



Hello SNEWGA Member,

Happy Mid-Winter!

As the snow continues to pile up for those of us in Connecticut, you may be wondering, "will golf season ever get here??" Come April, however, the snow piles will be a distant memory, and hopefully accommodations for COVID will soon be a thing of the past.

But until then....

The SNEWGA Board has been busy during this off-season and has some big initiatives underway:

- As you probably know by now from our new VP of Membership, Lisa Neary, membership is open and we are now accepting SNEWGA 2021 online Membership renewals. [Sign in](#) to SNEWGA's Golf Genius portal, then visit our [Join or Renew Membership](#) page (under Profile/Membership). As a reminder, dues this year is \$20. Renewal dues goes up to \$25 after April 30, so don't delay: renew today!
- This year, we are also asking everyone to provide their home address in the Profile. If you haven't done that, please login and [update your profile](#) to make sure that you have. It used to be your SNEWGA Rep's responsibility to obtain this, but in the internet age, we are now asking you directly!
- The [2021 SNEWGA Tournament schedule](#) is firming up and available online for you to review and mark dates on your calendar.
- The 2021 season will kick off with the Spring Meeting once again as a Virtual Meeting on Monday, April 19 at 6:30PM. Until we are cleared to gather indoors again without restrictions, we will continue to hold this as a Virtual meeting.
- Pace of Play improvement will be a focus this year. The board has formed a committee to come up with ways to make progress on this important initiative.

We have all enjoyed rounds where the pace of play moved along nicely. This year, we'd like that experience for everyone much more frequently with an eye toward getting it to happen every time. To help you along, I'll be sending out periodic Pace of Play tips, listing things that are stealth time-stealers with quicker alternatives to speed along your play.

Answer me this: Who's the slowest player on the golf course? Me! I'm so busy providing Pace of Play tips that I forget to play when it's my turn!

OK, kidding aside, answer me this: What causes slow play in any given group? Ask your playing partners, and everyone points at someone else. The real answer is that everyone should point at themselves. Together, we can all do our part to improve the pace on the entire golf course.

Practice speedy or more efficient play during your regular club rounds. What would you do if there were an impending DOWNPOUR (you could see it coming) but you knew that you *had* to finish the round BEFORE it hit? You'd play as fast as you possibly could! Get in the habit of speedy play!

One last bit of housekeeping: Region 1 is in need of a delegate! Lisa Neary graciously stepped into VP Membership when called upon due to an unexpected vacancy. Now we need a delegate to replace her in Region 1. Delegate responsibilities are similar to those of a rep, except that they are at the regional level AND you'll have a voice on SNEWGA's board. If you are interested in being more involved in SNEWGA's activities and being a part of the board, this is your opportunity! This position lets you help drive initiatives through our organization. Anyone interested or for more information, please contact me.

After we get past this next (hopefully last!) snowstorm, I am looking forward to some warmer weather and a great 2021 SNEWGA season! Hope to see you at one of our events. And don't forget to visit and "like" [SNEWGA's Facebook page!](#)

Best regards,

Debbie Johnson
President, SNEWGA