

**COLORADO WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
THE INVERNESS HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER
MARCH 7, 2015
MINUTES
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rhett Evans

Prior to the start of the business meeting, CWGA Executive Director Ann Guiberson introduced Keynote Speaker, Rhett Evans, CEO of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). Rhett Spoke about the role of the golf course superintendent, the mission of the organization, and the impact golf has on the economy. He encouraged the attendees to "thank a superintendent" for keeping their golf course in great shape.

WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS:

CWGA President Joanie Ott called the Annual Meeting to order at 11:45 am with a general welcome and introduction of current Board members and special guests. 102 CWGA member clubs were represented by attendees at the meeting. Joanie also announced the newly elected board members for the 2015-2017 term: Juliet Miner, Vice President; Jeanne Surbrugg, Treasurer; Lyn Bullen, At-Large Western Slope; Nancy Wilson, At-Large; Laura Robinson, At-Large.

MINUTES:

President Joanie Ott noted that the minutes of the 2014 CWGA Annual Meeting were approved by committee, and were posted last spring on our website for clubs to see. Since there were no corrections, the minutes were approved as posted.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Jeanne Surbrugg presented the CWGA balance sheet as of December 31, 2014.

ANNUAL REPORT:

- **Awards:** President Ott Introduced Karla Harding, the CWGA Volunteer of the year for 2014. A long-time Rules Committee volunteer, she encouraged the attendees to consider volunteering for the CWGA on any of the committees. The 2014 Junior Player of the Year, and Player of the Year, Jennifer Kupcho was recognized for her achievements this past year, which include winning three CWGA Championships, being runner-up in the Colorado Women's Open, and qualifying for the USGA Women's Four-ball championship. She will also be inducted into the Sportswomen of Colorado Hall of Fame. The Senior Player of the Year, Christie Austin was also recognized. Other notable accomplishments recognized were D'Ann Kimbrel, who received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame for her contribution to golf, and to Joan Birkland, who was recognized for her years of service to the Sportswomen of Colorado.
- **Core Programs:** Joanie Ott introduced Ann Guiberson, who is the third Executive Director to manage the Colorado Women's Golf Association. Ann gave a PowerPoint presentation that highlighted the core programs of the CWGA, which include producing 10 CWGA Championships and 6 USGA Qualifiers. The CWGA also helps to present the Colorado High School Activities Association Girls Golf Championship and Health One Colorado Women's Open. The CWGA presents rules of golf seminars, rates golf courses and conducts championships all through support from its committees.
- **News:** The CWGA moved to a new office in November, 2014, located at 6 Inverness Court East, Suite 105, Englewood, CO 80112. Ann introduced the current staff of the CWGA; Edie Bell, Course Rating & Handicap Administration Manager and Matthew Walker, USGA Boatwright Intern. Alex Westman, Tournament Administration and Member Programs Manager was hired in November. She was unable to attend the meeting. The new modern office is 100% wireless, with voice over internet phones, and an efficient new operating vision that will include electronic invoicing, using less paper and less energy.
- **Internet Technology:** The CWGA has a newly designed website: www.coloradowomensgolf.org. The re-branded CWGA website is easier to navigate making content easier to access for our members.

USGA GHIN REPORT:

Fran Nee, Assistant Director, Handicap & Course Rating Administration for GHIN reported on the restructured GHIN platform which will feature one single sign in for users to be able to access the different GHIN applications. New technology will help consolidate the websites currently in use, and will feature a responsive design which will help users of GHIN products.

100TH CWGA MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP:

The 100th CWGA Match Play Championship will be held July 6th-9th, 2015 at Raccoon Creek Golf Course. CWGA members are encouraged to register for this championship – a Colorado golf tradition since 1916. Several past Match Play champions were in attendance at today's meeting and were asked to stand and be recognized. Joanie Ott reported that a Centennial Committee has been formed to plan activities for the CWGA's 100th year, so look for upcoming Centennial celebration events.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm