



2024 Membership Package

WEST HILL GOLF ASSOCIATION 2024 MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

Dear Members;

The executive committee welcomes you to the 2024 West Hill Golf Association golf season. It has been almost 60 years since a group of friends and avid golfers at the West Hill Tavern in Scarborough elected to form a private men's social golf league welcoming players of all skill levels to join them in a non-judgmental but competitive environment. Our vision for the club remains the same today as it did then; Share the growth of golf, the spirit of competition, earn the rewards for a game well played and of course the fun and camaraderie of it all. It is our hope you will share this vision with us.

As your executive committee your feedback to help, assist and better the experience that you will have is very important to us. We listened, we discussed, and we implemented some changes this year, from course locations to help the pace of the game.

As members of the WHGA we gain the opportunity to play some of the finest golf courses in The GTA at a reasonable rate. This year our first tournament will take place at **Copper Creek Golf Club** on **Sunday, April 21st** and we cap the season off with our year end golf and banquet extravaganza at **Royal Ashburn Golf Club** on **Saturday, September 14th**.

Our weekend away tournament the "*PREMIERE EVENT OF THE SEASON*" is being held on **Friday – Sunday August 9th – 11th** is back at **Woodland Links Golf Course** in Clinton, Ontario.

Enclosed, in our membership package, you will find absolutely everything you need to know about the league including fees, rules, handicapping, courses with dates and special events. Also attached is your membership application along with commitment and liability waiver forms.

It is important and we encourage that each and every member to commit to and plan to play in as many events as possible.

If you are just visiting our website and are interested in joining the WHGA please read through our membership package so you can make an informed choice. Or alternatively, if you just want to kick our tires to get a feel for what we are all about we encourage you to play in one of our upcoming tournaments as a paying guest.

With rising cost and fees, the executive committee has maintained the annual membership fee at **\$200.00**, which includes the year end banquet dinner, golf, cart, range, prizes and awards (50/50 optional).

See you all soon.

Sincerely,

Your WHGA Executive Committee

Now let's get down to the regular business of golf:

Our membership target remains the same, 32 - 36 players this year. **WE WANT YOU!** and we hope it is your intention to join us and remember... bring out a new member! Attend the tournaments. BE A PLAYER!

Membership Package contents

1. List of Club Rules
2. Application form
3. 2024 Golf Tournament Schedule and Costs
4. Commitment form
5. Liability Waiver form

Member Recruitment Incentive Plan

For every new due paying member you introduce, you will be awarded 3 points to a maximum of 10. These points will be applied to your year-end total, thus allowing you earlier selection at the season ending banquet prize table. The more members, the more rewards!!

Membership Fees

The membership fee for new & existing members is **\$200** which pays for the year-end banquet and the prize table.

Because the 2024 year is almost upon us, we need you to:

- Review all included documents and forms.
- Sign your **Commitment & Liability Waiver** forms.
- Email us your **Membership Application, Commitment & Liability Waiver** forms
- E-transfer Membership fees to whgadeposit@outlook.com.
- **BE A PLAYER!!!**

Your Membership Application, Commitment Form, Liability Waiver and Membership Fee must be **submitted and paid on or before the first tournament of the year**, unless other arrangements have been made with the WHGA Executive.

Pay your membership by e-transfer to WHGADEPOSIT@OUTLOOK.COM

Please bear in mind that included in your membership fee is our year-end banquet, golf, dinner and prizes. Each member should individually submit fees via e-transfer, as this will help us in maintaining our records. If this is not possible, please record the names of each member on message section of the e-transfer.

Please ensure that the following items are included in your returned package;

- Membership Application Form/Tournament Attendance Sheet
- Commitment/Liability Waiver Form
- Membership Payment.

FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR

*****COPPER CREEK GOLF COURSE*****

We also ask all members planning to golf in the first tournament at **Copper Creek Golf Course** on **April 21st** to call or text **FRANK CLIVIO** at **416-624-2363** or e-mail: [**frankclivio@rogers.com**](mailto:frankclivio@rogers.com) prior to **April 12th**.

Old Friends + New Members + New Courses = Good Times and Great Golf

The Ongoing Challenge We Face.

Gone are the days when golf courses practically fell all over themselves to accommodate clubs such as ours. Not only are they now demanding higher and higher deposits to reserve space for Sunday tournaments, but each year also there are fewer and fewer courses willing to accommodate Sunday tournaments. Consequently, our Club's relationship, reputation and integrity that has been cultivated and fostered over the years with many of these courses must be protected at all costs. Showing up late for tournaments (or not showing up at all) threatens this relationship because it ultimately means the golf course is unable to maximize the number of golfers they can accommodate and reflects badly on our Club. Please be a responsible player.

COMMITTING TO TOURNAMENTS BUT NOT SHOWING UP

Once again, we will require all members to complete the tournament commitment form enclosed. If you commit to a tournament and are not able to attend, you **MUST** notify **FRANK CLIVIO: 416-624-2363** or e-mail: frankclivio@rogers.com a minimum of **8 days** in advance. You may also schedule additional guests (space permitting) by contacting Frank 8 days in advance. Please be aware that you are responsible for their attendance (please note penalties outlined below).

******* Previous years there continued to be several instances where members either showed up late (after first scheduled tee off time) or didn't show up as committed without proper notification. To protect the Club's reputation your Executive Committee has ruled that the following penalty will apply:

Committing to Tournaments but not showing up, without 8-day notification – A **\$20.00** penalty (payable to the Treasurer) will be assessed. ***If you fail to notify Frank Clivio of your inability to attend, you will be responsible for any costs (in addition to the \$20.00 penalty) assessed by the Golf Course.*** The penalty will be waived if you arrange for another golfer to attend in your absence.

Members failing to pay Club penalties will not be permitted to attend the year-end banquet and waive their rights to year-end trophies and prizes.

Please note, as in the past, we will only allow a complete foursome to book a tee-off time if all members have paid. As well, once a foursome is set, we will not substitute players. This ensures that golfers who arrive early are not left teeing off last.

MEMBER GUEST RULE

WHGA Member's are privileged to exclusive rates and deals from our partner golf courses. If others wish to enjoy the perks and benefits, then they must join. Therefore, the WHGA executive has implemented some new rules for guest play.

- 1) Guest must be invited by active member (min. 1-week notice) and play with that member.
- 2) Guest can only play 3 tournaments. (They must join if they want to play in more events)
- 3) Guest are only allowed to participate if there is availability.

WEST HILL GOLF ASSOCIATION CLUB RULES

General play falls under the RCGA rules of golf with the following exceptions:

RULES:

- **MAX SCORE DOUBLE PAR!!!**
- **LOCAL RULINGS:** Only apply when notified by the Executive Committee prior **to the round of golf.**
- **Drop Areas are allowed.**
- **NO MULLIGANS!! NO HOULAHANS!! NO DO-OVERS!!**
- **Flag in or out, Double Hit – no penalty, Drops from Knee Height, Plugged in bunker (1 stroke to drop in bunker & 2 strokes if removed from bunker & dropped behind bunker, no closer to the pin).**
- **West Hill Fairway Rule:** At all times, players are allowed to **ROLL** their ball no closer to the hole on their own fairway. **With the use of the golf club. Do not touch the ball with your hands.**
- **Winter rules:** May apply as applicable when announced.
- **Playing in Rough:** Play ball as it is found in the rough.
- **Out of Bounds from the Tee:** Play a new ball, under penalty of 1 (one) stroke, at any point along the imaginary line between where you hit it from and where it went OB. **You have the option of re-teeing the ball and count 3 off the tee.**
- **Lost Ball (Hazard)/Environmental Area:** Drop a ball two club lengths from point of entry or anywhere on your line provided it is no closer to the hole, under penalty of 1 (one) stroke.
- **No "Gimmies":** Hole out all putts.
- **No Waving Up:** Do not wave up players onto par 3's.
- **3rd Tournament Prize Eligibility:** New members' prize eligibility to begin upon completion of their 3rd tournament played. Also, returning members that did not play in the league the year prior must establish a new handicap.
- **Unpaid Membership Dues:** Members are not eligible for tournament prizes.
- **Slow Play: If members are instructed (by course officials) to skip one or more holes due to slow play they become ineligible for prize monies or trophies for that tournament.**
- **Count All Shots:** This rule is for the benefit of all players. Please play fair and count all shots.

Rules To Live By:

As you know golf is a gentleman's game and, as such, we must govern ourselves accordingly. Members who act inappropriately, disobeying local rules, golf course rules, or provincial laws also jeopardize our Club's reputation. **We will not allow the few to affect the majority.** Any breach in these rules (laws) will be severely frowned upon. The Executive Committee will review any breach brought to our attention and respond appropriately. Please respect our Club, our rules, and our reputation. Smoking (any type) where not permitted, offensive language, drinking of alcohol where not permitted, (remember most courses restrict the bringing of alcohol onto their courses) or any unsportsmanlike conduct is strictly forbidden. By following these simple and common-sense rules the Club, and its members, will continue to enjoy the rights and privileges of playing golf at our selected courses.

We would like to remind all members that **ALL** golf courses require soft spikes and have dress codes. Please do not wear track pants, shorts without pockets, cut-offs, shirts without collars, or jeans. These are course rules and we must abide by them.

PLAY READY GOLF – KEEP PACE OF PLAY

- Have your club in hand and be ready when it is your turn to hit;
- Take a few clubs if you are unsure which one you might need;
- Employ continuous putting whenever possible;
- Read your putt while others are making theirs;
- Hit your shot when the group in front is safely out of the way;
- Drop playing partner off at their ball and continue on to yours.

HANDICAPPING (NO FLIGHTS)

All players will play from the white tee blocks for the entire year.

SENIOR EXEMPTION: We have implemented a senior exemption. **All those members who are 65 and over will have the option to play the from the forward tees. YOU MUST tell one of the Executives or the Statistician prior to your start if you choose this.** Those seniors that choose this option, must re-establish their handicap from these blocks before they are eligible to compete for points and awards.

All new members or returning members that did not play in any tournaments in the 2023 year must play in 3 tournaments to establish a league handicap before they are eligible to compete for points and awards.

Handicaps will be carried from the 2023 year end for members joining this year.

THERE ARE NO MORE FLIGHTS. WE ARE A 100% HANDICAP LEAGUE. TOP 4 LOW NET PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE 3 POINTS EACH. PLACES 5 THRU 8 WILL RECEIVE 2 POINTS EACH.

PLUS ALL PLAYERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE 3 POINTS FOR EVERY TOURNAMENT PLAYED.

Instead of Trophies, we will be awarding Low Net for 1st thru 4th.

1st Place Low Net = \$20

2nd Place Low Net = \$20

3rd Place Low Net = \$20

4th Place Low Net = \$20

The person with the most points at the end of the year receives the first choice of the prize table at the year-end banquet.

HANDICAPPING INFORMATION

We will continue the live handicap for each individual player. Your handicap will be evolving throughout the year as your tournament scores are posted.

In addition to the information posted on our web site, an E-mail reminder will be sent to all members by the **Thursday** before each tournament outlining 1) Location of next tournament 2) First tee-off time 3) Green Fee cost 4) Extra's included at tournament (i.e.: gift, food, driving range...).

We will be awarding individual Cash Prizes for the **Top 4 Low Net only** and points will be awarded for the top 8 places for **Low Net** scores.

TORNAMENT WIN ELIGIBILITY

New Members: In order to establish a league handicap, new members must play in three tournaments.

Returning Members:

- Returning members are eligible for winners' points and prizes from the first tournament.
- Returning members that did not play any tournaments last year must re-establish a handicap over the first three tournaments to be eligible for prizes and points.

All Members: to be eligible for the year-end awards (Mike Bonnah Award, etc.) you must attend at least **4** of the **10** individually scored tournaments. However, handicaps will continue to be based on the full year's play (4Man Event and year-end tournaments are not included in individual tourney).

HIGHLIGHTS FOR THIS YEAR

THE VENUE FOR THE 2024 AWAY WEEKEND

We will be heading to **Woodland Links Golf Course** in Clinton. This year it will take place on the weekend of August 9th – 11th. For the members who have never attended, this is truly a **Must Attend Event!** The fun, the camaraderie, the rewards and the good times had by all, are second to none. **PLAN TO ATTEND THIS EXTRAVAGANZA.... you won't regret it!!**

50/50 DRAW FOR EACH TOURNAMENT

There will be a 50/50 draw at the end of each tournament instead of the traditional "door prize". **Participation is optional.** The cost will be **\$ 20.00** payable via e-transfer to whgadeposit@outlook.com by the Friday prior to the tournament. This draw will enable the club to maintain our low membership dues. Half of proceeds will go to the winner with half going to the club for enhanced prizes at the end of the year. **You do not need to be there for the draw.** Monies won will be e-transferred to the winner.

4-Man Event

THIS IS ALSO A "MUST ATTEND" EVENT!!!

The 4-man Event will take place on **June 23rd** at **Watson's Glen Golf Course**. The format will be explained at the tournament prior to the start of the event. In order to participate, the Treasurer must receive the Event fee of **\$50.00** per person (i.e., \$200/team) no later than **June 2nd** (the **Black Diamond Golf Course** event) via e-transfer. In the case that a team has only 3 golfers that day, the cost will be **\$66.67** per person. Once the teams are finalized the executives will notify the players that will need to pay the correct fees.

The cost includes the \$10.00 charge for "Closest to the Pins" prizes. In order to qualify, returning members must attend 3 of the first 5 tournaments and new members must have played in at least 3 tournaments to establish their handicap. Teams tee offs will be drawn one hour before the tournament begins.

WEEKEND AWAY

Handicapping for the Away Weekend

We will be utilizing a live handicap system for this event. Considerable monies are at stake and your executive wants to ensure fairness for all members. This measure will prevent the possibility of anyone inflating their handicap prior to the event and shooting at a much higher level during the 2-day tournament. This year teams will be formed, anchoring the top and bottom (based on handicap) and draw for the middle member. These teams will be either 3 or 4 man teams based on attendance.

WOODLANDS LINKS GOLF CLUB

As the name suggests, Woodlands Links is a links-style golf course on natural rolling terrain and forested areas. At **6,950 yards**, it is a championship layout with three sets of tees that provide a variety of challenges for the low and high handicap player alike. The course has water in play on **eleven** holes and sand and grass bunkers are strategically placed to make you think your way around. It has been called a shot-maker's course with no two holes alike and golfers will be required to play every club in their bag. Woodlands Links also provides golfers a chance to work on their game with a practice range featuring four irrigated greens at various distances as well as a putting and chipping green. After your round, you are invited to sit back and enjoy the wholesome fare in the unique clubhouse which is designed from the existing 162-year-old post beam barn.

Location:

37858 Huron Rd.
Clinton, Ontario
N0M 1L0 Phone: (519) 482-7144

Take Exit 8 North off the 401 west towards Kitchener. Continue on Hwy 8 Northwest, the course is 3km Northwest of Clinton.

Please check with Google Maps to review road conditions or closures.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR COST:

- **3** Rounds of golf including power cart;
- Breakfast (bacon, eggs, home fries, toast and coffee) on both Saturday and Sunday at the golf course;
- Lunch consisting of hamburger or sausage, fries, salads and pop at the golf course on Sunday;
- Shared accommodations:

Note: There are only a few single rooms available on a first come first served basis. The first **24 deposits are guaranteed rooms at the Bedford.**

Contact Art Jobin for room assignments. E-mail: thejobins@myyahoo.com

- Closest to the pin (Friday, Saturday & Sunday);
- Cash Prizes for top 4 players (based on 2 day combined low net scores);
- Gratuities for golf course staff;
- Dinner on Friday is a delicious steak dinner, served at the golf course after the round.

You will pay the league \$370 for the weekend away.

Accommodations are paid directly to the hotel.

Shared accommodation cost is \$159+ taxes per golfer for the two nights.

Single accommodation cost is \$278+ taxes per golfer for the two nights.

Note:

Our first tee time on **Friday** is **10:30am**, **Saturday** is **10:00am** and **Sunday** is **10:00am**.

There will be a 50/50 Draw on all 3 days of the event. Participants will be able to purchase for **\$20.00** each day by paying the \$60 Friday morning.

YOUR 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Lead/Web Master:	Frank Clivio	Secretary:	Dino Clivio
Assistant to Lead/Statistician:	Lorenzo Clivio	Members at Large:	Ken Richardson
Treasurer:	Jack Dupuis		Jerry Saunders
Events Co-Ordinator:	Art Jobin	Past President:	Scott Schlusser

We are here to help. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact one of us. We look forward to seeing you at the first tournament. Have a successful golf-filled summer.

REMEMBER, BE A PLAYER!!!

The Executive

WHGA

AS A GENTLE REMINDER, PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING ARE COMPLETED AND RETURNED ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST TOURNAMENT OF THE YEAR, unless other arrangements have been made with the WHGA Executive.

- 1)** Membership Application Form / Payment (e-transfer to whgadeposit@outlook.com)
- 2)** Tournament Commitment Form
- 3)** Liability Waiver
- 4)** Membership Fee (e-transfer)



2024 Membership Application

Please Print

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____ - _____

Cell Tel: _____ - _____ - _____

Evening Tel: _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please check the appropriate boxes

Membership Type: Renewal or New

Sponsor's Name (for new members only): _____

Payment Method: e-Transfer

E-TRANSFER: WHGADEPOSIT@OUTLOOK.COM

I hereby agree to follow all West Hill Golf Association rules and regulations. I understand that all membership fees are non-refundable upon termination of my membership.

Member's Signature

Date

Lead's Signature

Treasurer's Signature



2024 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Notes:

1. Green fees (taxes included) to be paid directly to the Pro Shop (Credit Card, Debit Card or Cash)
2. WHGA Tournament fee of \$20.00 to be paid to the Treasurer direct deposit whgadeposit@outlook.com
3. POWER CARTS ARE INCLUDED IN ALL TOURNAMENTS!

	Date	Course	Real First Tee	Green Fee (Taxes Included)	WHGA Club Fee	Special Inclusions and Important Notes
1	Sun April 21st	Copper Creek	12:00	\$130.00	\$20.00	Golf, Cart & Range
2	Sun May 5th	Royal Ashburn	12:00	\$165.00	\$ 20.00	Golf, Cart, Range & Dinner
3	Sun May 26th	Pheasant Run	11:30	\$135.00*	\$20.00	Golf, Cart, Range & Burger or Sausage or Veggie Burger w/Pop & Chips @ end
4	Sun June 2nd	Black Diamond	10:00	\$120.00	\$20.00	Golf, Cart, Range, Breakfast Buffet & Lunch @ turn
5	Sun June 16th	Shawneeki G C	10:00	\$123.00	\$20.00	Golf, Cart & Burger
6	Sun June 23rd	Watson's Glen	10:00	\$115.00	\$200/Team	FOUR MAN EVENT Golf, Cart, Range & Burger @ turn or end
7	Sun July 7th	Silver Lakes	10:00	\$156.65	\$20.00	Golf, Cart, Water Range, Breakfast Sandwich/Coffee & BBQ Lunch
8	Sun July 21st	Upper Unionville	10:00	\$107.35	\$20.00	Golf & Cart
9	Sun Aug 4th	Copper Creek	11:00	\$170.00	\$20.00	Golf, Cart & Range
10	Aug 9th-11th	Woodland Links Golf Course	10:30	\$370 + Hotel	Incl.	Review Weekend Away Section
11	Sun Aug 25th	St. Andrews Valley	10:00	\$117.52	\$20.00	Golf, Cart & Range
12	Sun Sept 8th	Watson's Glen	11:00	\$115.00	\$20.00	Golf, Cart, Range & Burger @ turn or end
13	Sat Sept 14th	Royal Ashburn	12:00	(Included in Membership Fee)	\$200/Team	BANQUET Golf, Cart, Range, Dinner & Prize Table

* Credit Card payments are subjected to 2.5% processing fee.



2024 TOURNAMENT COMMITMENT FORM

EVENT	DATE	COURSE	FIRST TEE TIME	ATTEND Y/N
1	Sun April 21st	Copper Creek	12:00	
2	Sun May 5th	Royal Ashburn	12:00	
3	Sun May 26th	Pheasant Run	11:30	
4	Sun June 2nd	Black Diamond	10:00	
5	Sun June 16th	Shawneeki G C	10:00	
6	Sun June 23rd	Watson's Glen	10:00	
7	Sun July 7th	Silver Lakes	10:00	
8	Sun July 21st	Upper Unionville	10:00	
9	Sun Aug 4th	Copper Creek	11:00	
10	Aug 9th-11th	Woodland Links Golf Course	10:30	
11	Sun Aug 25th	St. Andrews Valley	10:00	
12	Sun Sept 8th	Watson's Glen	11:00	
13	Sat Sept 14th	Royal Ashburn	12:00	

Please be advised that Golf Courses are now insisting that we provide **FIRM** commitment numbers. Any "Late" or "No Shows" will be held accountable for costs as outlined in the Member Letter.

Remember! If you cannot attend any tournament for which you had previously committed to, you must call **Frank Clivio: 416-624-2363** or e-mail: **frankclivio@rogers.com** at least **8 days** prior to the tournament and cancel.

Please sign and return this. Thank you!

Member's pledge: *I understand that if I fail to attend a tournament for which I have stated I will attend and have failed to give proper notification; I will be responsible for any costs assessed by the Club and/or Golf Course.*

Date Signed

Print Member's Name

Member's Signature

EMAIL THIS FORM TO FRANK ASAP: frankclivio@rogers.com



WEST HILL GOLF ASSOCIATION 2024 LIABILITY WAIVER

Why A Liability Waiver Is Required

In 2003, several legal precedents were set in which golfers successfully sued clubs and/or courses for personal injury and/or property damages, even though these golfers were intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated at the time of the incident. In each case a **Liability Waiver** was not in place holding golfers solely responsible for their behavior and/or actions resulting in damages or injury while being intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated. All courses are now insisting that such a **Liability Waiver** be in place for all tournaments/events.

LIABILITY WAIVER

The **undersigned** hereby acknowledges and agrees to hold **WHGA Executive Members** and Golf Course/Club Management/Owners harmless/blameless against any and all liability, loss, personal injury, property damage, cost or expense whatsoever resulting from the **undersigned** being intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated while participating in **WHGA** sponsored tournaments/events.

The undersigned further acknowledges and agrees to follow and abide by all **WHGA** and Golf Course rules and regulations while participating in WHGA sponsored tournaments/events.

The WGHA reserves the right to;

- (1) Request that members or guests that fail to abide by said rules or regulations remove themselves from the golf course immediately;
- (2) Revoke, without compensation, the membership of any member who has, in the judgment of the **WHGA Executive**, seriously jeopardized the integrity and/or reputation of the **WHGA** while participating in **WHGA** sponsored tournaments/events.

MEMBER/GUEST (Undersigned)

Print Name

Signature

Date

WITNESS

Print Name

Signature

Date