

## HLWGA MEETING/SOCIAL JANUARY 28, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Susan Keeton at 5:45 P.M. General remarks included bringing the HLWGA into the digital world, our meetings will be held in the evenings so that our members working can attend and continued efforts to increase our participation in the WGA. These meetings are opened to all members both social, lifetime and regular.

Susan introduced the Board as follows:

Sharon Thorson, Secretary, who made non-essential comments including welcoming the participants to the WGA.

Becky Thompson, Treasurer, unfortunately was stranded in California and was anticipated to return the next day. Susan did indicate our bank account looked good.

Jackie Kranz, Play Day Chairman, is in Florida and cold, but is anticipated to return in March. In the meantime, Becky Gowan has graciously volunteered to take her place until that time. Discussion held in regards to having play days in the afternoon thru February. Becky had talked to Jeff and if the weather was supposed to be nice an email would be sent out to everyone indicating whether we would play in the morning or afternoon. We will return to mornings starting in March.

Jaye Morris, 9-hole Play Day Chairman, indicated she was going to just try to get them all out to play. Susan asked Jaye to explain what the nine-hole group does. The response came from both Jaye and Susan indicating that they played only nine holes. They do play with the 18-hole group on meeting days, which is the last play day of the month, but they go home after nine holes. There are times when the weather is hot or someone is recovering from an illness, or other reasons, they may also play with the 9-holers.

Susann Briggs/Tanya Graves, Tournament Chairs/Vice Presidents—Tanya indicated that our first tournament is February 7, but it is Jeff's Super Bowl Tournament. It is a fun tournament, with crazy inventions for each hole (made up by Jeff), which can include teeing off with your putter, putting through a toilet seat, etc. This is a five-man team playing a scramble. This will be an afternoon tourney. Susan indicated we will put out flyers in various places, put on face book and send out an email. The signup sheet will be in the pro shop. The first women's tournament is a couples event on March 14, in the afternoon. If you do not have a partner, let Tanya or Susann know and someone will find you a partner. They are asking all to play in tournaments as you are paired with people with similar handicaps and everyone just wants to go out and have a good time. Your handicap is generated in the GHIN system. You basically just put all your scores into the system each

time you play. If you need instruction on this, just ask someone to help you, or you can turn your score into the Pro Shop and they will put the score in. There are a few tournaments that you must have 8 scores posted, such as the Championship Tournament.

Terry Evans, East Texas WGA rep was in Dubai.

Joyce McConnell, B&B WGA rep, explained both B&B and East Texas. Membership into East Texas WGA is covered by our treasury. Handicap requirements are 36. If you handicap is more than that, you may still play, but you will be playing to a 36. You will be playing with women with like handicaps. The first tournament is here this year. A good opportunity to play in a tournament, you pay a fee to play and you do receive lunch together with chance of receiving a first, second or third prize (net and gross paid). A double par is all you can score in ETWGA. B&B is also going to follow this rule. A double par is as follows: If you are playing a hole that is a par 4, the most you can score on that hole is 8. If you get to 8 or you are putting for an 8, you can just pick up and move on to the next hole. Par 5-10, Par 3-6. You can't just pick up and take the double par, you must get to that point. If you keep putting after reaching that point, then you might be taking a much higher score. You may also move your ball during play, as designated by the host club.

ETWGA schedule is as follows: Here in March, April- Pinnacle—Mabank, May-Pinecrest—Longview, June-VanZant—Canton, July-Athens—Athens, August-Cedar Creek—Kemp, September-Links at Lands End—Yantis, October-Hide Away Lake—Lindale.

Terry Evans will announce this at every meeting. There will be an entry form for you to fill out and send to the club hosting the event.

B&B is a little different as you will have to pay your yearly dues yourself. You must play the ball as it lies, unless otherwise designated. You must have a 25 handicap to join but you're are eligible to play all year, even if you handicap goes up.

Susan Keeton, Texas Senior Women—Acknowledged that Reta Brown had been Rep for a long time and had given the reins over to Susan. The tournament is May 3-7, Sonterra North Course, San Antonio. Entry fee is \$325.00 and is a Match Play tournament. You play your matches after the practice round. Every day you win your match, means another day of play for you. Possibility of three more days. You get snacks, food but they only give you a couple of drinks. Registration opens on March 15, and Susan will send out the additional information when received. You need to send in your entry form with your check as soon as possible. Registration ends on March 31. You may be put on a waiting list. You can be called up to participate if others drop out. It's a lot of fun and as many as 12 or so women have gone. There are 144 players and 18 flights. You must be 50 years old before the tournament begins and have a handicap of 30.3. If you do not have that handicap, you can go ahead and sign up, but you must play to the 30.3. Once you are in and have played 2 years, you'll be grandfathered.

Nancy Briggs—Social Chair—Thanked everyone for coming and we love our social members. She will have several social events throughout the year. She is not doing anything for the upcoming tournament, but since we do have a restaurant that supports us now, that will help and she will be doing more events throughout the year there. She'll be doing more golf things to help those just beginning to play golf.

Becky Gowan—Fund Raising Chair—Becky will also be doing Homeowner Dues tickets. Becky is deliberating on various things to do to raise money other than shirts.

Tanya Graves/Susan Keeton—Yearbook Chairs—Art Keeton is going to create the web site for us. it will have all names, pictures, tournaments, etc. in one place. You will have a login, and only current, active members will have access to this site. The site will be current, as changes will be made as they occur, i.e. change of your email, phone number, etc. If there are those members who are not all that tech savvy, a copy will be printed out for them. You will be able to login on your phone also. It will have everything that the printed book has but will also include your picture.

Lyndsay Lindholm—Courtesy Chair/Communications Chair—Sends out cards, informs members of any illnesses, surgeries, etc.

All communications will go through Lyndsay. If there is something you want to go out to everyone, you will send it to her at [Lyndsay\\_Lindholm@yahoo.com](mailto:Lyndsay_Lindholm@yahoo.com) or [WGA@hrlrwga.com](mailto:WGA@hrlrwga.com) She will check her email several times a day.

Terry Mooney—Photographer—If you see her coming, strike a pose. Terry told us not to be afraid of this “techy stuff” they are bringing us into. It's time we moved on to the new technology and if you need help, ask. There will be someone to help you out. They'll always be happy to. We can all learn together.

Tanya stated that there would be a meeting with instructions, etc.

Susan asked if there was any old or new business.

Sharon asked that everyone stand up and give us their name, as there were many new faces. This was done and meeting was adjourned by President Keeton.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Thorson