at all landing zones for male and female golfers, using average shot lengths for both scratch and bogey golfers. Length corrections and obstacle values are considered at each landing zone.

Course Rating and Rules of Golf: Courses are rated in relation to the USGA and R&A Rules. Full course ratings will be conducted using the modernization of the Rules of Golf that went into effect in 2019. Please inform Gretchen and the Rating Team of any Local Rules which may be in effect.

GHIN Products & Services

USGA Admin Portal & Kiosk: We are now nearing the end of our third season using the reimagined GHIN platform, providing OGA Member Clubs an efficient Admin Portal in which to manage members' handicapping records, and a simple Kiosk for members to post scores via Pro Shop computers. Members opting to post scores from home log into an updated public posting site at ghin.com.

Golf Genius Tournament Management: This free base product is offered exclusively by the OGA to member clubs and provides all the tools needed by Competition Committees to set up and run events, leagues, and outings. Golf Genius Premium is an optional upgrade available for an additional annual fee. This version offers mobile app and live scoring, online event registration and payment processing and TV leaderboards.

eRevision: Even though Handicap Indexes are calculated nightly, OGA members with correct email addresses logged into GHIN can receive updates of their Handicap Index and scoring records on two revisions during the month – the 1st and 15th.

GHIN Mobile App: The GHIN mobile app is a quick, convenient way to post scores (hole-by-hole posting has proven very popular), view your Handicap Card, and “follow” your playing partners. You can also calculate Course Handicaps from any course / tee in the Course Rating Database and see what Playing Handicap will result by applying Allowances (percentage less than 100% for certain formats). GPS and Advanced Stats features have been welcome additions.

World Handicap System™ Education

Launched in January 2020, the World Handicap System (WHS), which encompasses both the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System, unified the six handicapping systems used around the world into a single system. This system enables golfers of different ability to play and compete on a fair and equitable basis, in any format, on any course, anywhere around the world. Luckily, all OGA members have Handicap Indexes! For both casual and more serious competition to be fair, Handicap Indexes must accurately reflect the player's demonstrated ability as denoted by complete scoring records. Players, club Handicap Committees and Authorized Associations like the OGA all play an important role in ensuring the Rules of Handicapping are being implemented and administered appropriately.

Licensing for OGA Member Clubs through Certification of Handicap Chairs: The mandatory position of Handicap Chair requires a substantial amount of time and a good knowledge of the World Handicap System (WHS). Part of this time commitment involves the Handicap Chair and Co-Chair completing the OGA's WHS educational program by attending seminars held around the region. The Handicap Chair must also pass a WHS quiz. As of June 2022, and ahead of USGA deadlines, the OGA was 100% licensed due to the hard work and diligence of our Member Club Handicap Committees! During 2022, all Handicap Chairs also completed a quick online Assessment, assuring the USGA that the Committee is still in place and that the Rules of Handicapping are being followed by the club.

Monthly Local Knowledge eNewsletter: During the first week of each month, Handicap Committee members receive our newsletter, full of current information regarding GHIN, the Rules of Handicapping and Course Rating Systems, and the Rules of Golf.

Education for OGA Members: The Handicapping page on the newly designed oga.org website contains great resources such as WHS Features & Articles, access to the Course Rating Database, and a monthly feature called Handicap Hub, penned by the Handicapping & Course Rating Department – Kelly Neely and Gretchen Yoder.

Education for OGA Member Clubs: In addition to the WHS Seminars for Handicap Committees offered annually, Kelly and Gretchen are also available for Q&A sessions at your club at your request.

Rules of Golf Education

OGA Rules Education Programs: The Oregon Golf Association Rules Education programs are nationally recognized both for the expertise of our instruction and the dedication to learning shown by OGA staff and volunteers who present to over 1000 golfers per year. We offer many different programs all aimed at providing a different level of instruction. These include many free services such as Rules of Golf Presentations at clubs and courses as well as outreach to high school and college golf teams. Our programming options are designed for all levels of Rules knowledge – from the beginning golfer with no prior knowledge of the Rules to providing further training the region’s most highly experienced officials.

A complete schedule of upcoming Rules of Golf events can be viewed at www.oga.org

If you have any questions regarding the Oregon Golf Association's Rules Education Programs, e-mail rules@oga.org or call the OGA at (503) 981-4653.

Golf Genius / Base & Premium

OGA Member Clubs have access to state-of-the-art event management software powered by Golf Genius. Two products are available:

Golf Genius TM Club – This is considered the Base version offered FREE exclusively by the USGA and State & Regional Golf Associations to their Member Clubs. It provides all the tools needed by Pro Shop staff and Tournament Committees to set up and run member events, leagues, and outings.

Golf Genius TM Premium – This product is available to Member Clubs as an optional upgrade for an additional annual fee. It adds mobile app and live scoring, online event registration and payments, customizable websites, and TV leaderboards to the Base version.

OGA Championships & USGA Qualifiers

The Oregon Golf Association was created in 1924 to administer the Oregon Amateur Championship. Today the OGA conducts 13 State Championships annually. There are Championships for every age, gender and skill level. The “majors” the OGA runs are the Oregon Amateur, Oregon Senior Amateur and the Oregon Mid-Amateur. While the “majors” have handicap eligibility requirements, there are other Championships such as the Net Championship that anyone, regardless of handicap, can compete in. Also, the Public Links, the Parent/Child, the Women’s Stroke Play and the Super Senior reward both the gross and net winners.

Among the other State Championships is the Tournament of Champions which was created in order to celebrate Club Champions from around the state and identify which Club’s Champion was the best in the State. Every Club Champion is eligible for a two-year exemption. Each year Club Champions receive an invitation to compete in this Championship. As the OGA Director, providing the OGA with your current and previous year’s champion is important so that an invitation can be sent.

The OGA Men’s Team Championship was originally conducted by Alderwood Country Club. When Alderwood closed during the 1950’s, the OGA took over conducting this 4-person team competition. The Team Championship’s unique format is similar to a collegiate event where the three low scores of the four are counted

in aggregate format over 36 holes. Any Club can send a team of their four best players. Some Clubs pick their four best, some create a points list, and some choose the top four players from their Club Championship. Any OGA Member Club can submit a team and if space is available Clubs can send up to three teams. If you have questions regarding any of the Oregon Golf Association Championships, please call 503-981-4653 or email competitions@oga.org.

OGA Tour

The OGA Tour consists of an Individual Series and a Partner Series. Everyone is eligible for events regardless of skill. They are open to Members and Non-Members of an association. Individual Series events are \$85 for Members and \$105 for Non-Members. Partner Series events are \$170 Members and \$210 Non-Members. We also offer an early-bird discount for early registration for additional savings.

Individual Series events are an 18-hole stroke play competition with payouts for top Gross and Net finishers within each flight. Partner Series events play a Four-ball competition with payouts for top Gross and Net finishers in each flight. Each series offers an Open and a Senior Division.

The Open Division is open to players of all ages. The Senior Division is open to players 50 years or older as of the day of the event. Each division is divided up into flights based on Handicap Indexes of the players to ensure players are competing against players of similar ability. An average prize payout of \$1,600 (based on a full field) in gift certificates is evenly distributed between flights. Each event offers flighted skill shot contests including closest to the hole, long drive, and long putt. An optional gross and/or net skins game is also available. All events conform to the Rules of Amateur Status.

Players are awarded points based on participation and finish within their flight. Points are used to determine who is invited to play in the season ending OGA Tour Championship. The OGA Tour Championship is hosted at a prestigious OGA member club each year.



Oregon Junior Golf

Oregon Junior Golf promotes personal development and competence through the core values (Fun and Friendship, Diversity and Inclusion, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Sportsmanship and Stewardship) to ensure young players achieve their personal goals and develop a lifelong love the game of golf. Since its inception, over 10,000 young golfers between the ages of 8 and 18 have participated in Oregon Junior Golf. The Oregon Golf Association established Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc. (OJGF) as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation for the purpose of introducing children to the sport as well as developing competitive junior golfers. OGA members contribute to Oregon Junior Golf every time they pay their annual dues!

The OJG oversees a nationally recognized junior golf program for approximately 2,500 youth in Oregon and SW Washington. Each year, it presents more than 70 days of competition and more than 3,000 rounds of competitive golf for Junior Golfers ranging in age from 8 through 18.

Oregon Junior Golf has also developed one of the premiere regional junior golf competitions in the country, the **Eddie Hogan Cup Team Matches**. Hogan Cup alumni include tour players such as Bobby Clampett, Fred Couples, Joe Rasset, Jack Renner, Lennie Clements, Scott Simpson, Rick Fehr, Robert Gamez, Bill Sanders, Kirk Triplett, Jim Nelford, John Fought, Peter Jacobsen, Jeff Quinney, Casey Martin, Michael Putnam, Ricky Barnes, Jason Gore, Bryson DeChambeau and Tiger Woods.

In addition to our competitive events, Oregon Junior Golf also oversees the Jacobsen Youth Initiative that focuses entirely on lowering costs for underserved junior golfers and provides multiple opportunities to reduce how beginners and non-golfers alike. The initiative includes two parts, the Youth on Course Program and the Erling Jacobsen Play Days, a series perfect for juniors ages 8 - 18 to get out on the course to play in a fun, stress-free environment without competition. The Youth on Course program, which provides \$5 rounds for juniors at

participating facilities is a subsidy-based program offering \$5 green fees to OJG members at participating courses. You can see the events and learn more about this exciting new growth of the game initiative at www.OregonYouthonCourse.org.

How Do Kids Become Members? Every year, parents of junior golfers (age 8-18) may register their child in Oregon Junior Golf through our online registration process.

Membership signup is available at www.oregonjuniorgolf.org. The membership fee is \$40 for the calendar year until your 19th birthday; includes eligibility to register for Major Championships, Winter Series at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, and Youth on Course. In addition, OJG members will receive discounts on Clicgear products and a subscription to Golf Digest Magazine.

All Junior Golf members receive a GHIN and member rates on select tournaments. Additionally, the Oregon Junior Golf lists events run by other organizations that are affiliated with the OGA. There are many events to attract juniors of all skills levels. Through our online registration system, OJG members can view real-time results for all events and keep up to date on our team points lists.

Visit www.oregonjuniorgolf.org to learn more.



OGA Directors by Club

Michael	White	A.A.G.A.
Jim	Harshfield	Agate Beach Golf Club
John	Lawrence	Alpine Meadows - WVGA
Jeff	Caples	Applegate River Golf Club
Pam	Soberanes	Applegate River Golf Club
Denny	Taylor	Arrowhead Golf Club
Linda	Ignowski	Arrowhead Golf Club
Steve	Eisenman	Aspen Lakes Golf Club
Cliff	Fick	Astoria Golf & Country Club
Roxanne	Fick	Astoria Golf & Country Club
Michael	Buck	Awbrey Glen Golf Club
Steve	Belt	Bayou Golf Club
William	Konoske	Beacon Rock Golf Club
Chip	Cleveland	Bend Golf Club
Roberta	Cleveland	Bend Golf Club
Bev	Miller	Big River Women's Club
Greg	Roland	Birch Creek Golf Club
Owen	Osborne	Black Butte Ranch
Judy	Osborne	Black Butte Ranch Women's Club
Ken	Parcher	Boeing Golf Club
Zach	Swoffer	Brasada Canyons
Jeff	Oveson	Buffalo Peak Golf Club
Robert	Hosack	Camas Meadows Golf Club
Jerry	Hauser	Cascadia Golf Club
Anton	Jacobson	Cedar Bend Golf Club
Audrey	Jacobson	Cedar Bend Golf Club
John	Kandaris	Centennial Golf Club
Laurel	Kiichli	Centennial Rose Club
Mike	Brown	Charbonneau Golf Club
Sue	Oberg	Charbonneau Women's Golf Assn.

Steven	Matthews	Chehalem Glenn Golf Club
Barb	Halferty	Chinook Winds Women's Club
Steve	Lisac	Clackamas Golf Club
Bronagh	Kirwan	Claremont Golf Club
Larry	Volchok	Claremont Men's Golf Club
Art	Ashton	Club Green Meadows
Debra	Ashton	Club Green Meadows Women
Cliff	Shahbaz	Columbia Edgewater CC
Dennis	Bruneau	Condon Golf Club
Andre	Liloc	Coos Golf Club
Terry	McEvelly	Creekside Golf Club
Eva	Corbin	Creekside Golf Club
Clarke	Hoag	Crestview Golf Club
Maryann	Cherrier	Crestview Women's Club
Herb	Parker	Crooked River Golf Club
Judy	Parker	Crooked River Women's Club
Lynn	Hurt	Cross Creek Golf Club
Laurilee	Hatcher	Cross Creek Women's Club
Dennis	Dodge	Customs Golf Club
Dennis	Fritz	Dallas Golf Club
Brad	Mondoy	Desert Peaks Golf Club
Michael	Porter	Diamond Woods Golf Club
Todd	Moore	Dutcher Creek Golf Club
Bob	Findley	Eagle Creek Golf Club
Russell	Obenhaus	Eagle Creek Golf Club
Marli	Perry	Eagle Crest Resort
Joe	Perry	Eagle Crest Resort
Todd	Biddle	Eagle Rock Golf Club
steven	williams	Eastmoreland Golf Club
Helen	Beckel	Eastmoreland Women's Golf Club
Carol	Neely-Stephens	Echo Hills Golf Club
Randy	Sperr	Echo Hills Golf Club
Rick	Albin	Emerald Valley Golf Club
Kevin	Madden	Emerald Valley Golf Club

Kathy	Nicholsen	Emerald Valley Women's Club
Tony	Vuksich	Eugene Country Club
Gail	Phillips	Eugene Country Club
Karen	Govier	Evergreen Women's Club
Tanis	Winfield	Fairway Village Golf Club
Steve	Westmoreland	Federal Employees Golf Club
Steve	Morelock	Federated Lake Oswego Golfers
Jim	Adkisson	Floggers United GC
Bruce	Belt	Forest Hills Golf Club
Lori	Engdahl	Forest Hills Women's Club
Mark	Fuller	Gearhart Golf Links
Janet	Todd	Gearhart Golf Links Women
Howie	Smith	Glendoveer Golf Club
Brian	Gibson	Golf Club @ Bandon Dunes
Alex	Kepel	Greater Portland Golf Group
Steve	Shields	Greenlea Players Club
Eric	Gustafson	Gresham Golf Club
Flossie	Lindsey	Gresham Women's Club
Christopher	Hudson	Heron Lakes Golf Club
Janet	Elliott	Heron Lakes Women's Club
Jon	Lundquist	Hidden Valley Golf Club
Marla	Lewis	Hidden Valley Women's Club
Tom	Godwin	Hood River Golf Club
Kathy	Godwin	Hood River Golf Club
John	Schrier	Hutch Golf Club
David	Fiskum	Illahe Hills Country Club
Mark	Daly	Indian Creek Golf Club
Ray	Stach	Intel Golf League
Michael	Kemper	John Day Golf Club
Raymond	Hanna	Juniper Golf Club
Judy	Close	Juniper Golf Club
George	Patton	King City Golf Club
Julie	Michels	King City Women's Club
Don	McAndie	La Grande Country Club

Jeff	Hubbs	Lake Oswego Mens Golf Club
Donelle	Nieman	Lewis River Women's Club
Todd	Miller	Life of Riley Golf Club
Ron	Rupprecht	Lost Tracks Golf Club
Gale	Wallmark	LPGA Amateurs Portland
Tricia	Maynard	Mallard Creek Women's Club
Randi	Slechta	Mallard Creek Women's Club
Matt	Brown	Manzanita Links
Jim	McKenna	McNary Golf Club
Carole	Prall	McNary Women's Golf Club
Grant	Kemp	Meadow Lakes Golf Club
Ellen	Bewley	Meadowlawn Women's Club
Bryan	Hillman	Meadows Players Club
Eric	Larson	Meriwether Golf Club
Kevin	Soyk	Michelbook Country Club
Tom	Arney	Middlefield Golf Club
Pam	Henrichs	Middlefield Women's Golf Club
Missy	Moss	Neskowin Beach
Rick	Metz	Nike Golf Club
Todd	Montgomery	North Portland Golf Assoc
Travis	Schoen	NW Golf Guys Players Club
Jim	Gibbons	O.G.A. GC
Lisa	Bauer	O.G.A. Women's Club
Brant	Hathorn	O.G.C.S.A. GC
Ken	Tuttle	Oak Hills Golf Club
Georgia	Tuttle	Oak Hills Women's Club
Bret	Deforest	Oak Knoll Golf Club Ashland
Arma	Skirvin	Oak Knoll Golf Club Independence
Amy	Lepson	Oak Knoll Women's Club
Maurice	Thorne	Oakway Golf Club
Barbara	McMullen	Oakway Women's Club
Jerry	Mulvey	Ocean Dunes Golf Club
Bernice	Hein	Old Back Nine
Barbara	Gee	Orchard Hills Country Club

Roger	Waterman	Oregon City Golf Club
Greg	Froman	Oregon City Golf Club
Barb	Marold	Oregon City Women's Club
Kevin	Campbell	Oregon Nisei Golf Club
Tom	Toal	Oswego Lake Country Club
Rich	Butcher	P.A.F.F.G.A.
Tommy	Berry	Pdxwire Golf Club
Warner	Allen	Persimmon Country Club
Susan	Conrad	Persimmon Country Club
Clarence	Clever	Pineway Golf Club
Rita	Clever	Pineway Women's Club
Jim	Gibbons	Players Club at OGA GC
Jerry	Low	Portland Chinese Golf Club
Betty	Sipprell	Portland Golf Club
Eric	Schoenstein	Portland Golf Club
Cathy	Thompson	Prineville Golf Club
Jerrel	Grow	Pronghorn
Scott	Baines	Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club
Barbara	Brown	Redtail Ladyhawks
David	Childers	River's Edge Golf Club
Pat	Breslin	Riverside Golf & Country Club
Bobbi	Breslin	Riverside Golf & Country Club
Pam	West	Rock Creek Country Club
Lee Ann	Loftin	Rogue Valley Country Club
Stuart	Evans	Rose City Golf Club
Nora	Eaton	Roseburg Country Club
Patty	Beaudoin	Roseburg Country Club
Dianna	Richard	Royal Oaks Country Club
Doug	Banks	Royal Oaks Country Club
Wayne	Bridges	Running Y Ranch Resort
George	Zelznak	S.A.P.S. Golf Club
Ron	Richards	Salem Golf Club
Debra	Richards	Salem Women's Golf Club
Fredrick	Goll	Salemtowne OGA GC

Bob	Almada	Salmon Run Golf Club
Patti	Cox	Salmon Run Women's Club
Brent	Southan	Santiam Golf Club
Sharon	Baugh	Santiam Women's Club
Ron	Willis	Shadow Hills Country Club
Jeff	Doddridge	Shield Crest Golf Club
Jim	McGowan	Stafford Golf Club
Dana	Didericksen	Stewart Meadows Golf Club
Ken	Carr	Stewart Meadows Golf Club
Ron	Miller	Stewart Park Golf Club
Miriam	Clark	Stewart Park Women's Club
Pat	Walsh	Stone Creek G C
Colleen	Vedder	Stone Creek Women's Club
Clark	Malmgren	Stone Ridge Golf Club
John	Brewer	Summerfield Men's G&CC
Mary	Kerns	Summerfield Women's G&CC
Roger	Mink	Sunriver Resort Golf Club
Debbie	Wightman	Sunriver Women's Club
Joanne	Vandehey	Sunset Grove Women's Club
Todd	Newman	The Bums Golf Club
Glenda	King	The Dalles Country Club
Joe	Carpenter	The Greens at Redmond
Tom	Drake	The Nomads Golf Club
Chris	Nelson	The Oregon Golf Club
Mike	Posekany	Tri-Mountain Golf Club
Brenda	Fisher	Tri-Mountain Women's Club
Carolee	Clark	Trysting Tree Players Club
Jill	Parker	Trysting Tree Women's Club
Linda	Klenz	Tualatin Country Club
Scott	Smyth	Valley Golf Club
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Barry	Shrum	Vancouver Municipal GC
Randall	Aultman	Vernonia Golf Club
David	Jacobsen	Waverley Country Club

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