

Executive Women's Golf Association

Akron Chapter

Member Handbook

2008

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Akron Chapter – 1993 to 2008

Welcome to the Executive Women's Golf Association - Akron Chapter.

The goal of this handbook is for every member to make the most of membership. We offer a variety of golfing and networking activities including league play, instructional clinics, competitive events, charitable and volunteer activities, and social events. All are opportunities to network with others who share your love of the game.

The EWGA is a not-for-profit organization formed in 1991 to provide opportunities for women to learn, play, and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life. With 20,000 members in more than 125 chapters, we work to achieve the goals of the strategic plan developed for 2004 – 2008. We are a premier force for promoting women's golf, with women supporting women in developing opportunities in golf and in life.

The Akron chapter was founded in 1993 and we celebrate our 15th year of being a part of this exciting association. The Akron Chapter has had the honor of being recognized by the Association for meeting goals of excellence and achievement, including awards for membership retention. We continually strive to deliver high quality programming for our members, and with your assistance and participation we will continue to develop the Akron Chapter into one of the finest women's golfing organizations in the area.

The information included in this handbook is designed to provide you with a greater insight into our operations and activities so you may reap the greatest rewards from your membership.

We are excited to have you as part of our membership and look forward to seeing you at future events. The value of active participation can be measured in personal and professional benefits. Join us for all the fun.

Executive Women's Golf Association

Strategic Plan for 2004 – 2008

Vision

We are the premier force for promoting women's golf.

Mission

The EWGA exists to provide opportunities for women to learn, play, and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life.

Core Values

The EWGA believes in and conducts its self according to the values embodied by the game of golf:

Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Honor, Sportsmanship, Fun and Friendship

In addition, we believe in and support:

- ❖ Inclusivity and diversity; golf is for all
- ❖ Golf as an important asset for women in business
- ❖ Volunteer service
- ❖ Mentoring and support for new golfers
- ❖ Advancement of golf skills for all golfers
- ❖ Making a difference for women's golf
- ❖ Professionalism in our operations and relationships

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1 To provide premier programs for EWGA members in golf education, player skill development, organized play, and in learning how to use golf in business

Objective 1A Develop and implement in 100% of EWGA Chapters a comprehensive golf education program that addresses the rules, etiquette, history, and traditions of golf, pace of play, and player skill proficiency improvement by the summer of 2006. These new and revised programs will replace the current Education component of the EWGA chapter model.

Objective 1B Develop and implement a program for learning how to use golf as a business tool for introduction into the EWGA Chapter model in 2005.

Objective 1C Review, revise, and expand existing programs of organized play for EWGA members, with special emphasis on opportunities that take less time

and accommodate all skill levels. Implement these new programs in EWGA Chapters during the summer of 2005.

Objective 1D Establish target goals for measuring improved education golf skill proficiency of EWGA members and archive those target goals by the summer of 2008.

Goal 2 To provide timely and valued benefits and services to EWGA members and volunteer leaders.

Objective 2A Improve consistency of program delivery to all EWGA Chapter members as measured by 100% of established Chapters in compliance with minimum standards by 2007.

Objective 2B Assess and improve the volunteer leadership structure to strengthen and stabilize the management of the Association by 2005.

Objective 2C Achieve a 20% increase in members' satisfaction with EWGA membership benefits and services by 2006.

Goal 3 To promote the growth of women's golf.

Objective 3A Position existing brand by 2005 to be more inclusive of all women interested in golf.

Objective 3B Grow EWGA membership to 25,000 by 2008, with emphasis on increasing the diversity of the membership.

Objective 3C Achieve a 10% increase in participation in EWGA golf education and playing programs by members of all skill levels by 2006.

Goal 4 To be an advocate for positive change on issues of importance to women golfers.

Objective 4A Identify and understand issues that affect the experience of women golfers and develop a plan of action to promote positive change on at least one issue per year.

Objective 4B Expand role as representative voice to the golf industry on women's golf issues through active participation in industry meetings, forums, and conferences and through building alliances with other industry associations.

Board of Directors

Chapter by-laws require the appointment of a Board of Directors, consisting of officers and committee chairs to preside over each Chapter and work together to plan chapter activities. The Board meets in early each year for an in-depth planning session to establish goals for the upcoming year. Monthly meetings are held through September to implement the variety of activities scheduled for the year. Among those activities are new golfer programs, clinics, organized league play, weekend events and outings, social events, and charity events. Board meetings are open to all members and your attendance and participation are welcome.

A five-member nominating committee comprised of the Past President, two Board appointed members and two members appointed by the President solicits nominations for the elected officers in July of each year. Candidates for elected office shall have previously served in a chapter leadership capacity and are interviewed by the nominating committee for selection prior to membership election. All officers and standing committee chairs shall be members in good standing of the Executive Women's Golf Association and the Akron Chapter. Officers may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Ballots are distributed to members during late August and newly elected and appointed Officers and Committee Chairpersons are introduced at the Annual Recognition Event held at the end of the season.

The elected officer positions, brief description of responsibilities and customary term of office are described below.

President - Normally serves a one-year term; responsibilities include serving as the presiding officer of the Board of Directors, setting the agenda for board meetings, appointing any special committees, appointing two members of the nominating committee, signing all contracts on behalf of the Chapter, and serving as liaison between the Chapter, Sectional Director and Association Headquarters.

Vice – President - Normally serves a one-year term; responsibilities include overseeing the planning and administration of the Chapter, presiding at the Board of Directors meetings in the absence of the President and serving as President for the remainder of the terms should the office of the President become vacant.

Secretary - elected in **even years** and serves a two-year term; responsibilities include keeping minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Chapter and Board of Directors, issues calls for meetings, distributes proceedings of all meetings as needed, notifies members of their election to office/standing committees, and completes and forwards any required forms to Association Headquarters.

Treasurer - elected in **odd years** and serves a two-year term; responsibilities include overseeing financial activities of the Chapter, reporting quarterly financial

statements, preparing year-end financial summaries and preparing budget updates for the Board of Directors.

Committee Chairpersons – standing committee chairpersons are members of the Board of Directors and **appointed** by the officers of the Chapter. Committee Chairs are appointed to serve two-year staggered terms.

Members may nominate individuals for Officer and Committee Chair positions that they believe will meet the requirements above. Members are encouraged to advise the Board of Directors of their desire to fill a Committee Chair position or Officer position.

A current Board Member roster is on the website. If you have any questions about the Akron Chapter, duties performed in a specific board position or just want to chat about EWGA activities, please give any of the members of the board a call or send an e-mail with your questions or comments. We're here to help you get the most from your membership.

Calendar of Events

Access to the local Calendar of Events is through the Akron Chapter website, www.ewga-akron.com. There is availability to register for the golf education programs and the events on this website or you can download the registration forms if you prefer. The quarterly newsletter has announcements about upcoming events and the association president periodically sends out a chapter wide email to remind members of upcoming events.

EWGA – Akron Chapter offers many golfing and networking opportunities for its members. Activities have been ongoing in the off-season with a Member/Guest Bowling league and a Holiday Night outing.

In **February**, we cool the itch to play with the **Chilly Chili Open** at Lyon's Den including a chili cook-off after golf and some great euchre. We also enjoyed a fun **Spa Night** later in the month at Hair Innovations.

One of our biggest events each spring is our **Kick-Off** which serves as an opportunity to promote our organization, recruit new members, and obtain a peek at the activities planned for the season. This event offers good food, a chance to renew old friendships and make new friends; features interesting speakers, an introduction to our golf business partners, games and door prizes. This event not only provides an opportunity for socializing and networking with members; it offers a chance for potential members to become more acquainted with the EWGA and join the association.

March brings **Winter Warm Up**, an opportunity to hone your swing for the start of the golf season with the guidance of a pro from The Golf Improvement Center; a **Spring Warm Up** in **April** followed. Also in **April** we dust off the clubs and head for the league courses braving the elements of the unpredictable weather and our forgotten game. We use this time to play our courses and familiarize ourselves with both the strengths and weaknesses of our game.

This year, we offer a variety of great opportunities for **Golf Education and Player Development**. **Getting Started** is a 10 week program for novice golfers offering personalized range instruction over five weeks, on course instruction, and practice play on the course. The **S.W.I.N.G.** mentor program pairs newer golfers with experienced members to enhance comfort with game etiquette and for course management coaching. The goal of both these programs is to make the new golfer feel more comfortable navigating the course and reduce those first tee jitters. For intermediate and advanced golfers there are lots of opportunities to improve your game and lower your handicap. The **Breaking 100--How Low Can You Go?** series returns this year at Fox Den. It targets specific skills, course management and rules instruction over three sessions. If you want an evening clinic, consider **“Kick-Up” Your Game** with some short game instruction in two sessions. New this year is the six **Advanced Clinic Topics**, all on weekend afternoon at Windmill Lakes with the opportunity to golf after the clinic at a reduced rate.

Plan to attend a **Member Orientation** to familiarize old and new members with chapter opportunities, local playing rules, handicap information, general membership information and a chance to meet other members.

May brings the beginning of **League Play** and a very active golfing schedule. We offer structured play on nine different leagues allowing our members to play Monday through Thursday, and our member/guest league – FORE –on Friday evenings is an excellent opportunity to play with friends, family members or your significant other. We now offer two 18-hole traveling leagues on weekends which allow members to sample courses throughout the area. There are plenty of options for playing golf and developing friendships with other golfers.

In June, we look forward to **Women’s Golf Month**, a nationally recognized observance. EWGA participates with involved area courses to engage with women for our game of golf. Look for events throughout the week to network with other women golfer’s and develop your golf skills.

Later in **June**, we “kick it up a notch” with the start of the **EWGA Championship Series**. This USGA handicap event is divided into five flights to include players of all skill levels and offers competitive play under an individual stroke play or four-member scramble team format. The Chapter Championship is the first round of play and will be at Gleneagles Golf Club in Twinsburg this year. The second round of the Championship play is held in **August** and matches champions from the Akron Chapter against champions from other chapters in the regional Semi-final. This year’s competition will be held at Bristol Harbour in Canandaigua, NY. The final event in the Championship Series will match the winners of the Semi-final events in the EWGA Championship Finals with the champions from the entire association at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha, OR in **September**.

Opportunities to compete in a more relaxed environment include the **Bring a Buddy** on May 18th at Barberton Brookside Country Club, an eighteen hole scramble format event to include you and your family and friends. We are again playing the **Firecracker Scramble** the week of July 4th pairing representatives from all of our courses against one

another for light-hearted fun. The **Bring Your Favorite Girl to the Course** event is a big hit for daughters, nieces, granddaughters, and the like, and will be at the Edwin Shaw Challenge Course on July 20th. It is a great opportunity to introduce the game of golf to your favorite girl. On August 5th, the **Inter Chapter Event** is being held to include Akron, Canton, Columbus and Cleveland Chapters, and will be held at the scenic Deer Ridge course outside Mansfield. These fun events offer a unique opportunity to make new golfing friends and compete in a friendly format. Also in August bring the insect repellent, flashlights, and a sense of humor for the popular **Night Golf** at Brookledge CC. This golfing experience takes the game to a completely different level. You'll want to register early for this one and be sure to invite your friends since this is an open event.

One of our biggest events is held in September this year: the **Charity Event**. This event offers an opportunity for the chapter to raise funds for a worthy cause. The members have awarded thousands of dollars to the current recipient, the Edwin Shaw Hospital Challenge Golf Program. The event allows members to get involved in giving to the community as well as offering networking opportunities while working with local businesses for sponsorship. The scramble format is open to the public and golfers of all skill levels, and offers a great opportunity to volunteer your time and talents as a contribution to its success.

September brings us to the close of league play. The Annual Recognition Banquet is held at the close of the season and, weather permitting, an optional final round is played before dinner. This is a time for celebrating the victories of our membership whether realized through improved golfing skills, new friendships, increased professional contacts or the love of the game. Make plans to attend this event...it's our way of saying thank you for a great season. Prize winners for all categories are announced at this event. Don't miss this great event!

It's been a great season; you've made new friends and learned much about the game. Now the days are very short, the temperatures cool and we'll be putting the clubs away soon...just one more thing: **The Annual Conference** held in late **October** or early **November**. This gives our members an opportunity to travel together to a great destination, meet members from locales all over the association and get in one final round before the wonderful weather of northeastern Ohio officially closes the golfing season.

As you can see, there are many activities designed for your participation. We encourage you to visit our website at www.ewga-akron.com frequently for more information regarding the events. You'll find all the details and registration forms for download on our website. We now also offer on line registration for season events. We hope that the regular email announcements and online access will keep all members up to date on the association activities and make your participation easy.

Please contact a board member if you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding current events or planning future events.

Golf League Registration

Registration forms for league play listing the day, location, time and greens fees are available online. Greens fees are payable in advance for most leagues and members are given the opportunity for early registration before opening the leagues to new members. We encourage all members to register by the deadline to provide us with reliable information for planning league play and working with our host courses.

Each League has their own competitive format which allows the members to compete for various games and skills throughout the season utilizing a league handicap. Rules of play will be according to USGA rules and gives everyone a chance to learn to play within the rules of tournament play. Prize winners are announced at the end of season banquet.

Traveling Leagues

The purpose of these leagues is to encourage 18-hole play, offer members an opportunity to play more 18-hole events, and include those members who are unable to play on weekly leagues a chance for competitive play. Each date is played at a different course in the greater Akron area, starting in May and ending in September. TL1 is a partnered league in best ball format and is played one Saturday and one Sunday each month for a total of 10 dates. You can choose a playing partner or one will be found for you. TL2 offers individual monthly on a Saturday or Sunday with five outings total. Playing partners will be rotated among the members to promote golf friendships.

The leagues will be open to Akron Chapter members with a USGA handicap. Greens fees and cart rental will be the player's responsibility.

FORE – Member/Guest League

The Friday Open Recreational Event (**FORE**) member/guest league is open to all Akron Chapter EWGA members. A two-person team consisting of a current EWGA member and another person of your choosing plays alternating Friday evenings beginning in late May. The guest player may be your spouse, significant other, family member or friend. The format is scramble to provide an interesting and fun evening of golf for players of all skill levels. The evening is concluded with the group going for dinner together, a chance to sample area restaurants and kick back after the work week. There is also an end of season gathering for socializing and awarding prizes.

Host and Home Courses

Monday		Host Course
5:00 p.m.	Shawnee Hills CC 18753 Egbert Road Bedford Reservation	440.232.7184
5:08 p.m.	Roses Run CC 2636 N. River Road Stow	330.688.4653
5:23 p.m.	Mud Run Golf Course 2200 South Hawkins Ave. Akron	330.375.2728
 Tuesday		
5:15 p.m.	Kent State University GC 2346 S.R. 59 Kent	330.673.4000
 Wednesday		
5:45 p.m.	Kent State University GC 2346 S.R. 59 Kent	330.673.4000
5:15 p.m.	Ridge Top GC 7441 Tower Road Medina	330.725.5500
5:15 p.m.	Paradise Lake CC 1900 Randolph Rd. Mogadore, OH 44260	330.628-1313
 Thursday		
5:00 p.m.	Shawnee Hills CC 18753 Egbert Road Bedford Reservation	440.232.7184
5:15 p.m.	Fox Den Golf Course 2770 Call Road Stow	330.6733443
 Friday		
5:20 p.m.	Barberton Brookside CC 3727 Golf Course Drive Norton	330.825.4538

League Play Rules

- **Be on time** - This means you are at the tee prepared to hit your first shot. Be early enough to sign in, get your cart, change clothes, eat a snack, etc. If you miss your tee time because you are running late, find your group and start at the next hole as a group together. After the round, come back and complete the hole(s) you missed.
- **Sign In** - There will be a sign in sheet at each course and you are asked to sign in at your assigned tee time. If you have a sub for any particular evening, inform your sub to sign-in and put your name as well so we know for whom they are subbing.
- **Subs** - If you are unable to play, you are responsible for getting your own sub. Team Leaders are not responsible for finding subs. A list of Akron Chapter members available for subbing will be provided and should be used to find a replacement for your absence. In the event that it is not possible to obtain someone from the list, you may invite a friend/nonmember. Note that you may not invite a nonmember to substitute more than three times. EWGA – Akron Chapter members may sub an unlimited amount of times. This is one of your membership benefits.
- **Weekly Contests** - Each week there will be a contest. This will be listed on your tee time sheet as well as posted at the course. When proximity markers are needed, we ask the first group to take them out and the last group to bring them in. At the year-end banquet, prizes will be awarded for each contest.
- **Keep Speed of Play** - Please take no more than one practice swing on the tee or other long shots as this also help speed of play. Play ready golf...if you can safely strike your ball without imposing danger on other players, proceed with play. The “honors” system is ignored if a player who hits a shorter distance can tee off or hit the ball while longer hitters are waiting to play.
- **Drop Zones** - Drop zones may be defined for certain holes and hazards. Your Team Leader will advise you of specific holes for each course. The drop zone may be utilized when you hit your ball into a water hazard. You will have two options for relief: you may use the drop zone for your next shot (counts as stroke #3) or you may hit over the hazard again (also counts as stroke #3). If you choose to hit over the hazard again, you may not use the drop zone on a subsequent shot. You must continue hitting over the hazard until you have cleared the hazard. If you use the drop zone you can post your score for your USGA handicap, as this is a course rule not a league rule.
- **10 strokes per hole maximum limit rule** - Any time you reach the 10th stroke, the ball must be picked up at that point and play can be resumed at the next tee. **YOU MAY NOT PLAY FOR FUN - LEAGUE PLAY IS SCHEDULED ACCORDING TO AN APPROPRIATE TIME FRAME.** Mark a (10) on your scorecard and circle the number indicating that you picked up. **NOTE:** Should a round include a "putt" game for that evening, and you picked up your ball, walk to the front center edge of the green and drop your ball. You may putt from here **FOR GAME PURPOSES ONLY.** Record the (10) as indicated above, but mark the putts inside brackets [3], indicating the putts for games. This speeds up play for everyone.

- **Scorecards** - Keep your scores honest and legible. Scorecards must be turned in at the end of each round. There will be an envelope at the sign-in table marked scorecards. *Make sure someone from each team has signed and/ or attested the scorecard.*
- **Weather** – Golf will be cancelled in the event that the golf course closes the course for play. Do not call the course; rainouts will be called **only** at the golf course. If bad weather is prevailing, use your own judgment but note that if it is just raining and thunderstorms are not present, **we play.**

Playing Ready Golf

*To assist you in keeping up with the group in front of you,
Please follow the Ready Golf Rules outlined below.*

ON THE TEE

1. The player who is ready should hit.
2. Shorter hitters should hit first.
3. Tee-off as soon as the group ahead is clear.
4. Carry an extra ball in your pocket.

ON THE FAIRWAY

5. HIT WHEN READY and safe; do not use honor system.
6. Take appropriate clubs to your ball and HIT WITHOUT DELAY.
7. Have your group watch where each shot goes.
8. Limit search for lost balls to 3 minutes.
9. Pick up your ball after reaching your 10th stroke.

ON THE GREEN

10. Place your clubs between green and next tee.
11. Study your putt while others are putting.
12. Continue putting until holed out.
13. LEAVE the green IMMEDIATELY after holing out and PROCEED to the next tee. Complete your scorecard after you're off the green.

ON PAR 3 GREENS

14. Upon reaching the green, if the group in front of you is waiting to hit on the next tee, stand in a safe area and have the group behind you hit.

SHORT CUTS

15. Mark your score on the way to the next tee.
16. When driving a cart, drop your partner at his ball, then, continue to yours.

Helpful Hints – Get the Most from League Play

- Please know your tee time, your partner, and the twosome with whom you are playing, and who is subbing if applicable.
- Please sign in and notice what “contest” we are playing for that night.
- Check the board for special announcements and reminders.
- You may purchase one mulligan for \$1.00 any evening. You may use this to retake a tee shot or second shot but a mulligan cannot be used on the green. Put your \$1.00 into the envelope and record your name where indicated. Please inform those playing with you that you have purchased a mulligan and circle your score using the mulligan on the scorecard.
- You may also buy a 50/50 chance for \$1.00. Put your \$1.00 into the envelope and sign the envelope. The proceeds from the 50/50 are used for prizes and other items at the Annual Recognition Banquet. We encourage you to participate to have fun and assist in raising funds for the banquet.
- When you are not able to play:
 - You are responsible for finding a substitute
 - Please let your partner know that you will not be there and who your sub will be.
 - Tell your sub how to sign in and the name of your partner
 - Subs need to advise us of their handicap or average score for nine holes
 - Give your subs an EWGA roster and tee time schedule.
 - Non-members must provide their name, address and phone number. They may sub three times before joining
- Sign, attest and date your scorecards. Put into envelope in notebook or give to designated person.
- Watch for flyers and EWGA information when you sign in; not all event notices are mailed.
- Remember: “Timeliness is Godliness” (She’s a woman and She golfs!)
 - We should finish 9 holes in 2 hrs. 15 min....anything longer is considered slow play. Pay attention—we play “ready golf”. Too much talking can be distracting.
Don’t worry about who is behind you – keep up with the group ahead of you.
- If you have a problem that you cannot solve on the course or within your foursome, please see your team leader or one of the board members. We’re all here to be better golfers and league members. We need your help to work on it together.
- Come early and network! Don’t feel guilty! It’s good for your job!
- Stay afterwards and get to know each other. We’ve really got a great group!

Handicapping

USGA Handicap Information

Handicaps were designed to make fair and equitable play for all individuals who golf regardless of their skill level.

To establish a USGA handicap you need to play either five 18-hole rounds or ten 9-hole rounds. These scores are submitted to a sanctioned USGA handicap service such as GHIN or to Golf Life Management, the EWGA sponsored service, and a handicap index is created. Once a total of twenty scores are submitted, the system uses your lowest ten scores by handicap index to calculate your current handicap index.

The Golf Life Management System is included as a member benefit. This service includes score posting, and the establishment of an official USGA handicap with the ability to print a handicap card. You can also access golf course profiles, track your personal game statistics, view your scoring history, attest to scores for other members, maintain a personal golf calendar, communicate with other members, and stay in touch with the world of golf online.

If you plan to compete in the Championship Series, a USGA handicap is required. It is very important that you post all of your scores to insure an accurate and current USGA handicap.

The USGA has determined that a player will play to their handicap only 25% of the time. As a result a system of equitable stroke control (ESC) has been developed to maintain a more accurate handicap index. Almost all players will have a bad hole or maybe even a round that is uncharacteristic of their actual skill level. To account for this, equitable stroke control imposes a maximum number of strokes per hole based upon the USGA handicap index. Scores are adjusted based upon the information in the table below:

**Adjust Your Scores
With
Equitable Stroke Control**

18-Hole Course Handicap	Maximum Number Per Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 and above	10

Note that you record your actual scores on the scorecard as you are playing the round and make the adjustment to the total after the round is completed. The adjusted total is used for posting your score.

If you have an USGA handicap card from different clubs or services, you must play to the lowest index on the cards. Should your handicap change from the time you register to play in a tournament, it should be updated on the actual day you play.

League Play Handicapping

League play handicap indices are calculated in a similar manner to the USGA handicap. However, leagues may impose stroke limits or other adjustments to speed the pace of play. The league handicap is unique to the league and does not include scores played on other courses or at other times.

The basic formula to calculate a handicap is:

Handicap = (Adjusted Gross Score – Course Rating) x 113/Course Slope)

The *Adjusted Gross Score* is a golfer’s score after any adjustments. The *Course Rating* is provided by the golf course, and can usually be found on their scorecard. The rating is basically what a scratch golfer (0 handicap) would shoot (on average) on the course.

The *Course Slope* is provided by the golf course and can usually be found on their scorecard. The slope is the difficulty of the course compared to other courses. A slope of 113 indicates a course of average difficulty.

The Course Rating and Course Slope values are entered for each course/tee that your league plays and are entered in your Course Library on the computer.

To calculate Adjusted Gross Scores:

Equitable Stroke Control is used to calculate an Adjusted Gross Score (AGS) for handicapping purposes. Handicaps are **not** based on a player’s Gross Score; they are based on a player’s Adjusted Gross Score. The purpose of an AGA is to limit the effect of one or two bad holes on the handicap. A score for any hole is reduced to a specified number of strokes as indicated on the table below using a 9-hole handicap.

9 Hole Handicap	Limitation on any hole
4 or less	Double Bogey
5 through 9	7
10 through 14	8
15 through 19	9
20 or more	10

We use an 80% Handicap for regular league members and subs. The handicap % is used to calculate the final handicap. Please see the example below:

If Handicap Percent figure = 80% and a golfer's handicap is 12 then...
Final Handicap = Handicap x 80%
Final Handicap = 12 x .80 = 9.6
Final Handicap = 9.6

The USGA recommended maximum handicap is 20 for women. However, EWGA – Akron Chapter has established the maximum handicap at 30 to encourage play at all skill levels. Handicaps are rounded to the nearest whole number: 7.49 is rounded to 7; 7.50 is rounded to 8 and 7.99 is rounded to 8.

The league handicap is based on the last five scores. If a player has no prior scores to submit for handicap calculation, the current round played will be used to determine the initial handicap. While establishing an initial handicap you can expect a large fluctuation

in your handicap until enough scores have been posted to most accurately reflect your handicap.

TEAM versus TEAM Points and Scoring

League play points are determined using a **Team vs. Team** match. Each team consists of two members.

Points are awarded as follows:

2 points per hole - the team with the lowest total **net score** for the hole wins the points

2 points per match - the team that wins the most holes in the match wins the points

Team points are awarded based upon gross score and net score using the league handicap. Equitable Stroke Control is not used in determining team points.

Example – **2 points per hole and 2 points per match** format

Patty Smith and Lise Rogers are playing as a team against Helen Jones and Joyce Simpson.

Smith and Rogers have a combined handicap of 12 (1 + 11)

Jones and Simpson have a combined handicap of 9 (2 + 7)

Smith and Rogers (as a team) receive 3 strokes (12-9)

A stroke is given to Smith and Rogers on hole 8, 1, and 3,
the 2nd, 4th and 6th handicap holes.

Note that strokes are given starting with the most difficult hole (lowest handicap) and progressing to the next difficult hole until all strokes are awarded.

They shoot the following scores:

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total		
Par	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	36		
Hole Handicap	4	8	6	10	18	12	14	2	16			
Player Name										Score	Handicap	Net
Smith, Patty	4	4	4	5	3	5	3	5	5	38	01	37
Rogers, Lise	5	6	6	5	5	6	4	6	5	48	11	37
Jones, Helen	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	5	4	39	02	37
Simpson, Joyce	5	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	5	44	07	37

The scores are adjusted and points are awarded as follows:

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total		
Par	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	36		
Hole Handicap	4	8	6	10	18	12	14	2	16			
Player Name										Total	Match	Total
Smith, Patty	4	4	4	5	3	5	3	5	5			
Rogers, Lise	5	6	6	5	5	6	4	6	5			
Aggregate Score	*8	10	*9	10	8	11	7	*10	10			
Points	2.0	1.0	2.0		2.0		1.0			8.0	0	8.0
Jones, Helen	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	5	4			
Simpson, Joyce	5	5	5	5	5	6	4	4	5			
Aggregate Score	9	10	10	9	10	10	7	9	9			
Points		1.0		2.0		2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	10.0	2.0	12.0

Smith/Rogers win holes 1, 3, 5 and split hole 2 & 7 for total of 8 points

Jones/Simpson win holes 4, 6, 8, 9 and splits holes 2 and 7 for total of 10 points

Jones/Simpson win the most holes and are awarded 2 points. Final score:

Jones/Simpson: 12 points

Smith/Rogers: 8 points

If a team does not show up they will **FORFEIT**.

All points will be given to the player's opponent.

If a team uses a sub, the sub's handicap will be used in calculating the team handicap.

If one player is absent and does not obtain a sub, a ghost score will be used in calculating the team handicap. It is possible for a ghost to win points for the team.

Ghost score = Par for Course + Ghost (Absent Player) Handicap + 5 strokes

EWGA Championship Series

The EWGA Championship began in 1995 and has grown to an event with over 2,000 participants each year. It is considered one of the largest women's amateur tournaments in the world. Most amateur tournaments of this magnitude limit participation to low handicap golfers. In keeping with the mission of EWGA to promote the growth of golf among women, members of all skill levels are encouraged to participate in the event.

Members have the opportunity compete at three levels and in two different formats. Levels of participation include the qualifying 18-hole event held at the EWGA Chapter

Championship in June, Semi-final 18-hole round at a regional event in August and the final 36-hole rounds at the EWGA Championship held in September. Members may compete at the individual stroke play level or in a four-person scramble team format.

Competitors in this event must have a verifiable USGA handicap to participate in this series. We encourage all members to obtain a USGA handicap and post the required number of scores to obtain your handicap index before the Chapter Championship held in July.

Individual stroke play offers five flights of play based upon the participant's USGA handicap index. The flights are as follows:

	<u>18-hole Handicap</u>
Championship Flight	0.00 – 13.0
First Flight	13.1 – 20.0
Second Flight	20.1 – 27.0
Third Flight	27.1 – 33.0
Fourth Flight	33.1 – UP

In the scramble division, a team handicap is calculated based on the handicap index of team member and encourages participations for all skill levels in the same manner as individual stroke play.

Winners are determined in each flight in the stroke play event. Participants with the low gross and low net score in each flight advance to the sectional semi-final event. The first place scramble team advances to the sectional semi-final event. Under this format, fourteen members from the Akron Chapter can advance to the next level of competition.

At the sectional semi-final event, the first place winner in each flight with low gross and low net scores and the first place scramble team advance to the Association Championship.

The Championship Series is a great opportunity to experience “first-hand” the challenge, excitement and energy of a tournament setting. Participation is encouraged...it takes you one step closer to finding your personal “A” game!

Member-Get-A-Member Campaign

Recruitment, Recognition and Rewards

Networking opportunities with other members is one of the most important benefits of Executive Women's Golf Association. Introducing women to the association will strengthen the voice of EWGA at all levels and allow us to improve our chapter by offering more benefits and services to you – our members. In an effort to continue growth of the Akron Chapter, the Member-Get-A-Member campaign is designed to offer existing members the possibility to win prizes and other awards for their recruiting efforts. All you have to do is tell your friends about the benefits of being part of EWGA – Akron Chapter.

The Recruiting, Recognition and Rewards program runs from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. Recruiting efforts for the Chapter MGAM campaign will also be applied toward the Association level campaign. The winners at each Recruitment level result in Recognition at the Akron Chapter banquet and the EWGA Annual Conference. The more new members you recruit, the more chances of winning. This year the Chapter level winner will receive a paid membership for next year. Watch your mail for information about recruitment prizes at the association level.

MGAM Entry Rules

- Write your name and member ID# clearly on the 2008 EWGA New Member Application. This should be marked in the area that asks the applicant if a member introduced them to EWGA. A new member application is available at www.ewga.com.
- Write your name and member ID on an application, make copies and give to potential members. An association brochure with an application attached is available for distribution to explain the benefits of EWGA. Additional copies are available from the Membership Chair, President or your team leader.
- Applications must be received by Association Headquarters between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007, to be eligible for the campaign.
- All new member tracking is automatically done through the Association Headquarters based upon information submitted with the new member application form.
- You must be a current member of EWGA when the new member joins in order to receive credit for recruiting the new member.
- Renewing members do not qualify as new member recruits. Recruited members are new members or former members who are rejoining after their membership has lapsed.

Volunteering and Committee Participation

Membership offers many opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of the mission of Executive Women's Golf Association through volunteering and committee participation. All of our activities and governance of the Akron Chapter are implemented through volunteer efforts. Contact the board member representing the committee of your interest, the Leadership Chair, or your team leader if you wish to share your talents to assist us in chapter growth and development. To get the most from your membership – **Get Involved!** Consider helping with one event, or join a committee. All of the association committees welcome your contributions.

Membership Committee

The membership committee is a great way to get to meet everyone in the Chapter. This committee coordinates recruitment of new members, assists new members getting their benefit from the chapter, and identifies member retention needs. You can become an instrumental part in the growth of the Akron Chapter.

Communications Committee

The communications committee is a great way to be in the know! Opportunities exist in helping us work with local media, assisting in the development of the chapter's published materials (including newsletters and flyers), and helping in the maintenance of the chapter website.

Golf Events Committee

Do you enjoy planning, organizing, or running successful events? Maybe you have never had the opportunity to help with an event but would like to? Some of the events we offer include the Chapter Championship, the Charity Golf Event, Night Golf, the Akron-Canton Golf Challenge, the Bring-A-Buddy Event, and more. You can help plan and be part of our events designed to accommodate golfers of all levels while having lots of fun!

Sponsorship Committee

Are you someone who is looking for an opportunity to help the Akron Chapter build relationships with the business community? Do you have interests in fundraising? You can be involved by providing leads to our Sponsorship Chair, helping secure sponsorships or by helping us in development and implementation of a program to recognize our sponsors for their contributions. This committee offers opportunities to reach out to the community, build new relationships, and significantly impact the growth and future of our organization.

Social Committee

Are you a social butterfly? Do you enjoy networking? This is a great way to get to know the members of our Chapter by promoting fellowship. Some of the social and networking events we have offered are Happy Hours, Card Parties, the Kick-Off Event, Spa Night and our year-end Recognition Event.

Golf Education and Player Development Committee

Do you know a lot about golf? You may want to become involved in the education committee. Some of the opportunities include mentoring newer golfers, helping out at our new golfer programs, assisting at our golf clinics, and helping out at the rules and etiquette seminars. This is a great chance to serve as an advocate for new golfers by welcoming them into the game of golf.

Sponsorship Opportunities

The EWGA exists to provide opportunities for women to learn, play, and enjoy the game of golf for business and for life. We work together to create opportunities for women of every skill level to bond, network and enjoy the game of golf in a welcoming environment. In meeting this goal many opportunities arise for businesses to partner with our organization to offer their products and services to a diverse and dynamic group of women active in the greater Akron business community.

Sponsorship Levels

The sponsorship levels are intended to be a guide indicating the sponsorship investment and benefits received at each level. The benefits listed for a specified level are briefly described in the appendix. Our sponsorship chairperson is eager to work with prospective sponsors and has the authority to develop a customized sponsor program for any interested party. The monetary value associated with each level may include cash, merchandise and services or any combination of items providing a value associated with each sponsorship level.

Newsletter Advertising

Members are encouraged to advertise their businesses in the quarterly newsletter through the purchase of advertising space. Please contact Laura Kohn if you are interested at **likohn@aol.com**.

Please consider your business and professional contacts a potential sponsor and mention that EWGA – Akron Chapter is a promotional opportunity! Contact the Sponsorship Chairperson for more information.

EWGA Apparel and Merchandise

Specialty EWGA logo merchandise can be ordered through the association website at www.ewga.com. EWGA merchandise is also awarded as prizes for some golfing events and is available at the sectional and annual conference events.

EWGA – Akron Chapter offers special order merchandise to commemorate events and other occasions. Information describing merchandise, pricing, order deadlines, etc. will be distributed through newsletters, e-mails and at courses of play during such promotional events

Visit our website at www.ewga-akron.com for up to date information related to special ordering opportunities.

Glossary of Golfing Terms

The definitions found in this glossary of golfing terms were found in an online publication [The ABC's of Golf](#), written by PGA Professional, Mark Blakemore. For the complete listing of golf terminology found in the publication, visit www.pgaprofessional.com.

ace

see **hole in one**

address

(also called "set up" or "address position") the position that the player assumes when preparing to make a stroke Example: The **address position** is one of the main keys to consistency in golf.

alignment

the direction that the body and club are "lined up" in the address position Example: Standard issue **alignment** is parallel to the target line with a square clubface. An easy way to visualize this alignment is to imagine a railroad track -- your feet are standing on one track; the clubface is on, and square to, the other.

approach shot

a shot intended to reach the green Example: Her **approach shot** came to rest within inches of the flag.

apron

(also called "collar, fringe, frog hair") the short grass that separates the putting green from rough or fairway Example: Though I missed the green with my approach shot the ball was just on the **apron/fringe/collar/frog hair**.

attend the flag

(also "tend" the flag, flagstick or pin) holding and then removing the flagstick after a player has made a stroke Example: If another player is away and it is not your turn to putt you might be **attending/tending** the flag so they have a clearer view of where the hole is.

away

farthest from the hole Example: The player who is **away** plays first.

back nine

(also "back side") the last 9 holes (10-18) of an 18-hole golf course Example: She played much better on the **back nine** than on the front.

ball mark

(also "pitch mark") the depression that a ball makes when it strikes the ground (usually, but not always, associated with the putting green) Example: A **ball mark/pitch mark** should be repaired to the best of the player's ability to be as smooth as before the ball impacted the ground.

ball marker

(also "**marker**") usually a small, flat object (like a dime) used to mark the ball's position (usually, but not exclusively) on the green while other players putt and/or the ball is cleaned Example: When you're on the green you may mark the position of your ball with a **ball marker**.

beach

any sand-filled hazard Example: Is my ball on the green or the **beach**?

Best-Ball

a match where an individual plays against the better ball of two, or the best ball of three, players (commonly and mistakenly thought of as two-man teams playing their best ball against each other, which is actually called a "Four-Ball" match) Example: **Best-Ball** matches are less common than Four-Ball matches.

birdie

a score of one under (less than) par for a hole Example: She made a **birdie** 4 on the par 5 15th hole.

bite

(also sometimes "check, grab, hold, sit, sit down, hit a house" and so on) 1. a command* issued to the ball by a player who believes their ball is going too far or too fast 2. the act of the ball stopping quickly as a result of backspin (* some players feel that issuing commands to their ball during its movement can alter its final resting point) Example: I was really hoping my ball would **bite** when I saw it heading toward the deep forest.

blast

(also "blast shot, explosion, explosion shot") a shot that removes a large amount of sand or earth in addition (hopefully) to the ball, as from a buried lie in a bunker Example: A(n) **blast shot/explosion shot** back into the wind can be unpleasant.

bogey

a score of one over (more than) par for a hole Example: She played the hole fairly well, but still only managed to make a **bogey**.

break

the curve of a putt or running shot due to the slope of the terrain and gravity Example: As you gain experience in golf your ability to read the **break** on putts improves.

bump and run

(also "chip, chip and run, chip and roll") A shot that is designed to roll (run) farther than it flies (usually, but not always, from near the green) Example: **Bump and run** shots are simpler and safer than pitch shots.

bunker

a depression in the ground usually (but not always) filled with sand Example: **Bunkers** are hazards commonly situated so as to demand accuracy on shots.

Callaway handicap system

(also "Callaway scoring system") a system of creating "fair" handicaps for a one-time event in which many players do not have verifiable or established handicaps Example: The **Callaway handicap system/scoring system** uses a chart to subtract a specified number of holes/strokes from, and make other adjustments to, a player's score.

carry

1. the distance a ball travels in the air 2. the distance a ball must travel in the air in order to clear something or reach some destination Example: 1. She **carried** the big oak tree with a 7 iron. 2. In order to clear that lake the ball will need to **carry** over 250 yards.

casual water

a temporary accumulation of water (outside of a water hazard) that is visible before or after a player takes their stance Example: You may take relief from **casual water** no nearer to the hole according to the rules of golf.

Chapman

(also "Chapman Scotch, **Pinehurst**") a variation on a four-ball match between two 2-man teams where each player hits a tee shot, then players on the same team switch and hit their teammate's ball. After the second shots are hit the team plays only one of the balls (of their choice), alternating strokes, until holed Example: A **Chapman/Chapman Scotch/Pinehurst** match is one form of an alternate shot format.

chip

(also "chip and run, chip and roll, bump and run") a shot that is designed to roll (run) farther than it flies (usually, but not always, from near the green) Example: My **chip/chip and run/chip and roll** shot hit the pin and dropped in.

choke

a derogatory term for poor performance under pressure or in a crucial situation (usually associated with nervousness) Example: I hope I don't **choke** and miss this one foot putt for eagle to win the Inter-Galactic Golf Championship.

choke down

(also "choke up") gripping farther down the grip or handle of the club Example: Many situations call for **choking down** on the club.

chunk

(also "chunky, fat, thick, heavy, laying the sod over it, hitting the big ball [the Earth] before the little ball" and many more) hitting the ground before the ball, usually resulting in the ball not going as far as intended Example: That ball would have cleared the water if you hadn't **chunked it/hit it chunky/laid the sod over it**.

closed

("closed clubface, closed stance") can apply to the alignment of the body/stance or clubface - for a right-handed player the stance would be closed if the body were aligned to the right of the target and a closed clubface would be aimed to the left of the target Example: I made sure my stance and clubface were both a little bit **closed**, as I was trying to hook the ball.

coil

the turning of the body away from the target in the backswing (generally thought of as the turning of the shoulders against the lower body, like the coil of a spring) Example: The more **coil** or rotational stretch you can create in your backswing the more clubhead speed you can theoretically produce on the downswing. (Be careful, though: the more coil or tension the higher the risk of back injury too.)

collar

see **apron**

compression

1. the resilience of a golf ball 2. the flattening of the golf ball when contacted by the club

Example: 1. Golf balls come in 80, 90, or 100 **compression**, and which one a player should use is a matter of clubhead speed and personal preference. 2. Good **compression** of the ball is necessary for tremendous backspin.

course management

(also "game management") the use of strategy, or a thoughtful plan, emphasizing strengths and accommodating weaknesses to make one's way around a golf course (as opposed to haphazardly hitting the ball and chasing it) Example: Good **course management/game management** is another one of the big differences between a highly skilled player and an intermediate player.

course rating

an evaluation of the difficulty of a course for a scratch player (expressed in relation to the par of the course)

Example: From the back tees the par at my home course is 72 and the **course rating** is 73.8.

cup

the base and liner or sleeve inside the hole that holds the flagstick in place Example: You can hear the ball rattle around in the **cup** when you make a putt, and it's a sweet sound.

cut

1. (also "cut shot, fade") a shot which (for a right-handed player) curves gently from left to right 2. (also "cut line") the required score to qualify for further play in a tournament 3. refers to the act or location of "cutting" the hole into the putting green surface Example: 1. Many times a **cut shot** will land more softly than a draw. 2. Unless she birdies 2 of the last 3 holes she will miss the **cut**. 3. The hole was **cut** so tight that the pin appeared to be off the green.

dance floor

see **green**

deuce

a score of 2 on a hole Example: He pitched in for a **deuce** on the 7th hole.

divot

a portion of turf that is ripped out of the ground Example: It is considered bad form and discourteous to take a **divot** with a practice swing, and one should always replace one's **divots** when possible.

dogleg

a hole on which the fairway has an angle, turn or bend in it like a dog's rear leg Example: The par 5 2nd hole is a 543 yard **dogleg** left.

double bogey

a score of two over (more than) par for a hole Example: Biff made a **double bogey** 5 on the par 3 6th hole after birdieing 3 out of the first five holes.

double eagle

(also "albatross") a score of 3 under (less than) par for a hole Example: A **double eagle** is very rare, as is the **albatross**.

downhill lie

when the ball rests on a downhill slope in the intended direction of play Example: When a right-handed player has the ball on a **downhill lie** their right foot (uphill foot) is higher than their left foot (downhill foot).

downswing

(also "downward swing, forward swing") the portion of the swing that starts from the top, or end, of the backswing (or transition) and reverses movement and momentum back in the direction of the ball and target Example: It's called a **downswing**; not a downhit or a downchop.

drain

(also "drano, draino, drain-o") 1. to sink a putt 2. a player who seems to make a lot of putts Example: 1. Ted **drains** every putt he looks at. 2. That guy is [a] draino.

draw

(also "slinger, turn over") a shot that curves gently from right to left (right-handed player) Example: Some holes favor a **draw/slinger/shot that is turned over** by design.

drive

the first shot on a (usually) par 4 or par 5 hole (most commonly used in reference to the driver or #1 wood) Example: I hit the best **drive** of my life on the last hole the other day.

driver

the number 1 wood 2. one that uses a number 1 wood Example: 1. The next hole was long and wide open, so I pulled out my **driver**. 2. Greg Norman is an excellent **driver** of the ball.

driving range

(also "practice range, practice tee, range") an area, separate from the golf course, designated for hitting practice balls Example: **Driving ranges/practice ranges/practice tees/ranges** vary widely in their size and caliber.

drop

when the ball is released by hand (with an extended arm at shoulder height) and put back in play after being lifted under various situations within the rules of golf Example: She took a free **drop** away from the obstruction.

eagle

a score of 2 under (less than) par for a hole Example: A hole in one on a par 3 hole is also an **eagle**.

embedded ball

(also "plugged") a ball stuck in the ground as a result of its impact Example: Ernie was able to lift, clean and then drop his **embedded ball** without penalty.

etiquette

rules of behavior, propriety, decorum, manners, etc. Example: Observance of the proper golf **etiquette** is very important to some players.

executive course

a golf course with very short holes, mostly par 3's and short par 4's Example: An **executive course**, with its short total yardage, can usually be completed in a relatively short period of time.

explosion shot

(also "explosion, blast, blast shot") a shot that removes a large amount of sand or earth in addition (hopefully) to the ball, as from a buried lie in a bunker Example: A(n) **explosion shot/explosion/blast shot/blast** back into the wind can be unpleasant.

fade

a gently curving shot from left to right (right-handed player) Example: A soft **fade** is a valuable shot to know when the greens are firm and dry.

fairway

the closely mown area between the tee and green Example: The **fairway** is generally preferable to the rough, as the shorter grass makes clean contact more likely.

fat

(also "chunky, fat, thick, heavy, laying the sod over it, hitting the big ball [the Earth] before the little ball" and many more) hitting the ground before the ball, usually resulting in the ball not going as far as intended Example: That ball would have cleared the water if you hadn't hit it **fat/chunky/thick**.

flag

usually, but not always, a fabric banner atop the pin or flagstick to make the location of the hole visible Example: At some courses the depth of the hole's location is indicated by color coding the **flags** (e.g., red means the front third of the green, white means the middle third and blue means the rear third).

flagstick

(also "pin, stick") a slender pole, usually about 7 feet in height, with a flag on it placed inside the cup to mark the location of the hole Example: Some golf courses provide a "**pin** sheet" that is a drawing of where the hole is located on each green. At some courses small flags or balls positioned below the flag on the **flagstick** indicate the position of the **pin**/hole on the green (front, middle, back). At some courses the depth of the hole's location is indicated by color coding the flags (e.g., red means the front third of the green, white means the middle third and blue means the rear third). And some courses do nothing at all, leaving one to guess or simply look and judge as well as possible.

Florida scramble

a modified scramble tournament format in which the same player's shot may not be selected on two consecutive shots Example: A **Florida scramble** demands somewhat more strategy than a regular scramble.

follow-through

(also "finish") the continuation of a golf stroke after the bottom of the swing and impact area Example: Nancy had a nice **follow-through** to her swing.

fore

used (usually yelled loudly) to warn golfers in range of the incoming flight of a ball Example: I once heard a caddy yell, "**fore!**" for so long a duration that I marveled at her lung capacity.

foursome

1. four players playing together in a group 2. a match in which two 2-person teams compete against each other with each side only playing one ball Example: My weekly **foursome** plays at noon on Monday. 2. **Foursome** matches can be fun, but also pressure packed, because you don't want to let your partner down.

Four-Ball

a match in which two 2-person teams compete against each other using the one best score from each side (commonly and mistakenly referred to as "Best-Ball," which is actually one player competing against the better ball of two or three other players) Example: Our **Four-Ball** tournament was more fun than the others this year.

fried egg

a lie (usually in a sand filled bunker) in which the ball is half buried and thus resembles a fried egg Example: A shot from a **fried egg** lie might play similarly to a buried lie *or* a relatively clean lie, depending on its severity.

fringe

see **apron**

frog hair

see **apron**

front nine

(also "front, front side") the first 9 holes (1-9) of an 18 hole golf course Example: She played much better on the **front nine/front/front side** than on the back.

gallery

spectators Example: The **gallery** exploded when she made the putt to win.

gimme

(informal) a putt that is short enough in length to be certain to be holed with the next stroke Example: There is no such thing as a **gimme** in stroke play competitions.

go to school

to learn from another player's shot (most commonly associated with putting — seeing how a putt on a similar line to your own will break) Example: Since Jack's putt was almost on the same line as Jill's but slightly closer to the hole, he was able to **go to school** when she putted.

grain

the direction the grass is growing (usually only of consequence with coarser grasses, e.g., Bermuda) Example: The **grain** on a putting green mainly affects putts as they slow down, and on many greens with fine-bladed grasses it has no noticeable effect at all.

green

(also "putting green, putting surface, dance floor") the most closely mown and smooth (hopefully) area on the course, which is specifically prepared for putting and on which the hole is placed Example: Once you're on the **green/putting surface/dance floor** you may mark, lift, clean and replace your ball within the rules.

green fee

the fee paid to play a course Example: Some resort courses charge a humongous **green fee**. Ouch.

green in regulation

(also "GIR, G.I.R.") playing one's ball onto the green in the prescribed ("regulation") number of strokes (equal to par for the hole minus two strokes) Example: Hitting the **green in regulation** would mean the ball is on the green in one shot on a par 3, two shots on a par 4 and three shots on a par 5.

gross

(also "unadjusted") the raw, actual or unadjusted score (strokes) before a handicap has been applied Example: His score was 84 **gross** and 72 net once his handicap had been applied.

ground

("ground the club, grounding the club") the act of touching the club to the ground (earth) Example: A few players never **ground** their club at any time, but **grounding the club** in a hazard will cost you a two stroke penalty.

ground under repair

any area of the course undergoing repair (usually marked with white lines) Example: Free relief without penalty is allowed from **ground under repair** within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief that is no nearer the hole.

handicap

(related - "handicap differential, handicap index, index") the average difference between a player's scores and a set standard, as calculated by specified procedures and formulas Example: A **handicap index** is mainly used in tournaments and wagers so that players of different levels of proficiency can compete against one another, but is also a valid and objective way of measuring one's progress.

hardpan

very firm, unyielding ground (many times bare) Example: You can find a lot of **hardpan** on hot dry plains courses.

hazard

any bunker (usually a hollow of some kind with a prepared surface, generally sand or similar) or water hazard (sea, lake, pond, ditch, etc. usually marked with either yellow or red stakes or lines) Example: There is usually some kind of penalty for being in a **hazard**, whether it's strokes that are added to your score or just a more difficult shot.

hole

1. 4¼ inch diameter hole in the ground into which the ball is to be played 2. the entire length of the playing area and immediate vicinity from the teeing ground to the putting green (all inclusive) 3. (also "hole out, make, drain, sink") to play the ball into the hole Example: 1. The **hole** contains the cup that holds the flagstick. 2. The difficult par 3 fourth **hole** was considered impossible to par by many golfers. 3. All that remained for me to shoot 62 was to **hole/hole out/make/drain/sink** my putt on the 18th ... but I woke up.

hole high

(also "pin high") when the ball has traveled the correct distance and is even with the hole, but off to one side or the other (whether or not it's on the green) Example: Terry's approach shot was **hole high/pin high** to the right.

hole in one

(also "ace") a score of 1 on a hole, holing the tee shot Example: A(n) **hole in one/ace** is usually made on a par 3, but occasionally it happens on a par 4.

honor

the privilege of playing first from the tee Example: The **honor** generally goes to the person with the lowest score on the previous hole, and if there are ties the hole before that, and so on. (In informal or casual play, especially when there are players following, the importance of the **honor** is superseded by the need to play without delay, and "hit when ready" is usually a more appropriate M.O.)

hook

a shot that travels from right to left (right-handed player) - more severe than a draw Example: He sliced his tee shot and **hooked** his approach.

hosel

(also "neck") the part of the club into which the shaft is inserted Example: When the ball ricochets off the **hosel** before it hits the clubface it is called a shank.

improved lie

1. (also "improved lies, improving your lie, preferred lies, winter rules, bumping it") altering the ball's position, or the way it rests (lies) on the ground, so as to make it easier to contact cleanly -- mainly put into effect when course conditions are not acceptable for playing the ball down, usually due to wet, soggy conditions) Example: It is against the rules to **improve your lie/bump it** unless the committee has invoked **winter rules/preferred lies**.

in

(also "back, back nine, back side") the last nine holes (10-18) of an eighteen hole golf course Example: He had 40 going out and 40 coming **in** for a total score of 80.

in play

Officially, the ball is in play once the tee shot comes to rest anywhere on the course (not out of bounds) -- informally, more commonly used to also include the fact that the next shot is "playable" (i.e., not in the forest, a water hazard, potentially lost, etc.) Example: Her tee shot wasn't pretty, but it was **in play**.

inside-out

a swing path that travels from inside (closer to the body than) the target line to outside (farther away from the body than) the target line Example: If the clubface is square to the target line at impact an **inside-out** swing, or path, will produce a draw or hook.

intermediate target

a real or imaginary reference point, or target, that is on the line between the ball and the ultimate target (usually but not always fairly close to the ball) to make alignment easier Example: An example of an **intermediate target** might be a pebble or discolored blade of grass (it could be anything, really) three feet in front of the ball that is used as an aiming point because it's easier to line up with than the actual target 200 yards away.

jail

when the ball is in a position where it cannot be swung at or advanced at all, or in any normal way (e.g., in thick trees) Example: I hit it in **jail** on number 2 and had to take an unplayable lie.

kick

bounce Example: I got a good **kick** and my ball ended up right next to the pin.

lag

(also "lag putt, approach putt") a putt that is intended to stop close to the hole but not presumed to be holed Example: I was just **lagging** the putt, actually; I never thought it would go in.

lateral hazard

(also "lateral water hazard") a water hazard (whether filled with water or not) that is generally adjacent to, or to one side or another of, the line of play (usually marked with red stakes or lines) Example: A **lateral hazard/lateral water hazard** has some additional options under the rules of golf.

lay up

(also "lay back, play for position", sometimes "transport shot") a shot played to a particular location to allow for an easier subsequent shot or to keep the ball from going too far (e.g., when the fairway ends in a deep canyon and it is not possible to carry the canyon from the current position) Example: I hit my tee shot too far to the right on the par 5, so I had to **lay up/lay back/play for position**, as I couldn't carry the water with my second shot.

lie

1. the quality, manner, style, way, or position relative to level in which a ball rests on the ground (e.g., good lie, bad lie, downhill lie, uphill lie, side hill lie, fluffy lie, flier lie, and so on) 2. can also refer to the number of strokes taken up to the current moment on a given hole when the ball is at rest Example: Typically a **lie** would be considered bad if it was not largely exposed or where clean contact would not be possible. 2. I was **lying** 3 after I dropped out of the hazard.

line

1. ("target line, intended line") direction, as indicated by a vertical plane 2. ("line, line of a putt, putting line") the path on which the ball rolls, or will roll, en route to the hole Example: My intended **line** was right over the big oak tree. 2. It is common courtesy to avoid stepping in someone's **line**, as a fresh footprint on the green could alter the ball's course and/or speed.

links

1. originally referred to seaside courses, now used loosely to mean any golf course 2. ("links style course, links course") an exposed, windswept (sometimes seaside) course characterized by gently rolling mounds/dunes and very few (if any) trees Example: Hey, let's hit the **links** after work. 2. Spanish Bay, on the Monterey Peninsula, is a **links** style course.

lip

(also "rim") the top edge of the hole, above the cup Example: My putt hit the left **lip** and tried to spin out but ended up falling in.

lob

(also "lob shot") a relatively vertical (steep arced) shot, usually played with a lofted wedge, intended to land softly and not roll far Example: My **lob shot** stopped quickly, as I'd hoped.

loft

1. the angle/cant/slope/pitch/grade of the clubface relative to the shaft of the club from the frontal plane 2. hoist or lift Example: Putters usually have anywhere from 4 to 7 degrees of **loft**, whereas lob wedges may have as much as 65 degrees. 2. She needed to **loft** the ball over a tree.

long game

the part of golf played with full swings (usually thought of in terms of woods, long irons and middle irons) Example: Ted was a master of the **long game** and his short game was pretty good, too.

loose impediment

any natural object that is not fixed or growing (e.g., rocks, twigs, leaves, etc.) Example: **Loose impediments** may be removed at the player's discretion, without penalty, anywhere except in a hazard.

lost ball

any ball that cannot be found within five minutes of beginning a search for it (see also "provisional ball") Example: A **lost ball** will cost you a two stroke penalty (i.e., the shot itself, an additional stroke, and the ball must be replayed from the original position).

mark

(also "spot") to put down a ball marker, usually a small, flat object (like a dime) to be able to replace the ball precisely in its original location after lifting (usually, but not exclusively, on the green) Example: Jim's ball was lying right where I was going to place my foot, so I had him **mark/spot** it.

marker

see "**ball marker**"

marshal

1. a person designated by a tournament committee to help with crowd control and to keep order 2. a person designated to patrol the course, keeping an eye out for problems in general, but usually present to promote a reasonable pace of play or keep things moving Example: The **marshal/ranger** told the gallery to move back to make room for Byron's swing.

match play

scoring by holes rather than strokes, the way golf was originally played Example: The winner of a **match play** competition is the player who has won the most holes, not necessarily the player with the fewest total strokes.

medalist

the player in a stroke play, or medal play, competition with the fewest strokes/lowest score, the winner Example: The **medalist** received the maximum award allowable by the rules of golf for an amateur.

medal play

(also "stroke play") scoring by the total number of strokes Example: The PGA Championship used to be decided by match play, but now it is a **medal play/stroke play** competition.

member bounce

(also "member's bounce, lucky kick") a very favorable (lucky) bounce or kick of the ball Example: Sally feared her ball was headed out of bounds, but she was saved by a **member's bounce**.

misclub

choosing the wrong club (usually associated with good execution but an incorrect distance result) Example: I hit my 6 iron very solidly, but realized I had **misclubbed** when it fell 20 yards short of the green.

mishit

to not hit a shot solidly Example: A 6 iron was the correct choice; I just **mishit** it.

misread

to incorrectly assess the break of a putt or chip shot Example: Wow, that was an extreme **misread** -- it broke in the opposite direction.

Mulligan

(also "lunch ball, Sunday ball") taking a second attempt (replay, "do over") at a shot when one doesn't like the result of the first Example: Taking a **Mulligan** is not allowed in the rules of golf, but is usually tolerated (only if time allows) in casual play.

Nassau

a type of wager in which the first nine holes, the last nine holes and the total for 18 holes are three separate bets Example: Mary played a two-dollar **Nassau** with Ingrid.

net

a player's score after a handicap has been applied Example: Trisha had a **net** 74 and a gross 82, which wasn't her best.

nineteenth hole

(also "19th hole") the bar or lounge after a round of golf Example: I played better on the **nineteenth hole/19th hole** than on any of the previous 18.

OB

See "**out of bounds**"

one-putt

when only one putt is taken on a green to hole the ball Example: I **one-putted** six times on the front nine.

open

1. a tournament in which either amateurs or professionals can play, if they qualify 2. ("open clubface, open stance") refers to the alignment of the body/stance or clubface - for a right-handed player the stance would be open if the body were aligned to the left of the target and an open clubface would be aimed to the right of the target Example: 1. The British **Open**, being the oldest organized tournament in the world, is sometimes simply referred to as The **Open**. 2. Since I was trying to hit a big fade, I **opened** my stance.

out of bounds

(also "out of play, **OB**, Oscar Brown") area that is not part of the course, on which play is not permitted (usually marked by white stakes or property fences) -- see also "**provisional ball**" Example: Carmichael hit 3 balls in a row **out of bounds/ob/Oscar Brown**, then finally got his fourth attempt in play and was lying 7.

outside-in

a swing path that cuts across the target line from the far side of the target line, in relation to the player (outside), to the near side (inside) through the impact area Example: An **outside-in** swing path generally produces either a slice/fade or a pull, but in extreme cases can cause a pull hook -- ouch!

par

1. the standard number of strokes in which a scratch player would be expected to complete a hole or course 2. (also "even, even par, level, level par") the score of par for a course, or the state of being at that score during or at the conclusion of play Example: 1. **Par** for a hole is based on the length of the hole plus two putts (e.g., a **par** four hole would be one that an excellent player would usually reach [the green] in two strokes, plus two putts to hole the ball). 2. I was at **par/even/even par/level/level par** with two holes still to play.

path

the direction the clubhead is traveling (generally thought of in relation to the target line) Example: An outside-in **path** will cause a slice if the ball is contacted with a square or open clubface.

penalty stroke

a stroke that must be added to the score, for a variety of reasons (e.g., lost ball, unplayable lie), in accordance with the rules of golf Example: The **penalty stroke** for playing into and dropping from the water hazard cost Bill the hole.

Peoria scoring system

a system of scoring where 6 secret holes are selected, prior to the tournament, and a formula is applied using the scores from those 6 holes to determine a final score Example: The **Peoria scoring system** and the Callaway scoring system are popular methods of handicapping events where some, or all, of the players don't have established handicaps.

pin

(also "flagstick, stick") the stick or pole that rests in the cup and holds the flag Example: Her approach shot hit the **pin/flagstick/stick**.

pin high

(also "hole high") when the ball has traveled the correct distance and is even with the hole, but off to one side or the other (whether or not it's on the green) Example: Terry's approach shot was **pin high/hole high** to the right.

pin position

(also "pin placement") the exact location of the hole and flagstick Example: 1. The **pin position/pin placement** may be different every day.

pin sheet

a chart that shows the hole locations on each green Example: 1. The **pin sheet**, or knowing the hole locations, is important to highly skilled players.

Pinehurst

1. (also "Chapman, Chapman Scotch") a variation on a four-ball match between two 2-man teams where each player hits a tee shot, then players on the same team switch and hit their teammate's ball. After the second shots are hit the team plays only one of the balls (of their choice), alternating strokes, until holed 2. a famous North Carolina resort/golf complex/area/town with a rich golf history Example: 1. A **Pinehurst/Chapman/Chapman Scotch** match is one form of an alternate shot format. 2. The No. 2 course at **Pinehurst** was the site of the 1999 U.S. Open and has hosted many other prestigious championships.

pitch

("pitch shot") a relatively short, lofted shot designed to land softly and not roll much (differs from a chip in its trajectory and amount of roll) Example: The **pitch/pitch shot** is very valuable from the short side of the green.

pitch and run

a lofted shot that is also intended to release/run/roll Example: The **pitch and run** is a feel shot between a chip and run and a pitch.

play through

(also "go through") passing the group in front of you (for various reasons) while they wait Example: The group in front of us had two very slow inexperienced players, so they let us **play through/go through**.

plumb bob

a method of reading putts where the putter is hung from the fingers (like a surveyor's plumb line) in front of one's visual field to create a vertical reference Example: **Plumb bobbing** is virtually impossible (for *many* reasons) as a measurably effective method of reading putts, though some players do it out of habit and feel (subjectively) that it helps or works for them.

plug

1. when the ball embeds in the ground 2. a cylindrical chunk of earth removed by aeration Example: Ted's ball was **plugged** in the bunker to the point where it was barely visible. 2. After the greens were aerated there were **plugs** lying everywhere, so putting was problematic.

practice green

("practice putting green") a green which is separate from the golf course and is designated for practicing putting only or putting and/or the short game Example: After the round she spent a few minutes on the **practice green/practice putting green** working on her technique.

practice range

(also "practice facility, practice tee, driving range, range") an area, separate from the golf course, designated for hitting practice balls Example: **Practice ranges/Practice facilities/Practice tees/Driving ranges/Ranges** vary widely in their size and caliber.

practice swing

(also "rehearsal swing") a swing through the air made (without hitting a ball) to work on, or feel, the movements that you intend to make when you hit the ball, or just to loosen up Example: She always takes one **practice swing** before each shot.

preferred lies

(also "improved lies, winter rules, bumping it") a local rule under which a player can improve his lie without penalty Example: The course was so wet and sloppy that we played **preferred lies/improved lies/winter rules/bumps** for the first time since last year.

Pro-Am

(also "Pro Am") a tournament in which professionals and amateurs play together on teams Example: The Bob Hope Desert Classic is a well-known **Pro-Am** which has been around for many years and changed names (sponsors) almost as many times.

provisional ball

(also "provisional") an additional shot played in a situation where it is believed that the original ball may be out of bounds or lost (the shot is played before leaving the area of the original shot) Example: If you think your ball is either out of bounds or lost it's a good idea to play a **provisional ball/provisional**, as it will save time if the original ball is, indeed, out of play.

pull

1. (also "yank, jerk") a shot that goes to the left of the intended line for a right-handed player 2. to select a club or remove it from the bag Example: I **pulled** my putt slightly, but it still went in. 2. He **pulled** the driver, to the dismay of his caddie.

pull cart

(also "hand cart") a mechanical device or trolley with wheels and a handle used to carry a player's bag and clubs Example: Using a **pull cart** is an alternative to carrying your bag or riding in a motorized golf car.

punch out

hitting a relatively small chip shot (many times sideways or even backward) to extricate oneself from trouble (e.g., trees) when a longer shot is needed but obstructed Example: I hit my tee shot into such thick trees that I just had to **punch out** for my second shot.

punch shot

(also "punch, knockdown, knockdown shot, half shot") a shot played with less than a full swing, mainly to control distance, trajectory and spin Example: A common variation on the **punch shot/punch/knockdown/knockdown shot/half shot** is where the hands reach shoulder height on the backswing and also finish shoulder high in the follow-through.

push

(also "shove, block") a shot that goes to the right of the intended line for a right-handed player Example: I guess I was afraid of the water hazard next to the green on the left because I **pushed/shoved/blocked** my approach shot to the right.

putt

a shot (generally, but not necessarily hit with a putter) that is intended to make the ball roll (usually, but not exclusively, on or just off the putting green) Example: I made my **putt** for birdie and tipped my hat to ... my playing partner.

putt out

(also "finish") to complete play by holing your ball, or to putt your ball into the hole whether you are away (farthest from the hole) or not Example: Since my lag putt stopped just a foot from the hole I went ahead and **putted out/finished**.

quit

("quit on the shot") not following-through completely with momentum, decelerating through impact Example: One reason for **quitting on a shot** is losing your balance.

rake

1. (also "trap rake") a tool placed in sand-filled bunkers for the purpose of re-smoothing the surface after walking in, and playing a shot out of, the sand Example: She left the **rake/trap rake** in the bunker after smoothing her footprints and the spot where her club removed sand.

range ball

(also "practice ball") golf balls for use only on the driving range, usually striped or marked in some way to easily distinguish them from regular golf balls Example: **Range balls/Practice balls** are not usually allowed on the golf course.

ranger

(also "marshal") a person designated to patrol the course, keeping an eye out for problems in general, but usually present to promote a reasonable pace of play or keep things moving Example: The **ranger/marshal** told us we were falling too far behind the group in front of us.

read

the process of assessing or surveying the line of a putt to determine its break and behavior Example: My caddie's **read** was perfect, and the putt went right in the center of the hole.

recovery

(also "recovery shot, trouble shot") a shot that is played to extricate oneself from trouble after an errant shot Example: Tim hit a spectacular **recovery/recovery shot/trouble shot** from the trees to within 6 feet of the cup.

release

1. (also "let it go") generally thought of as the act of allowing the centrifugal force of the body/arms/hands/clubhead to take its course on the downswing rather than holding on or inhibiting it (can be broken down into specifics) 2. when a ball stops spinning backward and starts to roll forward Example: He was afraid of hooking the ball, so he wasn't **releasing/letting it go**. 2. My chip shot **released** nicely and rolled right up in front of the hole.

relief

a rules term meaning "to move your ball away from" Example: The rules of golf allow **relief** without penalty in many situations (e.g., from cart paths, ground under repair, etc.).

rough

longer grass adjacent to the fairways, greens and perhaps tees Example: Playing from the **rough** is usually, but not always, more difficult than playing from the fairway, as the longer grass makes clean contact with the ball less likely.

round

a complete circuit of (usually) 18 holes Example: How did your **round** go today?

sandbagger

(euphemism for "liar, cheater") a golfer who lies about their ability in order to gain an advantage in a match or wager, or posts (submits/enters/turns-in) artificially high scores in order to inflate their handicap Example: **Sandbagging** demonstrates a lack of integrity.

sand trap

(also "trap, bunker, sand bunker") another commonly used term for a sand-filled bunker - a depression in the ground filled with a prepared surface of sand or similar Example: His approach shot caught the **sand trap/trap/bunker/sand bunker** in front of the flag.

Scotch Foursome

a game where 2 two-man teams play one ball per team and teammates alternate strokes, the tee shot being hit by one team member on odd numbered holes and the other on even numbered holes (see also "Chapman Scotch" or "Pinehurst") Example: We played a **Scotch Foursome** for a change last weekend.

scramble

1. a tournament format in which all players in a group (foursome or otherwise) hit a shot from the tee, and each subsequent location, always playing from the position of the best or preferred ball until the ball is holed 2. (also "recover") to extricate oneself from trouble after an errant shot Example: 1. The **scramble** is a good tournament format for beginners. 2. She really had to **scramble/recover** to save her par after playing into the woods off the tee.

scratch

1. zero handicap, no handicap strokes deducted 2. a player with (approximately) a 0 handicap Example: 1. The tournament was played at **scratch**. 2. Jill was a **scratch** player from the regular men's tees.

shag bag

a bag or container for carrying practice balls Example: I brought a **shag bag** full of balls with me to the practice bunker.

shank

(also "lateral") when the ball is contacted by, and ricochets off, the hosel or neck before it hits the clubface causing an errant direction and trajectory (low and to the right for a right-handed player) Note: not usually much fun Example: His hacking style frequently resulted in an ugly **shank/lateral**.

shoot

1. the act of playing a golf shot 2. another term for "one's score for a round of golf or tournament" (e.g., Q: What did you shoot? A: I shot lower than you.) Example: 1. Though the water loomed ominously, I decided to gamble and **shoot** right at the pin. 2. If you **shoot** a low enough score to make the cut I will carry your bag for you.

short game

the part of the game that consists of short range (not full swing) shots Example: Some people think of the **short game** as anything inside of 100 yards, while some others think of it as only the shots on, or in the immediate vicinity of, the green.

shotgun

(also "shotgun start") a method of starting a round of golf (usually, but not exclusively, a tournament) where a group starts on each hole at the sound of a shotgun, or simply at a specified time Example: A **shotgun/shotgun start** usually saves time, as all groups start and finish at the same time instead of waiting to tee off one group at a time.

side

("back side, front side") another term for 9 holes of an 18 hole course Example: He was excited to play the back **side** after doing well on the front.

side hill lie

(also "uneven lie") when the ball lies on an uneven slope, with either the ball above the feet or below the feet Example: A(n) **side hill lie/uneven lie** will affect the direction of a shot.

signature hole

a hole that uniquely identifies a course by its characteristics or style Example: Hole #17 at the TPC at Sawgrass is the course's **signature hole**.

skins

(also "skin game, skins game") a type of competition or wager format where only a uniquely low score can win a hole Example: In **skins/a skin game/a skins game** to win a hole one must be the only one with the lowest score, and if nobody has the lowest score alone the bet typically "carries over" to the next hole until someone does have the lowest score alone.

scull

(also "blade, thin, belly") when the ball is contacted with the leading edge instead of the face of the club, producing a low trajectory shot with less than the usual amount of spin Example: He hit a good drive, but then **sculled/bladed/thinned/bellied** his wedge shot.

sky

(also "skyball, pop up, rainmaker") when a shot is hit off the top edge of the clubface resulting in a much more vertical shot than the club was designed to produce or you had intended Example: When you **sky it/pop it up/hit a skyball/hit a rainmaker** it doesn't go too far.

slice

(also "banana ball") a wildly curving shot from left to right for a right-handed player (scourge of many a beginner) Example: Jeff just [thought he] knew that if he could get rid of his **slice** he would be a scratch player.

slope

(slope rating) the "relative playing difficulty of a course for players who are not scratch golfers" Example: The **slope** of a course is an integer between 55 and 155 -- the higher the number, the harder the course.

slow play

(also "undue delay") not keeping up with the pace of play as determined by the committee Example: Bob was taking too much time reading his putts, and finally was penalized two strokes for **slow play/undue delay**.

spike

(also "cleat") sharp tong(s) on the bottom of golf shoes to help keep a player's feet from slipping ("Soft Spikes" are a recent innovation that are made of plastic and purportedly leave less severe marks on putting greens) Example: If you don't walk carefully on putting greens you may leave monstrous **spike/cleat** marks, which are not much fun to putt over.

spray

hitting the ball wildly in all directions with no consistency Example: I guess it was Murphy's law, the day I was putting my best I was **spraying** my full shots everywhere.

square

1. at a right angle to (i.e., perpendicular, 90°) 2. also can mean parallel to 3. tied or even (as in a match) Example: 1. To hit the ball straight the clubface must be **square** to the clubhead's path at impact/separation. 2. A **square** stance is one that is parallel to the target line. 3. Our match was all **square** at the end of the front nine.

Stableford

a system of scoring where a player's score is based on points earned rather than absolute number of strokes taken (e.g., in The International tournament on the PGA Tour, par = 0 points, birdie = 2, eagle = 5, double eagle = 8, bogey = -1, double bogey or worse = -3) Example: The PGA Tour's International tournament uses a modified **Stableford** scoring system, which encourages aggressive play.

starter

(less frequently "tee master, master of the tee") the person in charge of controlling play at a golf course
Example: The **starter** said we would be next on the tee.

Stimp meter

a small, short ramp down which a golf ball rolls to give it a constant initial velocity so that the speed of greens can be measured uniformly Example: A **Stimp meter** reading indicates how far a ball rolls on a green when propelled/started by running down a **Stimp meter**.

stroke

1. (also "shot") the act of swinging a club with the intention of striking the ball 2. the qualitative aspect of the swing (most frequently associated only with putting) Example: It took him 5 **strokes** to get the ball in the hole from the greenside bunker. 2. The grocery clerk has an exceptional putting **stroke**.

stroke and distance

(also "2-stroke penalty") counting one stroke for the stroke itself and one stroke for the distance traveled by the ball (meaning the ball must be replayed from the original point) Example: A two shot penalty is also called **stroke and distance**.

stroke play

(also "medal play") scoring by the total number of strokes Example: The PGA Championship used to be decided by match play, but now it is a **stroke play/medal play** competition.

sweet spot

(also "sweetspot, screws, nut") the center of mass of the club (the solid spot on the clubface) Example: I nailed it right on the **sweet spot/sweetspot/screws/nut**.

swing

1. to make a stroke 2. a significant change in the score (as in a scale, or the balance, shifting) Example: His **swing** had flaws but he was very effective. 2. When Tamara birdied the 3rd hole there was a two shot **swing**.

swing plane

(also "plane") most easily visualized as the plane that the shaft of the club or the clubhead's arc describes during the swing Example: The subject of **swing plane** can be very complex or very simple depending on how deeply you get into it.

takeaway

the beginning of the backswing, the initial movement of the club away from the ball and target Example: A one-piece **takeaway** is favored by many players.

target line

the line of play, or the line from the ball to the target Example: Her stance is open relative to the **target line** for the lob shot.

tee

1. (also "peg") a small (usually, but not always, wooden) device for setting the ball up above the ground 2. the act of placing the ball on a tee 3. (also "teeing ground, teeing area, tee box") the starting point of each hole, the area designated as the teeing ground Example: The teeing area was so hard he had difficulty getting his **tee/peg** in the ground. 2. She liked to **tee** the ball high when hitting downwind 3. Our group was next on the **tee**.

tee blocks

(also "blocks, tee markers, markers") two objects that indicate the forward boundary of the teeing area Example: The **tee blocks/blocks/tee markers/markers** had been moved forward since yesterday.

tee off

to hit a shot from the tee Example: After Bill **teed off** he made sure his group had a scorecard.

tee shot

(also "tee ball") a shot from the tee, the first shot on a hole Example: Her **tee shot/tee ball** was right down the middle of the fairway.

tee time

(also "starting time, time") a reservation or appointment to play at a specific time Example: The more popular and crowded a golf course is the more necessary a **tee time** is.

tend the flag

see **attending the flag**

thin

(also "skinny") when the ball is contacted with the leading edge instead of the face of the club, producing a low trajectory shot with less than the usual amount of spin Example: He hit a good drive, but then hit his sandwedge shot **thin/skinny** and over the green.

tight

1. a very narrow hole or course 2. a compact and efficient swing 3. hole location that is very close to the edge of the green 4. a ball resting on the ground or in grass with very little air underneath it, making clean and solid contact difficult Example: 1. The course we played on Monday was very short and **tight**. 2. Byron's swing was **tight** whereas Dan's was loose. 3. The hole was cut so **tight** that the pin appeared to be off the green. 4. The grass was very thin and my lie was very **tight**.

timing

the ordered occurrence of the sequence of movements comprising a golf swing Example: Bill's swing sequence was so out of whack that it was a moot point to discuss **timing**.

toe

the far end of the clubhead (farthest from the hosel/neck/shaft) Example: I hit my 2 iron shot on the **toe**, so I didn't quite get the height or distance I was looking for.

top

1. (also "dub") when the bottom of the club contacts the ball above its center of gravity and the ball immediately hits the ground 2. the end of the backswing (where the hands are at their highest) Example: Nobody likes to **top** the ball. 2. John's club was laid off at the **top** of his swing.

turn

1. the rotation of the body in the swing (e.g., shoulder turn, hip turn) 2. going from the ninth green to the tenth tee (from the front nine to the back nine) 3. curving a golf shot 4. break or curve in a putt Example: 1. John Daly has a huge **turn** away from the ball in his backswing. 2. We grabbed a quick snack at the **turn**. 3. I wanted to **turn** the ball over from right to left to get farther around the dogleg and closer to the green. 4. He tried with all the body English he could muster to make the putt **turn**, but it stayed straight.

underclub

using a club that does not provide enough distance to reach the intended target Example: Perhaps it's safer to **underclub** when the OB is so close to the back of the green.

undue delay

(also "slow play") not keeping up with the pace of play as determined by the committee Example: Bob was taking too much time reading his putts, and finally was penalized two strokes for **undue delay/slow play**.

uneven lie

(also "sidehill lie, uphill lie, downhill lie") when the ball lies on an uneven slope, with either the ball above the feet or below the feet, and/or one foot higher than the other Example: A(n) **uneven/side hill/uphill/downhill lie** will affect the direction and/or trajectory of a golf shot.

unplayable lie

the player has determined that the ball cannot be played from its current spot Example: She hit her ball into an **unplayable lie** and had to take relief with a one stroke penalty.

up and down

holed in two shots from off the green (most commonly thought of as a chip, pitch or sand shot followed by one putt, as in "up" onto the green and "down" into the hole) Example: His approach shot missed the mark, but he got **up and down** to save par.

uphill lie

when the ball rests on an uphill slope in the direction of play or toward the target Example: The **uphill lie** was severe, so I had to use a less-lofted club to compensate.

waggle

some kind of motion or movement (can be very individualized, but many times a back and forth movement at the hands/wrists) of the club for the purpose of staying loose, feeling the club, keeping the body in motion instead of holding still Example: She had a very distinctive **waggle**.

waste area

a relatively unmaintained area (usually, but not always, with a surface of sand or similar) that is not considered a hazard Example: I was able to ground my club in the **waste area** because it was not a hazard.

water hazard

any sea, lake, pond, ditch, etc. (whether it contains water or not), usually marked with either yellow stakes or lines (see also "lateral water hazard") Example: The **water hazard** was small but intimidating nonetheless.

wedge

(e.g., "pitching wedge, sand wedge, lob wedge, third wedge, utility wedge," and so on) a short iron with significant loft mainly for playing shorter, more lofted shots (the amount of loft can vary widely, from a pitching wedge that ranges somewhere between 47° and 52° to a lob wedge that can range from 58° up to 65°) Example: After a nice tee shot, she only had a **wedge** left to the green.

winter rules

(also "preferred lies, improved lies, bumping it") a local rule under which a player can improve his lie without penalty Example: The course was so wet and sloppy that we played **winter rules/preferred lies/improved lies/bumps** for the first time since last year.

worm burner

(also "worm burner") a shot with such a low trajectory that it appears to, or actually does, skim the ground - not necessarily ineffective but almost certainly unintentional Example: He wanted to hit a 300 yard drive to impress his friends, but he hit a **worm burner** and entertained them just the same.

X

a score that cannot be determined, as play on a hole was not completed Example: He took so many swings in the deep bunker without the ball moving that he finally picked his ball up and took an **X** on the hole.

yank

(also "pull, jerk") a shot that goes severely to the left of the target line (for a right-handed player) Example: She **yanked/pulled/jerked** her tee shot into the trees.

yardage

(e.g., "yardage book, yardage marker") distance measured in yards Example: Some golf courses have **yardage** markers on all relevant sprinkler heads.

yardage book

a small booklet (given out or sold by a course, or created by the player or caddy) to keep various yardages, landmarks, references and notes about each hole on a particular golf course Example: The **yardage book** was very thorough and detailed, making my club selections much easier.

yardage marker

some type of landmark (usually permanent) indicating the yardage to the green -- most commonly measured to the center of the green but occasionally measured to the front of the green at a few rare courses Example: Typical **yardage marker** objects might include stones, trees, sprinkler heads and other things.

yips

nervous twitching in the putting stroke resulting in poor accuracy and a lack of touch Example: Fortunately, not many people experience the **yips**.

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