



2025 MEMBER HANDBOOK

Asheville Area, NC Chapter

Welcome Aboard!

We are pleased to present the 2025 LPGA Amateur Golf Association - Asheville Area Chapter Member Handbook. We want you to have a quick and easy reference to learn about our chapter activities and guidelines. Our Chapter website is <https://chapters.lpgaamateurs.com/chapter/NCAS> and our Facebook page is [Asheville Area Chapter Facebook page](#)

The 15,500+ members in 130+ LPGA Amateurs Chapters across the US and internationally share a passion for the game and a love of their local golf communities. Over 7,500 local and national events are played every year - from individual and team events for competitive players to social outings, league play, and networking opportunities for the recreational golfer, to golf destination travel for all.

What makes LPGA Amateur Golf Association unique from other local women's golf leagues? Here are just a few of the highlights:

1. Our Chapter offers golf discounts at several local golf courses and Away events on some weekends. Log in to your account with LPGA Amateurs to view benefits that include competitive events, golf travel experiences, and social and networking events. Also included in your membership is free entrance for a member, plus one guest, to LPGA Tour events (in the US and Canada), discounts on apparel, equipment, travel, greens fees, etc.
2. Many of our members are dual members with chapters in other locations, so you are sure to meet out-of-state chapter members here in Asheville. The Asheville Area chapter was founded in 2010 by a handful of women who wanted to "have fun and play golf." After researching various options, they found that the LPGA Amateur Golf Association (formerly the Executive Women's Golf Association)

provides a framework that allows members to meet others, have fun, and play a great golf course at a discount.

The Asheville Chapter had a good year in 2024 with a membership of 162 members. We participated in weekday and weekend golf, tournaments, and combined events with other chapters. But most of all, we had fun meeting new friends. Let's make 2025 a great year as we grow our membership numbers and enjoy golf!

LPGA Amateur Golf Association Membership Levels

Your LPGA Amateur's membership includes affiliation with the LPGA Amateur Golf Association, Asheville Area, NC Chapter. Membership is for a year, running for 12 months from January 1 to December 31 each year. Most members choose to have a "Classic" membership. Other options are also available; see the [LPGA Amateur Golf Association website](#) for details.

Local Chapter Member Benefits

Welcoming community of local women also interested in the game of organized golf:

- Tuesday evenings (9 holes at Omni Grove Park Inn Golf Course), some Saturday afternoon away events for golfers of all skill levels, and a few weekend tournaments.
- Social and networking events
- New friends – Business and golf connections
- Discounts from local sponsors
- Volunteer opportunities:

National Benefits

- Free entrance (1 member & 1 guest) to all LPGA, Epson, and Legends of the LPGA Tour events in the US and Canada, excluding the US Women's Open and Solheim Cup
- Membership in the LPGA Women's Network
- One-year (12 issues) subscription to GOLF Magazine
- Discounts on apparel, equipment, travel, green fees and more
- Organized golf experiences and trips domestically and abroad
- Golf education, webinars, and information
- Up-to-date information on news that impacts female golfers

Chapter Structure for 2025

Our LPGA Amateur Golf Association, Asheville Area, NC Chapter is organized in a “Flexible Model” and your Board is made up of:

Board of Directors and Officers:

President: Terri Clark
Treasurer: Jan Webster
Secretary: Nancy Stainbeck
Past President: Cheri Kenyon

Committee Members:

Events: Karen Mulhinch
Dine After Nine: Barb Bennett and Paula Sims
Greeting Committee and Finance: Mindy Drath
Marketing: Nancy Stainback
Website: Carol Johnson

Tournament/Event Chairs:

Opening Event @ Reems Creek: Danielle Parish & Julie Willingham
Scramble Invitational: TBD. Do you want to volunteer?
Member/Guest: Susan West and Carol Anne Howell
President's Cup/Alternate Tournament:
LLama Golf: Terri Clark
SAV/HHI event: Karen Mulhinch

Course Rates on League Night

The course rate on Tuesday league nights is \$40 for 9 holes which includes the tip for the bag folks. You are required to pay in advance for the round.

Attendance

No shows will not be able to recover their payment if they do not show up

on league night. Most events require registration in our online sign-up system. Planning is necessary for successful events; therefore, you may not be able to participate if you don't sign-up by the registration deadline. No refund will be given for cancellations received after the event registration deadline except due to emergencies (as approved by the Chapter President)

If a refund is warranted after payment, a coupon code will be provided to be used at another date. The player will be responsible for adding the coupon code at any other future date as payment. No monetary refunds will be provided.

Rain Policy:

If it is not raining at the time we tee off (or barely sprinkling), we are expected to play. This is true even if it is designated "cart path only." So, if you choose not to show up, you will not receive a coupon to use on another league night

If it is raining during tee off and we cancel league night, everyone who signed up will receive a coupon code to use for a future league night. If the course stays open and you choose to play, you will **not** receive a coupon code.

If you are concerned about the forecast or possibility of cart path only conditions and don't want to take the chance on showing up on Tuesday, remember that you can cancel for any reason **before 9pm on Monday** and receive a coupon code for a future league night.

If we tee off and it starts to rain or if there is lightning, you will receive a rain check (rain coupon code) if you have not teed off on your 5th hole. If you choose to keep playing, no coupon code will be provided.

If weather conditions look bad for league night, please check your email before leaving your residence for any information we need to share. There may be times when we are forced to cancel league night.

Generally, the fourth hole is the last hole for a rain check. If you show up and it is raining hard and you tee off, there will be no rain checks unless there is lightning. On days of forecasted rain or bad weather, please check your email for chapter updates on league status for that day.

Golf Handicap

Establishing and maintaining a Handicap Index is a great way for you to see how your golf game improves through the season and from year-to

year.

You have several options to post and track your golf handicap. Some of our members pay a fee to a local course for handicap service to obtain a USGA handicap. In our area, most clubs are now participating in the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN). If you wish to use the service provided by the Omni Grove Park Inn, new members in 2025 can contact Terri Clark at the chapter email address. Current members will have this opportunity for 2025 by replying to an email in November. Although establishing a handicap is not required, it is recommended. Handicaps are required for some tournaments held by LPGA Amateurs Asheville and other organizations.

Community Service

We have selected Transformation Village (TrV) as the main organization we will raise money for again this year. To learn more about their mission, go to website: <https://www.abccm.org/ministry-services/transformation-village/>

Our Chapter has also made a commitment to being involved in our community. This year, we plan to collect backpacks for children in need, collect items for donation to Manna Food Bank, and have a volunteer day at Manna.

2025 Golf Events

For the 2025 golf season, the Asheville Area Chapter is focused on increased participation and quality of our golf events. We are fortunate to have lots of interest in Tuesday night golf at GPI and this requires us all to work together to have a smooth start each week.

Kickoff Event

This year we will have a Kickoff event on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at Reems Creek Golf Course. You will have a choice of 9 or 18 holes.

Annual Season Opener

Tuesday, April 22, at Omni Grove Park Inn Golf Course – Beverages and snacks will be available.

Special League Nights with Dine After 9 at GPI

We love the idea of having events regularly scheduled each month. Therefore, we offer a Dine after 9-holes once a month. Food and beverages are brought in, and golfers contribute to the cost for these

evenings. Advanced sign-up required.

May 27, League Night, New Member Welcome, Dine after 9

June 24, League Night, Member Appreciation, Dine after 9

July 22, League night, "Play for Pink", Dine after 9

August 19, League night, Charity Event, "Beat the Pro", Dine after 9

October 14, Last league night - Snacks and Dips

October 21, Closing event, TBD

Social and Networking Events

Social and Networking Events are a major component of LPGA Amateur Golf Association. We will incorporate food and social time at golf events. We will also make a point of making sure you are paired with different players during league nights so that you have an opportunity to play with as many different ladies as possible. Volunteers and suggestions are welcome.

One-Time Event

We also offer Away Play 18-hole events at local golf courses on various dates throughout the season. We will also be holding four Sunday tournaments at the Omni Grove Park Inn course and one Saturday tournament at Reems Creek Golf Course.

Golf Events

Tuesday June 3, Country Club of Asheville: Women's Golf Day

Tuesday June 24, Member Appreciation Event. We annually recognize our members with an evening of golf, drinks, and snacks to show our appreciation for all our members.

Tuesday, July 8, we will host "**Bring a Girl to the Course**" to encourage and support young girls playing golf.

Tuesday, July 22, We will host our own charity league night to raise funds for **Play for Pink**. We want to encourage participation in local charity events. We think that is a great way to publicize our chapter and support organizations in need.

Llama Golf: Saturday September 20th, at Sherwood Forest Golf Club. There will be a limited number of players able to golf with the llamas. Lunch can be purchased after in their picnic area.

Tournaments:

Scramble with Charlotte, Hilton Head/Savannah Chapter – Saturday, June 8th, 2 PM at Omni Grove Park Inn Golf Course. 18 holes and handicap is **NOT** required

Scramble Invitational – Sunday, July 27th, 2pm, at Omni Grove Park Inn Golf Course. Get your team together for this fun scramble where you can invite guests to play on your team. 18 holes and handicap is **NOT** required

Member/Guest Tournament – Sunday August 24 at Omni Grove Park Inn Golf Course – 18 holes. Advance registration required and handicaps **NOT** required. This is your chance to invite a friend, spouse, or significant other to join you for a fun round and it's **NOT** women only! Also, it's a good opportunity to invite a potential new member.

President's Cup or Alternate Tournament - Sunday September 28th – at Omni Grove Park Inn Golf Course – 18 holes, food and awards afterwards. This is a two-person team event. Advance registration required and handicap is required to be eligible for gross and net prizes.

****If you are part of an organization that holds tournaments, please provide complete information to the Board so we can communicate the event to our members.**

Annual Season Finale

Tuesday, October 21nd– usually held at a local country club. Drinks, dinner, and a lot of fun!

League Play

To provide you with the opportunity to play with as many people as possible, we create the pairings every week. We offer the opportunity to “Pick Partners” once per month in conjunction with our Dine after Nine events. If you are a new member, a Buddy (returning member) will be assigned to you to help introduce you to other members and help you get to know the course. We play nine holes every Tuesday starting April 22. It is a shotgun start and we require advanced registration and payment. Please be considerate to fellow golfers by signing up, showing up, and canceling when you have a change in plans.

Check-in Procedure

To ensure a smooth start each Tuesday League Night, please pay in advance via the pay link in the weekly email.

During most of the season, Tuesday League Nights have a shotgun start at 5:30 pm. Please arrive early to be ready for announcements and our shotgun start.

If there are any announcements, they will be given 5 minutes before start time. Due to shortened daylight, start times may be earlier at the end of our season. Many general announcements will be included in emails or the Newsletter. Please arrive at least 20 minutes before the round to allow time for check-in. Our 5:30pm start time is the time you are to be ready to go to your starting hole – NOT the time you are supposed to arrive. PLEASE BE ON TIME.

Volunteers Needed

Our chapter cannot function without volunteers. We are looking for people to help with events like Dine after 9 and tournaments that we host. We especially love volunteer greeters on Tuesday nights – a good way to meet everyone. We are also recruiting new Board members for 2026. Please contact Terri Clark if you are interested in any of these opportunities.

Informed Members Make Good Members

More than anything, we want new members to feel welcomed and informed about our chapter. Please contact the Board with any questions you may have through the Chapter email site, lpgaamsasheville@gmail.com

A Few Rules

Pace-of-Play and Ready Golf / Pick up your ball policy – 9 holes of golf should take approximately 2 hours to play. Proper Pace-of-Play means keeping up with the group IN FRONT of you. Play “READY” golf so that you are ready to hit when it is your turn. To help keep pace-of-play, the Chapter requests players pick up their ball after reaching double par.

Etiquette

In the spirit of golf, this game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules. All players should always demonstrate courtesy and sportsmanship. Here are a few basic tips:

- Avoid distracting players by standing too close to them while they

- are hitting. Back off far enough away so you are out of their line of site in all directions, including your shadows.
- Avoid distracting with noise while others are preparing to hit. This includes talking, searching through your bag, and noise of cell phones or electronic devices.
- Always be ready to play as soon as it's your turn – get your club out and walk over to your ball or tee box. Little things like this speed up the pace of play.
- Searching for balls can cost time, so be sure you advise your playing partners to go ahead and play while you search. There is a 3 minute limit to search. If you know you hit out-of-bounds, hit a provisional ball. Using a provisional ball counts as two strokes. One stroke is taken when the ball is out of bounds and one stroke is taken to drop a ball and continue playing.
- Don't stand or walk on a player's putting line when you are hitting or retrieving a ball from the cup. Please don't move while others are putting.
- Players should remain on the green (or close to) until all players have holed out.
- Carefully repair ball divots on the green, even if you didn't make them.
- Fill in fairway divots with sand if you see one while you are filling your own.
- Park your cart towards the back of the green so you can exit quickly to allow the group behind you to hit as soon as possible.

Prospective Member

Prospective members are welcomed to “try us out” on Tuesday evenings only. Prospective members may play a maximum of 2 times as a guest. The guest fee is \$40 for Tuesday play. After attending two golf events, if prospective members wish to continue, they may join our LPGA Amateurs chapter.

See you on the course!!!

Terri Clark, President, and the 2025 Board of Directors