

2013 WMSGGA Tournament Committee Report

Greetings,

With the end of the 2013 schedule nearing I hope all who participated had an enjoyable time playing in WMSGGA events. We had some events cancelled due to weather and in some others we played in tough conditions. Even though we can't control the weather we continue to support most courses with good participation numbers.

Being new to the position of Tournament Director I wanted to produce a 2014 schedule that would continue to produce participation from our members. During last years cold winter in Maine I laid out my plan concentrating on making a schedule that is functional for all. My key points were north-central-south, travel and 18 vs. 9.

I began by dividing your member clubs into 3 areas, north-central-south. Once that was done I began pairing two courses per date in this manner; north-south, north-central and south-central. Trying to avoid the obvious; a south-south or a north-north combination. By doing this it should help keep the travel times to a more comfortable length.

Next came the 18 vs. 9 questions. WMSGGA participation numbers indicate that the 18 hole courses draw more players. Since we need participation to keep our organization functioning I felt we needed to reduce the number of 9 hole courses we play each year. So instead of playing 10 or 11 9 hole courses per year I am developing a three year rotation which will bring the number of 9 hole courses per year to 5 or 6.

I have tried to get the courses to do shotgun starts whenever possible but tee times are still the most popular among the course. This is another reason for concentrating on travel time to next year's events.

The tentative 2014 schedule is complete and may we all enjoy playing in those events. I may be asking club reps to assist me in running down the outstanding confirmations. Once those are all collected the schedule will be complete.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Cole

Tournament Director

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