



# VSWGGA NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Hello  
*May*

We are off and running with a new season of play, bringing challenges, renewed and new friendships, and plenty of joy!



Our first State Day of the year featured 121 women from all over Vermont competing under warm sunny skies at Burlington Country Club on April 28th. Kristin Mahoney of Neshobe GC took top honors with a sizzling 74, which was 10 shots better than her closest competitor. Way to go, Kristin!

The event also featured the first Hole-In-One of the season. Wendy Drolette of Williston GC aced the 128 yard 10th hole using her 6-hybrid. Her lovely shot was witnessed by Jeanne Morrissey, Janet Hayden, and Lois Dolan. This was Wendy's first-ever ace! Congratulations!!!

## PACE OF PLAY

Pace of play is always a hot topic, and thanks to our attentive VSWGGA members, we are the envy of our Vermont golf organizations and clubs.

Keeping rounds to about 4:00-4:15 (course dependent) has not gone unnoticed.

**Great work, ladies!**

**From Pace of Play Chair Kate Mitchell:**

Wow! What a wonderful start to the State Day season at Burlington Country Club. Out of a field of 121 players, there were only two groups that finished over 20 minutes behind the group ahead, one of which had no chance of keeping up with the first tee time out who had a lightning round of 3 hours, 38 minutes! Well done and let's keep things rolling along in a timely fashion so that everyone enjoys their State Day play!

Reminders:

- Focus on the group ahead—not behind you
- Be ready and play efficiently
- When sharing a cart, drop your partner at their ball and head to yours
- Split up to catch up if needed
- "No card" is always an acceptable and welcome option to keep pace

For more, visit the VSWGGA website: [Pace of Play](#)

**"Another May new buds and flowers shall bring: Ah! why has happiness no second Spring?"**

— Charlotte Smith



## VSWGGA Event Registration

**Registration is almost full** for the VSWGGA Girls Golf Clinic. There are only five spaces remaining before we are full at 48 girls! Older teens can volunteer to "Assist a Pro" by contacting Junior Golf Committee Chair, Sue Rand at [srandvt@gmail.com](mailto:srandvt@gmail.com)

**Registration for Tri-States closes at 3:00 PM on May 18.** For those new to this exciting match play competition, Vermont plays against Maine and New Hampshire for northern New England bragging rights. Thirty players are selected in a range of three handicap divisions, along with two alternates. Help us take back the title at Sanford CC in Maine, June 9 & 10!

### Lottery Registrations for State Days Closing This Month:

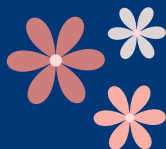
- Manchester (May 20) closes May 7th.
- Dorset (May 26) closes May 14th.
- Woodstock (June 2) closes May 21st.

**Registration instructions** to register for events on Golf Genius. To register for VSWGGA events, you must be a VSWGGA member and have an active GHIN Handicap. Renew your VSWGGA membership or join.

## LAKESIDE CLUB REP UPDATE



We want to thank the dynamic sister team of Deb McCanna and Judy Luce who have stepped forward to share the Lakeside Rep responsibilities for us in 2026.



## RULES CORNER



As many of you know, State Days are played in a stroke play format; so here are a few helpful reminders.

In stroke play (also known as medal play), golfers compete against the entire field by counting every stroke taken over the course of 18 holes. At the end of the round, the player with the lowest total score, either gross or net, depending on handicap, emerges as the winner.

### Fundamental Rules of Stroke Play:

- **Holing Out:** You must finish every hole by putting the ball into the cup. There are no "gimmies" (conceded putts) as there are in match play.
- **Ready Golf:** To maintain pace, you are encouraged to play when ready rather than always waiting for the person farthest from the hole, as long as it is safe.
- **Two-Ball Option:** If you are unsure of a rule, you can play a second ball and seek a ruling from the committee after your round. You must declare which ball you want to count before making a stroke.
- **The Scorecard:** You are responsible for the accuracy of your score on each hole. Signing for a score lower than what you actually took results in disqualification.

Unlike match play, where most penalties result in the "loss of hole," stroke play typically uses a two-stroke "general penalty" for rule breaches.

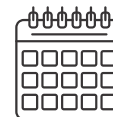
**Can you guess the penalty for an unplayable lie or hitting a ball on the green?** Check back next month for these answers along with other Common Penalties of Stroke Play!

## REMINDERS & UPDATES:

### Download the [2026 VSWGGA Handbook](#)

There are a few date changes to be marked in the September calendar in your handbook:

- Lake Morey State Day: the date has changed from August 18 to September 2.
- The Fall Awards Classic will take place September 29 at Quechee.



### VSWGGA CALENDAR

Upcoming Invitational Tournaments and Dates for all State Days, Major Tournaments, and Invitationals are in our [VSWGGA calendar](#) where you can click on any date to download it to your calendar.

## CO-ED STATE DAYS!

As a reminder, the VSWGGA and the Vermont Golf Association are collaborating to offer additional co-ed golfing opportunities. Beginning in **2026**, the following State Days will be open to both men AND women.

- 6/11 VGA Orleans State Day (Women can play at this event)
- 6/15 VSWGGA Stratton State Day (Men can play at this event; [registration opens](#) for them three days after it opens for women)
- 8/25 VSWGGA Killington State Day (Men can play at this event; registration opens for them three days after it opens for women)

This is new for all of us. If you want to join the VGA Orleans State Day on 6/11, follow these instructions:

#### Registration

- [Women must create a VGA profile here.](#) There is no fee to create a profile
- You must be a VSWGGA member
- Registration opened for men and women on 3/15
- Everyone selects a preferred time range
- Everyone pays the \$40 State Day reg fee

#### Day of Play

- Women have to pay for carts and skins
- Women will play from separate tee

#### Results

- Women are placed into their own flight (gross and net). There could be more than one flight if more than 10 female players
- Winners get club credit for prizes (it comes out after results are posted, i.e. later in the day)



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