



## Western Pennsylvania Golf Association

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The WPGA conducts 16 regional championships annually. The Amateur and Open Championships began in 1899 and boast champions who have won every major championship and multiple USGA championships.



### Individual Championships

*PNC West Penn Open  
West Penn Amateur  
Senior Amateur  
Junior Amateur  
Mid-Amateur  
Amateur Public Links  
Boys (15 & Under)  
Spring Stroke Play  
C.R. Miller Junior Match Play*



### Team Championships

*Four-Ball  
Senior Four-Ball  
Father & Son  
Brothers  
Fred Brand Foursomes  
Semple Century Foursomes  
Jamison Cup Inter-club*

In addition to these championships, the WPGA conducts USGA qualifying rounds for the U.S. Open, Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Senior Open, Junior Amateur and Senior Amateur Championships.

### Handicapping

Golfers who want handicaps can easily obtain them by joining any WPGA member club. Member clubs of the WPGA include municipal facilities, daily fee courses, semi-private, private clubs and clubs without real estate. These clubs provide members and patrons with the opportunity to establish handicaps. Handicaps are provided through the USGA's Golf Handicap & Information Network (GHIN), the largest and most complete handicap system in the world with over 2,500,000 golfers. Those with established handicaps can compete with friends, in club events and in WPGA Championships. WPGA member public facilities charge a fee for joining and establishing handicaps. Posting scores can be done from the club computer, personal computers or smartphones. Contact the WPGA or check our website for a current list of member clubs.

### Form a Club

A group of ten or more friends or coworkers who play together can establish its own club. Such clubs can maintain handicaps in one place and run competitions. Contact the WPGA for more information about creating your own club.

### Volunteers

Without volunteers we could not perform our mission. Volunteers help us conduct championships, rate courses and perform many other duties. If you would like to assist the Association as a volunteer please contact us.

### Mission Statement

*The WPGA mission is to promote the interests and true spirit of the game of golf throughout Western Pennsylvania and to encourage a spirit of harmony and cooperation among golf clubs and other related associations. Primary activities include administration of the USGA Handicap System, educational programs for members and club staffs, the WPGA Scholarship Fund, interchange of information among Member Clubs and conducting championships.*



### Scholarships

The WPGA Scholarship Fund was established in 1941 and has provided scholarships to over 600 worthy students since then. Anyone employed at a WPGA member club for two or more years is eligible to apply.



## The WPGA serves all area golfers

- *Handicap Administration • Championships*
- *Member Club • Rules of Golf • Scholarships*

Founded in 1899, the Western Pennsylvania Golf Association is the steward of amateur golf in the region, an association of golf clubs and their individual members brought together for the good of the game. Starting with just five clubs, the association now numbers over 120 clubs and nearly 30,000 members.

### **Member Services**

The WPGA provides many services and tools for its clubs and their members.

- *Course rating & measuring services*
- *Bronze tee markers*
- *Computer, printer, touch screen monitor & label printer for handicapping*
- *GHIN handicapping software and the finest support in the industry*
- *GHIN Tournament Pairing Program to run tournaments at clubs and courses*
- *GHIN supplies such as handicap cards, cart signs and tournament scorecards*
- *Annual studies on Green Maintenance and Club Operations to assist clubs in planning future initiatives*
- *Seminars on best club practices*
- *Presentations on rules, handicapping, course marking & club leadership*
- *Opportunity to host WPGA Championships & USGA qualifying rounds*
- *Club members can compete in all WPGA Championships*
- *Member club employees have the opportunity to obtain WPGA Scholarships*
- *Invitations to Annual Meeting & Club Rep Days which include meals, golf & awards.*
- *The full support of the WPGA staff*



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