



## **Valleywood Women's Thursday Evening 9-hole League**

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Hi Ladies,

Golfing season is right around the corner! The Board would like to thank you for your patience and support last year. Changes due to COVID-19 made it difficult to execute our in-person spring kick-off and member meeting in the fall. Despite those challenges, we had an excellent year for golf since the weather was cooperative, so I hope you all had an enjoyable season.

This year will be "COVID-19 business as usual" so we will continue to follow social distancing guidelines throughout the season as required by Valleywood. At this time, the Board assumes we will not be able to meet in person for our annual kick-off meeting so we will continue to conduct league business virtually to fulfill membership meeting requirements. It's important for members to check email correspondence during the season since this is our primary method of conducting league business. Due to increased membership inquiries and limited tee time availability for our league, we are sending out league registration information early so we can determine who is coming back this season. New member registration will be accepted, and the Board will determine seasonal tee time assignments for all new members for the 2021 only. Returning members will keep 2020 tee times. Last year we offered returning members a temporary leave of absence due to concerns about COVID-19. We will offer the same option this year if returning members wish to retain their tee time but do not want to play this season due to the ongoing pandemic. Please return the membership form with the "opt out due to COVID-19" bullet circled, and we'll keep you on the roster for the 2022 season. Hopefully by then we'll be back to regular business.

### General Season Information:

The season is 16 weeks long and will start May 6, 2021 and end August 19, 2021. Weekly events are planned by our event co-chairs and we will have prizes for front and back nine winners. We also host a 9-hole tournament at the end of July/early August for all members. After our last week of league play in August, we host a "fun" scramble followed by banquet. This event is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the banquet/scramble night is NOT part of the 16-week regular season and participants won't be able to use their voucher (see Green Fees) on this event. Scramble information will be sent to the membership in August. Similar to last season, the Board will host fun, monthly events for members. We typically have a few "drink ticket" nights for everyone enjoy before or after golf. These events will be coordinated with Valleywood Staff who will be operating the food and beverage service now that The Pear is no longer in operation. Food options are anticipated to be limited at the



clubhouse and Hy-Vee will provide catering services. The board will announce monthly events via email so please stay tuned for more information. Our first monthly event for the 2021 season will be “Range Night” at the driving range. Let’s practice before league starts! Weather permitting, the league will be providing free range balls for members on **Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** New members are encouraged to attend since the Board will be available for league orientation between 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. We’ll cover league logistics, score reporting for handicap, and other items.

#### Registration and Membership Dues:

**Membership dues are \$60. Registration form and payment are due April 1<sup>st</sup> for new and returning members.** Please mail the registration form and enclose a check with your registration form (see Registration form) to Stacey Wagley. Payment via check is only available at this time please do not send cash. Due to increased interest and limited tee time availability, late registrations will not be accepted. Membership applications or inquiries received after April 1<sup>st</sup> will be placed on a waiting list for the 2022 league season.

Membership dues pay for GHIN handicap (\$25 annual cost per person) through MGA. This is a valuable membership for any golfer because you can post your scores online or via app, receive monthly handicap revisions, a subscription to Minnesota Golfer Magazine, and play in MGA tournaments and member events. MGA does an excellent job engaging with women golfers and plan events for golfers of all abilities. Before the pandemic, MGA hosted a fun women’s social night at 2<sup>nd</sup> Swing with food and drinks, giveaways, and mini golf lessons with an MGA pro. While these opportunities have been dialed back because of social distancing, keep up with MGA in the future to take advantage of your membership. Your dues also pay for prizes for weekly games, league tournament, and the annual scramble. The Board also uses dues to pay for monthly member events. Check your email frequently throughout the season to see what we have planned!

#### Valleywood Green Fees:

In addition to membership dues, each member will be required to buy an 8 round “voucher” of nine-hole green fees to be used only for the 2021 Thursday Evening Women’s League. Valleywood vouchers will be available for purchase online or you can buy it at the Pro Shop. You may purchase online at <https://e.cps.golf/ValleywoodWebstore/> Greens fees do not include push or electric cart fees and will be the responsibility of the member to pay each week. Valleywood keeps track of each individual member’s voucher and how many rounds of league



golf they have played. Once a member has played 8 rounds of golf, the league member starts paying the individual week of play.

**Green fees are \$25 for 9 holes; the 8 round voucher will cost \$200 for the 2021 season (regular price, no discount/patron card applied).** Patron Card and Senior Citizen's discounts will apply when you purchase (you must have valid proof of residency and age). You can purchase your patron card online or at the Pro Shop. You may purchase online at <https://e.cps.golf/ValleywoodWebstore/> Contact Jordon Johnson if you have questions. **Members MUST purchase green fees by May 6. Failure to pay by May 6 will result in your name being removed from the league roster.**

#### Tee Time Assignments for Returning Members:

Due to COVID-19, modifications have been made by the Board for returning member registration. Normally we host a lottery system that allows returning and new members to register for a tee time but that format has been suspended for 2021. Returning members from the 2020 season will retain their tee times for the duration of 2021. If returning member dues are not paid by April 1<sup>st</sup>, your tee time will be forfeited unless you've indicated the "opt out" option due to COVID-19. Dues are not required for the "opt out" option but a registration form submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup> will be necessary to retain your tee time for the next season. The Board anticipates our standard lottery assignment of tee times to resume when league business returns to normal. Please note ALL new member tee times assigned for 2021 are temporary and restricted to this season only. If you "opt out" a new player may be assigned to your tee time for this season to fill the roster for Valleywood.

#### Tee Time Assignments for New Members:

Due to COVID-19, modifications have been made by the board for new member registration. Normally we host a lottery system (to make it fair due to limited availability) that allows returning and new members to register for a tee time but that format has been suspended for 2021. New members registering for the 2021 season agree to be available to play between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. New member tee times for the 2021 season will be determined based on availability and randomly assigned by the board. These tee times are considered by the league to be applicable for the 2021 season only. New members interested in returning next season will not have returning member status for tee time registration. If you are interested in playing with another individual or group, dues must be paid by April 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain a tee time together. Please provide the names of your pairing preference on the registration form. If requests for new registration exceeds available tee times, assignments will be chosen at



random by the board, and dues will be refunded to individuals if a tee time is not awarded. We will do our best to accommodate all new members and we will confirm tee time assignments via email no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**You will find the registration form on the last page of this document. Please fill out this form and return it with your payment of \$60 postmarked by Tuesday April 1, 2021. This date is required to set up tee times and determine open times for the season.**

Sincerely,

Chelsa Johnson, President  
Keri Williamson, Vice President  
Stacey Wagle, Treasurer  
Mara Koenig, Handicap Chair  
Amy Graff, Co-Event Chair  
Michelle Goodman, Co-Event Chair



Please fill out this registration form and return it with your payment of \$60 by April 1, 2020.  
Make checks payable to: *Valleywood Women's Golf League*. *Cash will not be accepted.*

**Registration forms must be mailed to (postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup>):**

**Stacey Wagley**

6822 155<sup>th</sup> Street W

Savage, MN 55378

(651) 335-8447 (Please call to arrange drop off, if necessary)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:**

**(Home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Cell):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senior (55 or older)?** Yes or No

**(Please Circle one)**

**Which option below best describes you? Circle it.**

- I am an existing member (2019/2020 season) returning to play
- I am new to the league and need a tee time
- I am an existing member that would like to "opt out" due to COVID-19

**\*E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail is required for new and returning league members.**