

# **LWGA GOLF FOR A CURE**

## **APRIL 23, 2019 – WE'RE ALL IN!**

### **FAQ**

#### **What's new for the Golf for a Cure (GFAC) tournament this year?**

This year, GFAC will build on LWGA's prior year successes in a number of ways:

- We are inviting members of LMGA and L9GA to participate in the event in order to increase revenues for cancer research.
- To accommodate for the increased participation, we will replace the morning shotgun start with an afternoon shotgun start (1:30 at the P courses, and 1:00 or 1:15 at the others). In lieu of a luncheon, we will have a cocktail reception following play (or, in case of rain, at 5:30) at Plantation Clubhouse.
- We are implementing a new, online system to register for the event and buy raffle tickets and sponsorships. This online system is simple to use, efficient and saves costs, all of which mean more money for cancer research.
- Registrations and online purchases of raffle tickets and sponsorships will be charged to members' Club Accounts, eliminating the need for handling all those checks!
- Raffle ticket sales this year will end prior to the date of the tournament, and an automated drawing of raffle prize winners will take place. Raffle prize winners will be notified with instructions on when and where to pick up their prizes. This process eliminates the long lines for raffle ticket purchases at the time of tournament check-in and the cumbersome task of manually drawing raffle prize winners while people are on the course.
- With a tax deductible donation of \$100, this year non-golfers may attend the cocktail reception at Plantation. (See below for cost and other details.)

#### **How do I register for GFAC?**

Registration opens on February 1. On or before that date, LWGA, LMGA and L9GA members will receive an email blast that includes instructions on how to register, including a password for accessing the Main GFAC page on the LWGA website. Members of LWGA, LMGA and L9GA will form their own four-person teams and designate a Team Captain who will register the team by completing the Team Registration Form via the Main GFAC page.

Anyone who runs into problems with registering his or her team should contact Cindy Altman, [Cynthia.altman@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.altman@gmail.com).

In addition, we will have a team present at the LWGA luncheon on February 19 to help people register.

#### **How much is the registration fee?**

The registration fee is \$100 per person, or \$400 per team. Registration fees are fully tax deductible.

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**May I pay my registration fee by check?**

No.

In prior years, people have registered for GFAC by writing checks directly to the charity (e.g., Mercer University). This year, registration fees will be charged to registrants' Club Accounts. This new system reduces dramatically the number of checks we have to deal with and the corresponding administrative burden of accounting for them. The new system is much simpler, more efficient and saves costs.

**If the registration fee is charged to my Club Account, will it still be tax deductible?**

Yes. Registration fees are fully tax deductible, the same as in prior years. It is not necessary to write a check to Mercer University School of Medicine in order for the payment to qualify for a tax deduction.

Here's how it works:

The Landings Club is going to send one check to Mercer on behalf of all the registrants and online purchasers of tax deductible sponsorships, along with a list of their names, addresses, and the amounts of their respective donations. When Mercer receives the check and list of donors, Mercer will send tax acknowledgement letters to each donor, just as they have done in prior years. Each letter will include the amount of that individual's tax deductible donation and Mercer's tax ID number.

**How do I buy raffle tickets and/or Sponsorships?**

Captains and team members may buy raffle tickets and sponsorships, including hole signs to honor a friend or loved one, online via the Main GFAC page on the LWGA website. Look for the email blast on or before February 1 that will include the password for accessing that page. Online purchases of raffle tickets and Sponsorships will be charged to members' Club Accounts.

Golfers and non-golfers alike may also purchase sponsorships by contacting Lori Lilienthal, [lorikaye@mac.com](mailto:lorikaye@mac.com), and they may buy raffle tickets by contacting Gretchen Nazaruk, [kechup57@aol.com](mailto:kechup57@aol.com). In addition, look for announcements of raffle ticket sales, locations and dates.

Sponsorships are fully tax deductible.

**What is the cost of the reception?**

The cost to attend the reception is \$30, which will be charged to members' Club Accounts. When you register for the tournament, you are automatically registered for the reception, too.

**If I cannot attend the reception, how do I cancel?**

To cancel the reception, contact Carole Sangalli, [carolesan42@gmail.com](mailto:carolesan42@gmail.com). Cancellation must be received by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, to avoid the \$30 charge for the reception.

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#### **If I am not playing in the tournament, may I attend the reception?**

Yes! By making a tax deductible \$100 donation to Mercer, all Club members may attend the cocktail reception at Plantation Clubhouse following play (or, in case of rain, at 5:30) on April 23. The \$30 charge for the reception and the donation will be charged to members' Club Accounts.

Club members who aren't playing golf but would like to attend the reception should contact Carole Sangalli, [carolesang42@gmail.com](mailto:carolesang42@gmail.com).

#### **What will be provided at the reception?**

The reception will include heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts in order to provide a light supper. Food stations will be placed throughout the venue to provide a variety of items prepared by Chef Sam Brod and his team. A member bar will also be available.

#### **If the tournament is rained out on April 23, will the reception be postponed?**

No. The reception will take place rain or shine on April 23. The reception will begin immediately following play on April 23 or, in the event of rain, the reception will start at 5:30.

#### **If I am having trouble registering my team or buying raffle tickets or Sponsorships on the LWGA website, what should I do?**

As designed, it is our hope that the online system will be as easy to manage as any other type of online shopping! It's just a matter of clicking buttons to register teams, buy raffle tickets and/or sponsorships.

Having said that, this is the first year of implementing the new online system, so we are prepared to handle glitches and assist anyone runs into problems with the website. If you have any trouble, don't panic! Just contact Cindy Altman, [Cynthia.altman@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.altman@gmail.com), for assistance, and she will take care of you.

We also will have a team at LWGA's February 19 luncheon to help people register their teams.

#### **Who is on the GFAC planning committee this year?**

Anne Warhola, Chair  
Syd Britt, Co-chair  
Lori Lillienthal, Sponsorships Chair  
Carole Sangalli, Social Chair  
Debbie Leacock, Social Co-chair  
Sherron Gladden, Publicity Chair  
Joanne Wells-Oates, Publicity Co-Chair  
Linda Rubin, Finance Chair  
Lauren Knoblach, Finance Co-Chair  
Gretchen Nazaruk, Raffle Ticket Sales Chair

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Mary Molnar, Media Specialist  
Cindy Altman, IT Specialist  
Marianne Schutz, Raffle Prize Solicitations Chair

**If you have additional questions, please contact Anne Warhola, [annewarhola@msn.com](mailto:annewarhola@msn.com).**