



# 18-HOLE INFORMER



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## UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Apr 4	Christ of the Hills Church	General Meeting. Registration 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Apr 4	Magellan	Scramble 3 or 4 Person Team 1:00 p.m. Shotgun
Apr 11	Granada	Red, White & Yellow 4T aaaa/bbbb
Apr 18	Isabella	Low Gross/Low Net Ind. AB
Apr 25	Cortez	Stableford Ind. BA
May 2	Magellan	Low Gross/Low Net. Ind. AB

## HANDICAP CHANGES:

*Cathy Walsh*

There are three changes to the GHIN handicapping system this year. A more complete version of this was sent to you in a separate email. The basics are:

1. Post 9-hole scores. The system will do the rest.
2. Shorter courses are going to be rated in the future. Minimum distances have been decreased.
3. When you play 10-17 holes the system will calculate your differential

To briefly explain this, all you must do is record your hole-by-hole scores for the holes you played. Follow the directions and the system will compute the differential for you.

No more calculating your "most likely" score.

Please note, the official USGA rule changes are listed separately after the newsletter.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

April is here!!! Our season has finally begun! With our courses greening up, it's time to get ready for beautiful days filled with fun and friendly golf. We have an exciting and action-packed year waiting for you. Diana has a great schedule planned for us—let the games begin!!!

Jen Joyce hosted a lovely big sister/little sister meeting where we welcomed our great group of newcomers. Kim Fisher gave us all a tutorial showing us how to navigate our website. Have you all had a chance to look at our new and improved site? I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

I hope you all enjoyed our opening Spring meeting. Cheri and Darla did an outstanding job finding our meeting venue and planning lunch. The scramble which followed was extra fun! Hoping you had the opportunity to meet new folks and acquaint yourself with your more familiar friends.

If you haven't already, take a minute to join our Facebook group, HSVWGA18. There you will be able to post photos of the adventures you have on the course with your friends...and see what our fellow golfers are up to.

Heads up all! The Margaret Griffin Invitational has been renamed "HSV WGA 18-Hole League Summer Swing", more succinctly referred to as our "HSV Summer Swing". We hope you will join us for this great tournament—save the dates for July 18 and 19 at Granada and DeSoto respectively. Take a look at our new tournament logo >>>>>>>>



As we kick off our league's spring golf season, let's remember to enjoy the game, appreciate the company of our fellow golfers, and embrace the many valuable life lessons that golf has to offer. As Bobby Jones reminded us, "Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots—but you have to play the ball as it lies." Amen!!!

*Shaun Anderson*



**THINKING OF YOU:** Molly Crawshaw

During February and March, thinking of you cards were sent to Cherri Childers, Kay Gardenhire, Jill Jones, Suzanne Kuch, Becky Dost, Renee Steinpreis, and Beth Childress (husband's illness). Sympathy cards were sent to Cherry Thibault for the loss of her husband and to Marge Harvey for the loss of her brother.

If you know of someone that needs a card, please text me at (501)915-2197 or e-mail me at [mscrawshaw@yahoo.com](mailto:mscrawshaw@yahoo.com).

**HOLE-IN-ONE:** Emma Pinson  
Susan Brunette

Spring is here? Why is the weather still chilly, rainy, not much sun? Maybe April will bring us the good golf weather we need!

Our Spring meeting is April 4<sup>th</sup> along with our first play day, hope the weather is perfect on that day! I plan to attend the meeting, so bring cash or check to either join or add funds to your account. Make checks payable to the Hole-in-One club, or you can always mail a check to Susan Brunette, 2 Hortezuela Lane. You do not want to miss out on the first HIO for the start of the WGA season.

Magellan has 5 HIO's on record since 2020, #11 with 3, #3 with 2 and #6 with one.

*Happy April  
Birthday!*



- 8 Shirley Davis
- 8 Carol McGrew
- 9 Sandy Hunt
- 20 Sherry Tiemeyer
- 23 Bonnie Ogden
- 27 Barbara Krone
- 30 Kathy Hendricks

**BIG SISTER:** Jennifer Joyce



Hello everyone, spring is HERE and the fairways are Greening Up - YAY!  
We have 11 New Members so far in 2024. How exciting is that?

In March, there were 21 attendees to the Meet & Greet at my house and we sure enjoyed getting to know the New Members. We shared in some adult refreshments and got a live demo of the new looking HSWGA18 website. We also learned how to sign up for play days with the new system. Thanks, Kim Fisher, for helping with all the navigation & questions.

Please welcome our new/returning members for this year:

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|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Liz Edwards     | Cheryl Owens  | Kelly Johnson      |
| Dorothy Polston | Jill Jones    | Sara Roberts       |
| Shelley Lane    | Jean Smith    | Caroline Macdonald |
| Martha Thomson  | Kathy Metzger |                    |

We look forward to the season officially starting on April 4<sup>th</sup>. The Big Sisters and Little Sisters played a 9 & dine March 27<sup>th</sup>, so we will be ready! If you see one of these ladies, make sure you introduce yourself and welcome them to the WGA.

**CRUSH CANCER:** Jennifer Joyce

Hello Ladies! Our annual Crush Cancer Event to benefit CHI-St. Vincent Cancer Research will be here soon! It is scheduled for May 16, 2024 at Balboa Golf Course as a PYP scramble and a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Play will be from the ORANGE Tees. We are working hard to bring this important event forward and top last year's proceeds when WGA raised \$5,200 to fight cancer!!

We have some fun play day ideas shaping up too! The always popular chipping contest is back this year and will be hosted by Joan and Pam once again. We will have baskets for you to win with the raffle tickets that we will be selling the day of the event. There will also be a few items available for a silent auction. And of course, donations in the form of checks or cash are always welcomed.

If any of you have items you would like to donate (something new for a basket that we will put together or something that would be over \$100 for a silent auction item), please get in touch with Jennifer Joyce ([jennifer.ann.joyce@outlook.com](mailto:jennifer.ann.joyce@outlook.com)).

Balboa will be open for food and drink purchases afterward, so plan on sticking around to hear from CHI, have some refreshments & see what you won.

Pick your partner now for this fun event, dress up, have fun, and help us Crush Cancer at the same time! Stay tuned for more details.



## **RECENT CHANGES MADE TO THE WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM (WHS)**

### **1) A lower minimum length for a golf course to obtain a Course Rating™ and Slope Rating™**

Before 2024, an 18-hole course had to be at least 3,000 yards to receive a Course Rating and Slope Rating (or 1,500 yards for 9 holes).

With the 2024 WHS Revision, the yardage requirements have been cut in half, to 1,500 and 750 yards, respectively. This is good news for golfers who regularly play par-3 and shorter-length courses and have wanted those scores to count toward their Handicap Index®.

### **2) A new treatment of 9-hole scores**

In 2023 and previous years, 9-hole scores were combined in the order posted to create an 18-hole Score Differential™. This meant that a 9-hole score could have been combined with another 9-hole score from days, weeks, or even months before – which at times lead to volatile results.

Today, when a player posts a 9-hole score, it is combined with their expected Score Differential over 9 holes to create an 18-hole Score Differential for immediate use – with expected score based on the player's Handicap Index at the time the round is played as well as a course of standard difficulty.

### **3) An updated approach for holes not played**

Prior to 2024, when a hole was not played (due to darkness, for example), the score recorded was a net par.

With the 2024 revision, when 10-17 holes are played, an 18-hole Score Differential is determined by adding the player's Score Differential from the holes played to an expected Score Differential for the number of holes not played. Since a player's expected score is not specific to a course or reliant upon the course's stroke index allocation (as net par was previously), this will lead to more consistency.