

CRWGA Membership General Meeting – January 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 by President Nancy Gerlach with 47 members in attendance. She began the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

Members were asked if there were any corrections to the Dec. 2, 2025 CRWGA General Membership Meeting. Sue Sorenson asked that an addendum be added to reflect the discussion regarding the uncertainty among members as to whether or not a penalty stroke was added on hole #18 if a ball hit the cement wall on the other side of the water hazard but still bounced back in the water. It was confirmed that a penalty stroke needed to be added. Motion was made to approve minutes as corrected. Motion approved and carried.

Treasurer's Report – Molly Heisler reported that we have 75 full CRWGA members with one new member, Letti Scheidler.

We have 29 advertisers this year and Molly commended all the hard work that Bobbie Stearns does to achieve this goal! If any member has a suggestion for a new advertiser, Bobbie said she would make the initial contact if that is what is preferred.

Molly is still familiarizing herself with the CRWGA accounts. There is approximately \$1500 in the operating fund to pay bills. Because Carla Wizniak, (Christmas party chair), had an unexpected medical complication that needed to be addressed, final bills from the Christmas party are still incomplete but Carla projects a profit of approximately \$1000. Molly stated that we still have two big golf events so hopefully we can expect some profit from these also. She then asked that anyone turning in receipts for bills to please put them in an envelope with your name and to also identify the event/purpose to help her with her organization. Molly concluded by stating that the accounts are in good shape!

Tournament/League Play – Jan Biddle reminded everyone that our next Ladies' Play Day, Tuesday, January 13, is Growing Golf. She suggested everyone invite any ladies that might be interested in joining us. She also reported that Shane has reduced green fees to \$65 for any ladies joining us. Regarding the Member/Member, a final team of two ladies joined to complete the playing field. Even number of teams!

Handicap - Diane Coole reported that as of January, we have 24 members soft-capped and only one member hard-capped. One of our ladies received an "ESR" (exceptional score reduction). Marlene Zaharichuk dropped her handicap down by one with an exceptional game on Dec. 16. Carla Wizniak received an "ES" for her exceptional game on Dec. 23 but she had no reduction to her handicap. PCC (playable course conditions) adjustments were made to members golfing on Dec. 22 - a minus one was added to all score cards implying that if you shot a 100, you scored a 101.

Rules – Jan Mitchell again referred to hole #18 repeating the correction regarding the one stroke penalty for a ball that bounces back in the water after hitting the cement wall. Reiterating that the rules for both holes #13 and #18 are as follows: If your ball enters the water hazard on hole #13, you may proceed to the designated drop area across the water near the cart path - one stroke penalty is added. All remaining water hazards (penalty areas) are lateral relief. For example, on Hole #18, your ball dribbles into the water before the 100 yard marker, you must drop your ball behind the water, keeping the hazard (water) between your ball and the hole. Your ball must not be nearer to the hole but there is no limit on how far back on the line of reference that you can drop your ball - a one stroke penalty is added. If your ball skips across the water and hits the cement barrier on the other side of the water, you are now entitled to drop your ball on the other side of the water, laterally, two club lengths, no closer to the hole – a one stroke penalty is added. Casual water, water that is outside of the cement barrier or any

other free standing water anywhere on the course, is free relief. No penalty. Your drop is the nearest dry spot, no closer to the hole.

Social – Marlene Zaharichuk announced that all is going well with social. Bring your own beverage and snacks for Growing Golf.

Advertising – Bobbie Stearns informed everyone that we have 29 advertisers. Last year, we had 32. We lost 7 but gained 4 new advertisers; Blue Crescent Plumbing, Diamond Design Services, Leaf Filter, and Alta Dermatology Group. She highlighted that Leaf Filter is involved with a special project that offers a \$250 kickback to our club when one uses the QR code booking prompt. Bobbie reinforced the importance of continually providing positive feedback to our advertisers. They need to see some obvious benefits of advertising with CRWGA. It then confirms that their advertising is working, that it's being effective, and that it's generating new clients. This serves to reinforce the value of their participation. Advertiser golf pass gift cards can be used by them or gifted by their business to their clients. Bobbie again asked for help making contact (email, calls) to advertisers in the fall. She will continue to do the bookkeeping.

In following discussion, various members commented about using the new advertisers' services and gave very positive reviews. It was pointed out that our CRWGA membership fees could drastically increase without the income we made from our advertisers. A comment to contact tradespeople listed in the LW Newspaper resulted in Nancy sharing that any profits would then be required to be shared with LW and that reaching out to advertisers independently would provide CRWGA with a more positive result.

Committee Chair Reports:

Membership – AGA Representative – Joanne Weiss said she had nothing new to report.

Central Arizona Golf District – Nancy Will announced the Blind Draw winners for November and that the next AGD day was January 6.

Team – Sara Levenstein and Mary Hayes announced that two team events have been played. Next team event is at Encanterra on Jan 15. CRWGA in the standings places first in gross scoring, second in net scoring and first overall. Wednesday, January 28 is when CRWGA host Team Play. There will be 48 players. Course will also be shared with open play. Carts are needed as are volunteers for bag assistance. Because there has been lots of interest in Team Play, they are trying to ensure that anyone wanting to play will get to play.

Membership – Ann Jonasen stated that we have one new member, Letti Scheidler. Welcome Letti!

Recognition – Linda Shostak announced that a new CRWGA roster will be posted the beginning of February. Emails will be sent to members requesting photo updates and hopefully this task will be completed by February.

Sunday, February 5 is the Memorial Tournament. She would like everyone's assistance in updating the list of previous CRWGA members that we have lost. She intends to contact Pat Craney, CRMGA President for input.

She is also working with Jan Biddle to refresh web page photos.

Ringers/Birdies/Chip-ins – Shelley Lehrkind announced the names of members with chip-ins and birdies for December. Winners of the prize draw were Bobbie Stearns and Debbie Meidl. Sue Palmer was also presented a prize for winning in November.

Friendship- Cindy Gee informed everyone that one card was sent in December to former member Sandy Jerstad in Sioux Falls.

Hole-In-One – Betty Reider stated that she presented both Jan Mitchell and Linda Shostak moneys from the Hole-In-One fund for their achievements. Money is paid out based on current money in the Hole-In-One fund. One dollar from each paying fund member is paid out to a hole-in-one winner. One needs to have money in the pot to win! She advised members to please check the money they have remaining in the fund. A sheet is posted in the Golf Lounge.

Betty presented individual Hole-In-One plaques to both Jan and Linda and informed them that their names would be added to the Hole-In-One Winners History Plaque displayed in the Golf Lounge.

50/50 – Donna Townsley and Joyce Shepp announced that the next 50/50 draw would be at the Member/Member.

Special Events Chairs Reports:

Member / Member Tournament – Ann reported that teams have now all paid. 26 teams are entered versus 30 teams the previous year.

Invitational: Molly Heisler and Marlene Zaharichuk stated the deadline for entering the tournament is January 31. Date is February 10. Kick-off event is on Monday, the day prior. Bring a putter and a golf ball. Games will be followed by Happy Hour in the pavilion or cafe (weather depending). Theme is “Partners in Crime”. Dress up as any duo. Hierarchy of how teams are accepted; member-guest, guest-guest, member-member. Volunteers are still needed for tasks prior to event and day of the event. Sign up sheet is in the lounge. Mary Hayes has names of outside members wanting to play with a member. Shane has a discounted green fee price of \$65 for anyone wanting to play a practice round with their guest partner. Guests cannot attend CRWGA meeting as our meetings are only open to members. Janet Jackett and Carla Wizniak are looking after the raffle table. They will accept filled basket donations, empty baskets that can be filled with individual items that are donated, plain empty cardboard boxes that will be used to display items, liquor/wine bottles, and money donations. Items can be dropped off in Golf Lounge but let them know so items can be collected promptly. Lots of new ideas and it promises to be fun!

New Business:

Standing Rule 5. We the Committee are choosing to modify Rule 10.3 to use Model Local Rule H-1.1 “A player must not have a caddie during CRWGA league play”. Revised 3/27/2025

Standing Rule 6. No bystanders, men or women, may accompany any player in any CRWGA league play event.

Discussion: Having a caddie provides a player with an unfair advantage (guidance, strategic decision making, emotional steadiness, confidence, etc.). Professionals use caddies. CRWGA is not a professional league. Observers acting as observers/spectators only (watching play or walking along the sidelines following the play) are different than someone accompanying a player (one to one opportunity to provide advice or moral support). Heron Lake League is adopting the same rules. Family members can come out on Tuesday league play, can either be observers or they can play in the open play that

follows league play. They cannot join CRWGA league play. Motion to vote together on both rules was approved and carried. 4 opposed.

Standing Rule 11. CRWGA Local Rule Hole #13

A. Any ball that enters the water hazard on hole #13 may proceed across the water to the designated drop area for a one stroke penalty. This rule is in effect for all CRWGA play days and tournaments.

B. If you go into temporary water outside of the cement barrier, it is free relief using the designated drop zone.

Discussion: Clarification of word “may” implies individual’s choice. Motion approved and carried. 1 opposed.

Ford Championship at Wild Horse Pass – March 26 – 29 Anyone wanting to volunteer let Nancy know.

Members are welcome to attend Dr. Abrams’ session (from Aaah Wellness Chiropractic) on stretching exercises for golfers taking place January 14.

Members are welcome to attend District 6 meeting on January 14 at which the Coyote Run golf course designer will be speaking as a guest.

Swearing in of Lynda Longpre as CRWGA Secretary

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:06. It was seconded and approved.

Recorded by Lynda Longpre

CRWGA Secretary