

# Stanley Women's Golf Club



**2026 SEASON**

## **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of Stanley Women's Golf Club is to encourage and promote the game of golf in a competitive environment with friendship and camaraderie a primary goal.

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## MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

### Membership:

2026 Stanley Women's Golf Club Membership Dues is **\$100.00** for all members. Dues include payment to the CSGA for a World Handicap System (WHS/GHIN) handicap and all tournament entry fees, except for any additional amounts charged if a meal is provided. A late fee of \$5 will be charged against a returning member if payment is not postmarked by 5/1/2026.

Membership is open to all women sixteen years of age and older. New members will be assigned a mentor. If an interested applicant does not have a mentor, the Executive Board will assign one. Mentors will assist new members in getting acquainted with other members and answering any questions regarding the rules, regulations, and policies of our Club. Items that are addressed by the mentor include:

- Tournament Sign-up and Play – review tournament procedures to new members.
- Golf Rules – New (and old) members should obtain a USGA Rule Book and become familiar with basic rules as all tournaments are governed by these rules. Rules questions must be resolved **quickly** to avoid slow play in a tournament.
- Etiquette and Courtesy - Courtesy and good sportsmanship are critical components of our club. Mentors will explain courtesy on the green, order of putting, flag tending, honors on the tee, ready golf, and pace of play.
- Handicaps and Posting – the mentor will assist new members in posting golf scores and/or introduce the new member to the Handicap Chairperson, and clarify the posting procedures. All members are assigned a WHS/GHIN number which is used to post scores. See the Handicaps section below for more information.

New members are eligible to play in all tournaments, but are only eligible for gross prizes until they have an established WHS/GHIN handicap. The exception is Opening Day where a Calloway Division is included for new members without a WHS/GHIN handicap.

## **Member Responsibilities:**

**Posting of tournament scores will be done by the pro shop.** Members are responsible for posting all other rounds of golf played at Stanley and other courses outside of league play. Posting can be done either on the Pro Shop computer, at GHIN.com or a smart phone app. **Posting MUST be done hole by hole in order for the system to accurately adjust a member's score to the maximum allowed strokes per the World Handicap System rules.**

Every member has a responsibility to the Club and to other players on the course to "protect the field" and maintain pace of play. Slow play, intentional or unintentional, is not permitted. Stanley Golf Course's rangers monitor slow play and if a group falls behind, that group may be told to pick up their balls to catch up. This disqualifies the entire group from the tournament that day.

**Tournaments are played unless cancelled by the executive board and/or the course is closed.** If you sign-up to play in a tournament, it is critical you arrive at the golf course ready to play. If a member must cancel less than 24 hours before the tournament, the player must notify the Pro Shop and Tournament Director or designee for that event.

## **LOCAL/USGA RULES**

Note: USGA Rules govern all play except as amended on the back of the scorecard.

In the case of a tie in most tournaments, the winner is determined by matching cards according to the following USGA approved method: (the only exception is the Club Championship where the winner is determined by a Sudden Death Play-Off.)

Compare the total gross score of the last nine holes (low gross wins). If a tie remains, compare the last six holes of the back nine. If a tie remains, compare the last three holes of the back nine. If a tie remains, compare the last (18<sup>th</sup>) hole on the back nine. If a tie remains, follow the same comparison format for the front nine.

Unless otherwise instructed at the start of each tournament, members are to "Play the ball down" (i.e. the ball **CANNOT** be rolled over in the fairway or its position moved in the rough or sand traps).

In 2019, the USGA implemented major changes to the Rules of Golf that modified or eliminated penalty strokes under previous rules. The USGA has published detail and summary publications to reference and the board recommends that player keep one of them handy to reference during the round. If a player is unsure of the rule, the option to play two balls can be invoked and then ask the pro for clarification prior to turning in your scorecard and posting for handicap purposes.

**Dangerous Conditions** - If the warning siren goes off during a tournament, all play stops **IMMEDIATELY—no exceptions**—and all players must leave the course. Failure

to follow this rule will result in disqualification (in a team event, the entire team will be disqualified).

## **TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES**

Stanley Women's Club tournaments are played on Saturdays.

**All participants should arrive at the course no less than 30 minutes before their scheduled tee times and be ready to play. If a tournament starts early and the next group is not ready to play, they will be placed at the end of the field.**

### **Tournament Sign-Up: E-mail Only:**

Approximately 2 weeks before a scheduled tournament event, the Tournament Director or designee will email the membership details of that event. Sign-up begins then. All members must sign-up to participate in that tournament by replying to the email sent for that tournament by the date indicated by the tournament director.

### **The Tournament Director or designee will:**

- Review the event format to see if there are any special needs required.
- Provide the Pro Shop with the names of the participants, tournament format, contest holes (if chosen) and any additional special instructions.
- Ensure the Pro-Shop has been provided with clear descriptions of scoring protocol.
- Notify membership of tournament start times via email.

### **On Tournament Day: The Pro-Shop will:**

- Prepare and distribute scorecards at time of registration.
- Provide participants with a copy of the detailed tournament instructions and any special instructions for play that day.
- Register participants and collect monies for optional Closest To The Pin contest.
- Tabulate scores and forward the results to the Tournament Director, as well as post on the Stanley Golf Course's Website.
- Notify the President or her designee of any concerns or conflicts that may arise during registration or during tournament play.

### **Handicap Chairperson will:**

- Assist players with scoring issues.
- Assist members with questions regarding their handicaps and postings of all scores.
- Notify members personally if there are any discrepancies regarding their handicaps and postings.

## **TOURNAMENT DESCRIPTIONS**

(subject to change day of tournament by executive board)

**OPENING DAY: Individual Event** Stroke Play. New and current members are invited to participate and get acquainted. New members will be grouped with current members in good standing. Members' full handicap will apply for this tournament. New members without handicaps will play in a Calloway Division (depending on number of new member) Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight, and Calloway.

**TEE TO GREEN: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Players record total score and number of putts for each hole. Subtract putts from total score after completion of round to get your "Tee to Green" score. Putts from the fringe are not counted as putts for this tournament only putting strokes on the green but once a ball in on the green all strokes from there on will be counted as putts. Prizes are awarded: Gross, Net and Low Putts per flight. Only one prize per person.

**Red-White-Blue Scramble (A,B,C,D) Team Event** Pro-shop picks team. Team members tee off from the Red tees on Par 5's, from the White Tee's on Par 4's, and from the Blue Tees on Par 3's. All team members tee off, choose the best ball and all hit from that position (a club's length from that position: rough-to rough---fairway-to-fairway and within 6" on the green). Continue in this fashion until all have puttied out. The number of shots to the hole is the team's score for that hole. Number of drives required of each member to be determined. Prizes are awarded: Gross only. (**Note:** Posting for handicap not possible).

**CRY BABY: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Each player's four worst holes revert to Par for tournament scoring only. Full handicap will apply. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.

**TWO-PERSON BEST BALL: Team Event**. Partner chosen by Pro-shop: Each player plays her own ball for the entire hole and then selects the best gross score and net score of the 2 players for the team score. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net.

**TRIFECTA (Best-Ball/Scotch/Scramble): Team Event** Two-player teams: Pick your own Partner: play 6 holes as a Best-Ball (each player plays her own ball for the entire hole and then selects the best Gross score of the two for the team score); 6 holes as a Scotch (both players hit, select the best shot then alternate shots until the ball is holed; last 6 holes as a Scramble (both players hit, select the best shot and both hit from that spot, until ball is puttied out); Team handicap is determined using 1/2 of the two players' combined handicaps. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net. (**Note:** Posting for handicap not possible).

**FLAG TOURNAMENT: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Each player will start off with a flag and Target score. Your Target score is your 18 hole handicap plus par. If you reach your Target score while you are still on the course, you must plant your flag near the spot the ball landed. The goal is to carry your flag off the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Individual Event (T & T)** Two-day, 36-hole Stroke Play with **8:00 A.M. Start times both days.** Player with the lowest gross score will be the Club Champion. Low Gross and Net prizes will be awarded for each flight (A, B,

C). In the event of a tie for low Gross after 36 holes, there will be a Sudden Death Play-off. Ties in other flights will be determined by the USGA method. If any flight has less than five participants, those participants will compete in the next highest class. Groups are arranged by handicap order with the lowest handicap players in the first group on the first day. The groups on the second day will be by first day scores, with the highest scorers from the first day playing first.

**\*Members must have played in two 18-hole SWGC tournaments to participate in the club championship. SNEWGA events on the same date as an SWGC tournament will count towards this rule as a player is representing our club. (Rain Dates: To be Announced)**

**Odd-Even: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Only the odd numbered holes for the first nine and the even numbered holes for the second nine will count towards the total score (10 holes in all) for the tournament. One-half of the players handicap is used for scoring. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.

**NET POINT: Individual Event** Stroke Play. Each player plays her own ball. Points are awarded per hole based on the Net Score for that hole, as follows:

Hole in One (Actual)	8 pts	Double Eagle (3 Under)	6 pts
Eagle (2 Under)	5 pts	Birdie (1 Under)	4 pts
Par	3 pts	Bogey (1 Over)	2 pts
Double Bogey (2 Over)	1 pt	** Net 0 or Net 1 is <b>NOT</b> a Hole-in-One	

Prizes are awarded for Net only per flight.

**Carolina Progressive:** Four Man Team - ABCD Blind Draw, One best ball net of the foursome on the par 5's. Two best balls net of the foursome on the par 4's. Three best balls net of the foursome on the par 3's.

**MEMBER-GUEST/MEMBER-MEMBER: Team Event** Shotgun start at 8:00 A.M. with lunch to follow. The entry fee for this tournament covers the expense of meal and prizes. Payment for the meal is mandatory—no refunds. The format of the tournament is determined by the members running the tournament. Handicaps are required for all guests to be eligible for prizes. Raffles are held to offset other costs and to raise money for the Women's Club. Members may bring up to 3 guests. Prizes are awarded: Gross and Net per flight.

**Mystery Score: Description to follow**

**HARVEST TOURNAMENT:** This is the last tournament of our golf season. The format is left to the discretion of the Board. Prizes will be determined based on that format. Posting for handicap will be determined based on tournament format.

**NOTE: Tournament Gross and Net prize payouts maybe adjusted based on tournament participation.**

## **INTERCLUB TOURNAMENTS:**

**HUNTER:** 2 person team – Match Play. Cumulative score of all matches determines the winner.

**TIMBERLIN:** 2 person team – Match Play. Cumulative score of all matches determines the winner.

## **HANDICAPS**

A USGA World Handicap System (WHS)/GHIN Handicap is required for participation in net prizes in all tournaments, except for Opening Day. A player not establishing a handicap will only be eligible for gross prizes in tournaments. A handicap will be issued to a new player once three 18-hole scores have been posted. 9-hole scores can be posted and the system will combine them into one 18-hole score. An accurate handicap is essential to ensure the integrity of tournament scoring, especially in team events. The only way to do this is by accurately posting your scores for all rounds of golf played. The World Handicap System will update players' handicaps on a daily basis taking into consideration playing conditions for the day played. Therefore, it is important that scores be posted on the day of play. The maximum handicap index allowed for tournament play is 40.4. Players with higher handicaps are assigned the maximum handicap for tournament play.

While the maximum score per hole could be determined as long as handicap is stroked hole by hole, it is much easier to let the handicap system determine the Net Double Bogey of each hole. This is why we are requiring that all play now be posted hole by hole so that adjustments are automatically made for the player.

## **SNEWGA (Southern New England Women's Golf Assoc.)**

The Southern New England Women's Golf Association (SNEWGA) was organized in 1956 and is a group of over 400 women from golf clubs throughout Connecticut and bordering states. Its goal is the promotion and enhancement of women's golf. Membership provides many additional opportunities for organized golf activities for all levels of golfers and all levels of competition, from statewide major golf championships to invitational tournaments and a spring and fall match play event. Individual member dues are currently \$20.00 if paid by 4/30/25. Sign up can be completed as part of SWGC payment or via on-line with a credit card at [SNEWGA.org](http://SNEWGA.org).

Tournament play usually begins late April and continues through October. Announcements, membership information and entry forms for tournaments can be found on the SNEWGA web site ([www.snewga.org](http://www.snewga.org)) or contact our SNEWGA Rep, Michelle Saulis ([mgsaulis@yahoo.com](mailto:mgsaulis@yahoo.com)).

## **Non-SWGC Sponsored Golfing Events**

Stanley Golf Course offers other opportunities to play competitive golf and improve your game. Below is just a few. Please contact the Pro-shop at Stanley Golf Course @ 860-827-8570 or visit- Stanley Golf Course at [stanleygolf.com](http://stanleygolf.com) for further information