



LAKE WILDWOOD

MEN'S 9-HOLE GOLF CLUB

2022 Handbook



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An Orientation to the Lake Wildwood Men's Nine Hole Golf Club

Welcome to the Lake Wildwood Men's Nine Hole Golf Club, an organization devoted to congeniality and good fellowship while pursuing the game of golf.

History

The Lake Wildwood Men's 9-Hole Golf Club was founded by Frank Greenwood and received its charter in November of 1985 with the intent of encouraging physically handicapped and weaker golfers to be active golfers. Today, our club serves those golfers who want to play nine holes in an informal and congenial setting. Our purpose is also to:

1. Participate and improve in the game of golf.
2. Promote the rules and etiquette of golf.
3. Conduct tournaments within the club.

Remember to use common courtesy towards other golfers. Always replace divots, repair ball marks on the green, and keep the game moving at a reasonable pace.

Documentation

The Club's documents are to be found in the Membership Handbook on the Lake Wildwood webpage which is accessed by going to *lwwa.org* and selecting Activities, Clubs, and Men's 9-Hole Club. Documents of interest are

1. The **By-Laws**;
2. Hole-In-One Policy;
3. A list of the most commonly used golf rules.
4. Our membership information is published in the form of a **photo roster**, useful for those of us who sometimes need assistance associating names with faces or vice versa. Periodically, a new copy of the roster is distributed via email.. While you can always access the website to see the latest version of the roster, you may wish to occasionally save a copy of the roster as a PDF file on your

computer for quick and easy viewing. Of course, you can always print it, if you find a paper copy to be more convenient.

The *Membership Handbook* can be viewed at any time on our webpage or, for those who prefer a hard copy, it can be printed.

Other information, such as the latest tournament rules and results is available on our webpage.

Tournaments

There is a tournament every month except in December. It is held on the third Tuesday of the month. There is no fee required to play in the tournament. Basically, all you have to do to participate is to make a booking by noon of the Monday preceding the tournament.

Reservation for Tuesday Play

Reservations for our Tuesday shotgun can be made online through **Jonas**. While you are almost always assured of being able to play in the Tuesday shotgun as a walk-on, you are asked to make a reservation ahead of time for two reasons.

1. This will enable the Pro Shop to plan properly and allow us to use both sides of the course simultaneously, instead of being crowded onto only one side.
2. Some tournaments require the Tournament Committee to form teams and in order to do this they need a list of players for Tournament Tuesday.

Bottom line? It would be helpful if everyone would sign up for Tuesday play ahead of time, either by using Jonas or by calling the Pro Shop.

**** Jonas is the online golf reservation system for Lake Wildwood and is available from the Lake Wildwood website. If you have any issues accessing Jonas let us know. We want you to feel comfortable. Jonas can require some getting used to and does not work well on some devices. The Pro shop can also assist you with Jonas.**

Social Events

There are three social events during the year:

1. The **Annual Picnic**, which is for members and one guest,
2. The **Fall Social** (beverages provided by the Club), and
3. The **Annual Meeting**, which includes a breakfast.

Please see the **Annual Event Calendar** in the Niners' Webpage for the scheduled dates and mark these on your calendar. Details will be published as the event nears.

Should you have any questions, please ask one of your friends or any of the club officers.

Again, welcome to the **Lake Wildwood Men's Nine Hole Golf Club**.

Constitution and Bylaws

Lake Wildwood Men's Nine Hole Golf Club

[Effective January 1, 2022]

Article I-Name

The name of the club shall be **Lake Wildwood Men's Nine Hole Golf Club**. The terms "Men's Niners" and "the club" where used in these By-Laws substitute for the formal title. **LWW** means Lake Wildwood.

Article II-Purpose

- A. To participate in and improve the Members' game of golf
- B. To promote the rules and etiquette of golf.
- C. To promote camaraderie and good fellowship within the club.

Article III-Membership

Section 1. Any male person who is a *Golf Member*, as defined in the Lake Wildwood Association Rule R-7.10.10, is eligible for membership. New members will be provided a name tag at club expense, on a one-time-only basis.

Section 2. Concurrent membership in the LWW Men's Club and the LWW Men's Nine Hole Club is permitted by LWW regulations.

Article IV-Dues

Section 1. Annual dues are determined by the Executive Board and shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum at a general meeting.

Section 2. The membership year is defined as January 1st, through and including December 31st. Dues shall be paid annually in the amount determined in Section 1, above. A \$10.00 reinstatement fee shall be imposed upon any current

member whose dues are not received in their entirety by December 31st of each year. Dues are nonrefundable.

Article V-Meetings

Section 1. There shall be at least one general meeting of the membership each year. The date and location shall be determined by the Executive Board.

Section 2. Other meetings may be called at the discretion of the Captain or a majority of the Executive Board.

Section 3. A quorum shall consist of 25% of the general membership.

Article VI-Executive Board and Committees

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Board composed of a) Captain, b) Co-captain, c) Secretary, d) Treasurer, e) Membership Chairman, f) Tournament Chairman g) Publicity Chairman and h) Golf Committee Representative. The Executive Board shall serve from Jan. 1, through Dec. 31

Section 2. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be called at the discretion of the Captain. A quorum shall be five members. Two or more chairmanships may be filled by one person. In this situation a quorum shall be the next higher number than half the number of persons on the Executive Board.

Section 3. The Executive Board, with a 2/3 affirmative vote of those present, may abrogate these By-Laws to meet unexpected or unusual circumstances. In such cases, the Executive Board shall, within a reasonable time propose to the Membership a change of the By-Laws which will remedy the situation.

Section 4. Standing committee chairs shall be appointed by the captain.

- a. Picnic Chairman
- b. Nominating Committee Chairman
- c. Web Master

Section 5. The Captain may from time to time appoint such functional committees as he deems necessary. Members of such committees shall serve at the discretion of the Captain.

Article VII-Financial Responsibility and Budget

Section 1. The Club's treasury shall be maintained in an FDIC insured bank account. The club's treasurer shall be the primary custodian of said account. The elected Captain shall be an authorized signatory. The account shall specify "or" as between authorized signatories. The captain must inform the treasurer of any expenditures he makes.

Section 2. The treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall prepare the annual budget for the club year, Jan. 1, through Dec. 31.

Section 3. The budget may be implemented by the Executive Board. A 2/3 vote of Board members present is required. Should said vote be lacking, the budget must be submitted to the general membership for approval.

Article VIII-Nomination and Election of the Executive Board

Section 1. Nomination and election of Executive Board members will take place at a general meeting.

Section 2. Nominations for the Executive Board will be made by the Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor.

Article IX-Amendments

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws shall be presented in writing, and read at a meeting of the general membership.

Section 2. Proposed amendments shall be posted for a period of at least two weeks prior to a vote of the general membership.

Section 3. Amendments shall be adopted by a majority vote of the quorum present of the general membership.

Article X-Roster

Section 1. General – The Club's formal membership records are maintained in the Club's Gmail account. A photo roster of the membership is maintained on the Lake Wildwood website where it may not only be viewed but may also be printed and/or downloaded to the viewer's computer.

Section 2. - Use of information in the roster in its entirety, e. g. for generation of an email roster, requires prior approval of the Executive Board. Use of information in the roster is intended for Club sponsored activities and for appropriate personal member-to-member communication. Use or disclosure of this information for commercial, political or other unapproved purposes by a member is forbidden and is considered cause for immediate revocation of a person's membership.

End

These Bylaws incorporate all amendments approved by vote of the membership and are certified current as of January 1, 2022.

HOLE-IN-ONE AWARDS

The Hole-In-One policies and procedures outlined here apply to the Men's 9-Hole Golf Club members only!

The designated awards are: A cash subsidy to pay for drinks at the Lake Wildwood bar, and a trophy. Both awards are described below and apply only to Holes-In-One on the Lake Wildwood Golf Course.

- A. Members making a Hole-In-One must meet the following conditions to be eligible for awards to be presented by the Men's 9-Hole Golf Club:
1. The Hole-In-One must be witnessed by at least one other player who must be a member of the Lake Wildwood Association.
 2. A Hole-In-One on a temporary green or from a temporary tee will not be accepted.
 3. Awards are valid when playing a stipulated round from any NCGA approved tee.
 4. The player making a Hole-In-One must complete 9 holes of play. A Hole-In-One will be accepted if the player has completed 5 or more holes in sequence and the balance of the round has been interrupted due to abnormal circumstances, such as, heavy rain, thunder, lightning, or darkness, provided the player completes the interrupted round within a reasonable period of time.
 5. Provided all the above conditions are met, a Hole-In-One during match play competition will be accepted even though the match may end officially before the stipulated round is completed.
 6. The round cannot be "abnormal", such as one where more than one ball is in play at any time, extra pins are in the green, a nonstandard hole size, etc.
 7. The Hole-In-One must be on the first tee shot.

- B. A monetary limit set by the Men's 9-Hole Golf Club will apply to all Hole-In-One awards. The limit amount will be set and reviewed by the Executive Board as part of the annual budget. A letter stating this limit will be sent to the bar manager each year by the Club's Treasurer.
- C. After completion of the stipulated round, the player making the Hole-In-One, together with the required witness must appear before the Golf Course Professional or one of the assistants to obtain confirmation and approval of the Hole-In-One conditions.
- D. If the Hole-In-One occurs during scheduled club play, the player making the Hole-In-One will, after confirmation, proceed to the LWW clubhouse bar and arrange with the bartender to provide "drinks on the house", subsidized to the approved limit as set by the club. Should the qualified Hole-In-One occur at some other time, the player shall arrange to hold the subsidized celebration after the next scheduled club play. Should this be impractical, the player may suggest an alternative which must be approved by the Captain and at least two other members of the Executive Board.
- E. A Hole-In-One award trophy will be provided. The trophy will have the member's name, date, hole number, distance, and the club used.

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Most Commonly Used Golf Rules

Course Condition Flags:

Green Flag indicates the golf course can be played in the normal way.

Red Flag indicates golf carts are restricted to cart paths only.

Red & White Flags indicate that only players with handicap flags on their carts may drive on the fairways. These flags are flown on the masthead on the 1st and 10th tees. Signs are used to indicate that golf carts cannot be used in certain locations on the course.

Boundary Markers:

White stakes or lines denote out-of-bounds line.

Red stakes or lines denote lateral (sideline) water hazards.

White stakes or lines denote water hazard margins (hazards crossing fairway).

Flagstick Bunting:

Red flag indicates hole is placed in the front of the green

White flag indicates hole is placed in the middle of green

Blue flag indicates hole is placed in the back of the green

Distance Markers:

Colored markers in the fairways and cart paths indicate the distance to the center of the green. A marker is placed in the center and a painted strip on the cart path.

Red marker indicates 100 yards to the green

White marker indicates 150 yards to the green

Blue marker indicates 200 yards to the green

Common Golf Rules:

Winter vs Summer Rules:

When summer rules are in effect (Green Flag flying), the ball shall be played as it lies, including in tree wells and mulched areas.

When winter rules are in effect (Red Flag flying), a ball through the green may be lifted, cleaned and placed, without penalty, within one grip length of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole and so as to preserve, as nearly as possible, the stance required to play from the original lie. If the ball is in the “rough,” relief must be taken in the “rough”.

The “embedded ball” rule is in effect through the green except the teeing ground, putting green and hazard areas. The ball may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped, no nearer the hole.

Water Hazards:

If your ball is in a water hazard area (yellow stakes), you may play it as it lies. If you cannot find the ball or don't want to play it, add a penalty stroke and drop and play another ball from where you last played or drop a ball behind the water hazard as far back as you wish, so long that the drop is along a straight line between the hole and where the first ball entered the hazard margin. If your ball is in a lateral water hazard (red stakes), you may also drop a ball within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the hazard margin

Lost ball or Out of Bounds:

A ball is lost if it cannot be found within 3 minutes after the search began.

A ball is out of bounds when it lies beyond the white stake line.

If your ball is lost or out of bounds, you must add a penalty stroke to your score and play another ball from where you played your last shot. If you think your ball is lost or out of bounds, you may opt to play another ball (provisional) from the place where the last ball was played after announcing this to your fellow competitors. If later, the first ball is not found, you must count the strokes with the first and provisional balls, add a penalty stroke and play out the hole with the provisional ball. However, if the first ball is found in bounds, continue play with it and pick up the provisional ball.

Ball Unplayable:

If your ball is behind a tree or in a bush and you feel you cannot play it, add a penalty stroke and do one of the following:

1. Go back to where the ball was last played and play a ball from there; or
2. Measure two club lengths from the unplayable lie, drop a ball and play from there; or
3. Keep the unplayable lie between where you dropped the ball and the hole, go back as far as you wish on a straight line and drop and play the ball.

Casual Water, Ground Under Repair and Animal Holes:

Casual water is any temporary puddle of water due to rain or over watering. Ground under repair is any damaged area which the grounds keeper has marked as such.

If your ball or stance is in casual water, ground under repair or a burrowing animal hole, you may either play the ball as it lies or find the nearest place, not nearer the hole, which gives you relief and drop the ball within one club-length of that place.

The Putting Green:

1. If while on the green your putt strikes another ball, you are penalized two strokes.
2. After marking your ball spot on the green, you may lift the ball and clean it.
3. You may remove loose natural particles such as leaves, twigs, and bugs, between your ball and the hole. However, you may not remove spike marks, and indents, etc.

Playing the Wrong Ball:

If you play a ball that is not yours, you must take a two-stroke penalty. You must then play out the hole with your own ball. If you do not do so, you are disqualified.

Obstructions:

1. Obstructions are artificial or man-made objects. Bottle, tin cans, rakes, etc., are movable obstructions. Sprinkler heads, shelter houses, cart paths, etc., are immovable obstructions.
2. Movable obstructions anywhere on the course may be moved. If the ball moves, it must be replaced without penalty.
3. You may drop your ball away from an immovable obstruction if it interferes with your swing or stance. Find the point, marking it with a tee, not nearer the hole where you can play without interference with your swing or stance. Drop the ball within one club-length of that point.