

Whatcom Seniors Golf - 2026

Newsletter - Issue #1 - January 2026

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the **Whatcom Seniors Golf Newsletter**! After years of communicating solely through email and our website, we decided it was time to add a little more personality, connection, and fun to the way we stay in touch. This newsletter is designed to bring our WSG community closer together—highlighting the good times, the moments worth celebrating, the friendly competition, and the people who make this group what it is. We hope it adds a lot more enjoyment to your Whatcom Senior golfing days.



January 12, 2:00pm, Loomis Trail - 2026 WSG Organizational Meeting
Everyone Welcome!!



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Tee Box Notes

2026 Whatcom Seniors Golf Schedule (Tentative)

2026 Schedule Update - The 2026 Whatcom Seniors Golf schedule is almost complete! Our season will feature 15 tournaments, kicking off on March 30 at Grandview and wrapping up with our traditional, two-round Herm Stevens Season Finale, played at Sudden Valley on September 28 and Lake Padden on October 5. A serve-yourself lunch will follow when you're finished playing.

Even better, several tournaments this coming season will feature shotgun starts, making for a fun, social start to the day and a great way to enjoy time with fellow WSG members. For the shotgun starts, we will be bringing back the coffee and donuts!!

2026 Whatcom Seniors Golf Registration - The 2026 WSG annual registration will open on February 1. The annual registration fee will be \$50. We will be working to create an online registration option this year on the new WSG website. Stay tuned!! We might not have the online sign-up option ready by Feb. 1... but we'll be trying. If you're uncomfortable with the online sign-up process, you will still be able to register as you did last year. After Feb. 1, you can download and mail in your Whatcom Seniors Golf Application Form and mail it in with your \$50 dues check.

Membership Drive - Let's all work to increase WSG membership. During the Sept. 8 meeting at Loomis Trail, several good ideas were floated for increasing our membership.

- **WSG Posters** - One thing we will be doing is to have posters displayed at the courses we play, plus other possible places around the county that possible WSG members might frequent. These posters will be displayed in early February.
- **Word of mouth** - Always the most effective. Talk to your friends. Encourage them to join. Last year we had about 80 senior men and women signed up, with about 60 members on average at each tournament. Imagine if each current WSG member tried to recruit at least one more person. Let's set a goal of 100 members with at least 80 active members in each tournament.

Website Overhaul - The Whatcom Seniors Golf website is getting a new look. A huge thanks to Moh "Paul" Hundal for taking the lead on this. The website will still be the primary location for information, signing up for tournaments, displaying for scoring and standings, and important communication, but with a more attractive look. We're hoping this is finished by sometime in February.

Online Tournament Sign-ups - We are also looking at setting up online sign-ups for tournaments. No promises on this yet... But this would be helpful for the host golf courses in their planning for our WSG groups in a couple of ways:

- **Reduce Clubhouse Crowding** - Especially for shotgun starts, it would reduce clubhouse congestion when people want to pay for their round.
- **More Accurate Head Count** - Provide a more accurate head count for the host golf course several days before the tournament, e.g., number of carts needed, starting holes for groupings, etc.
- **Convenience for our members** - Some of you might find this more convenient.

Membership Drive



Why Play Whatcom Seniors Golf?

Who We Are... The Whatcom Seniors Golf Association (WSG) is a golf community for men and women age 50 and over. For more than 35 years, WSG has brought together golfers of all skill levels to enjoy friendly competition, exceptional value, great camaraderie, and outstanding local courses.

- *Play some of the best courses in Whatcom and Skagit County*
- *Enjoy green fees often lower than standard senior rates.*
- *Open to all skill levels - from beginners to single-digit handicaps.*
- *Optional gross and net season-long scoring.*
- *Friendly tournaments in a relaxed environment.*

Signup - 2026 WSG Membership Opens Feb. 1
[Click Here for the 2026 Application Form](#)

Recruit your friends to join Whatcom Seniors Golf

Our league is only as strong as the people in it, and Whatcom Seniors Golf has always been built on friendships first. If you value the camaraderie, laughter, and enjoyable competitions we share, invite your golfing friends to join us. If there is no room in your current foursome, encourage your new-member friends to start their own foursome. Your personal invitation could be the reason someone finds their new favorite place to play.

Let's recruit 50 new members!

Upcoming Events

- **Plan to Attend...Everyone is welcome!!**
2026 Whatcom Seniors Golf - Organizational Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2:00 pm
Loomis Trail Golf Club
Bar and Grill Area Room
- **2026 Membership - Sign-Ups Opening Soon!**
Beginning February 1, 2026

- **2026 WSG Season Opener...**

**Grandview Golf Club, Monday, March 30, 8:30 am
Shotgun Start!!**

The Rules Corner

Whatcom Seniors Golf plays by USGA rules with a few agreed-upon modifications. During our January 12 Organizational Meeting at Loomis Trail Golf Club, **here are some of the rules modifications we will be discussing:**

- Fairway Lie Improvement - One club length in the fairway.
- Rough Lie Improvement - six inches.
- Lost Ball/Out of Bounds - One stroke penalty.
- Ready Golf - Encouraged.
- Maximum Score - Double Par.
- Putting - Maximum Putts? Gimme?
- Bunkers - Maximum Strokes?
- Red/White Tee Option.



NOTE: Because we will be playing by modified USGA rules, it is suggested that you not post your WSG scores for handicap purposes.

Equipment Tip of the Month

Here are three simple, very doable things the typical golfer can do with their clubs and golf balls that often lead to lower scores—without changing their swing:

- **Use the same model of golf ball every round.**

Different balls spin, launch, and feel differently, especially on chips and putts. Playing one consistent



ball builds touch and distance control around the greens, which is where most strokes are lost.

- **Clean your clubs and ball regularly**—especially grooves and putter face:

Dirty grooves reduce spin and control, and a dirty ball flies shorter and less predictably. A quick wipe before shots leads to better contact, more consistent distances, and improved accuracy.

- **Check club condition and ball position habits**

Worn grips, bent alignment, or inconsistent ball position cost strokes quietly. Fresh grips, properly aligned clubfaces at address, and a repeatable ball position (especially with irons) help shots start on line more often.

Bottom line: Better scores don't always come from better swings—often they come from better habits with the tools you already have.

The Lighter Side of Golf



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