



Hello SNEWGA Member,

And they're off! SNEWGA's Spring Meeting was held last Monday, and that's the official start of the golf season! We are on our way for 2021!

For those unable to join the Virtual Spring Meeting, below is a summary of the events:

1. Roll Call and Membership

Roll call was taken. Of the 38 clubs with members, 28 clubs were present. A quorum was present, and the minutes from the Fall Meeting were accepted.

We have a total of 44 clubs, which includes 6 without any individual members. Total Membership for 2021 is rebounding from the COVID drop, and members are coming back in force. As of April 19, we had 365 members, which is nearly the same total as we had at the end of last year.

2. Announcements

A reminder that you can [donate to First Tee of Connecticut](#) online through the tournament website. For every \$5 donated, you'll receive a ticket into the raffle drawing for one of two foursomes donated by the First Tee. You can also donate as an "add on" during event registration in any events up through Team Day. The raffle winners will be announced at Team Day, on June 21st.

Lynn Lefler, President of CWGA was invited to join the meeting, but was unable to attend. Nonetheless, Lynn forwarded her wishes for a marvelous and successful 2021 golf season, guaranteed to be better than 2020! As part of her message, she reminded that SNEWGA and CWGA are working together to reinstate the Tournament of Champions in 2022. [If anyone is interested in helping, please contact our VP Tournaments, Tina Ruane or me.](#)

3. Pace of Play Initiative

Our focus for 2021 is to improve the pace of play in all SNEWGA events. A committee was formed to address this issue, and they came up with a policy that was presented and approved by the board. Our goal is to get the pace close to 4.5 hours. This year, to help everyone improve their pace, we are starting an education campaign, including sending out periodic pace of play tips on how to play faster, as well as how to catch up if your group falls behind. [Pace of Play tips](#) are also posted on snewga.org, under Tournaments, Pace of Play.

Last year, our pace for many events was good. But there's still room for improvement that will improve our reputation at courses around the state. [Everyone, slow and fast alike, can improve their](#)

pace. Let's make sure SNEWGA events are welcomed unreservedly at all of our member clubs, and let's get to a pace that is enjoyable for everyone!

4. Tournaments

The [tournament schedule](#) is posted on the portal. We have two new events this year: Member-Guest at Hawk's Landing, and the Trifecta at Indian Hills.

We will be putting pace of play on scorecards for every event. Additionally, all groups will need to enter their actual start and end times on the scorecards at every event. Further, we are creating our own pace of play video that we hope will be both informative and humorous. Look for that coming soon.

We are continuing to make adjustments due to COVID. The "cart buddy" policy will still be in effect for at least the first few events. We will continue to monitor the necessary protocols as the restrictions are updated by CDC and Governor Lamont. Food service will flex and adjust as needed. Please continue to plan on wearing a mask, especially indoors, and bringing your own drinking water.

We plan to continue using the Pending feature on events. This means that your credit card will not be charged until after the close date of an event.

5. CSGA Report

CSGA's Director of Women's Golf (and SNEWGA member!) Marsha Rupp was unable to attend, so in her place, Leslie Harrison presented the 2021 slate of CSGA Events for women:

1. May, 10th Parent-Child Championship @ Clinton CC (parent or grandparent)
2. July 7th & 8th CT Women's Open @ Black Hall Club
3. July 20th & 21st CT Women's Amateur @ RaceBrook
4. August 23rd 84th Mixed Team Championships @ Mill River CC

Contact Marsha for further questions on any of these events or go to csgalinks.org for more information.

6. Upcoming Events

The first three events on the schedule are the **Suffield Invitational** on May 5; **Spring Cup** starting May 16 at Windham Club, one of our newest member clubs; and the **Memorial** on May 19 at Fairview Farm. These events are filling up quickly, so sign up today!

Remember, if you haven't already paid your 2021 Membership Dues, you have until April 30 to pay a mere \$20 for the season. A bargain by any standard! On May 1, the dues go up to \$25. [Login](#) to our Golf Genius site, and go to [Join/Renew Membership](#). Renew today! There's less than a week left at the bargain rate!

And with that, let the games begin! I look forward to seeing you all out there this season!

Debbie Johnson
President, SNEWGA