SEA TRAIL LADY NINERS

CONSTITUTION

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Article I The title of the Association shall be Sea Trail Lady Niners, hereafter referred to as STLN.

Article II The purpose of STLN is to promote interest and participation in nine holes of golf for all women, regardless of handicap. We encourage camaraderie and foster community spirit.

Article III Membership is open to all female Sea Trail property owners.

Social memberships are available to Sea Trail property owners who are non-golfers. Social membership has voting privileges, except on issues the Executive Board determines to be a golfing issue.

STLN members may invite and sponsor one woman who lives in Sea Trail or Cobblestone, whether as a full- time or part-time renter/house guest, but is not a Sea Trail property owner to join STLN.

Effective 2023, any current STLN member who sells her Sea Trail property, shall be "grandmothered-in" as a full member with all the benefits of full membership, providing she maintains a member in good standing without lapse.

Article IV Only full-time resident property owners of Sea Trail are eligible to be officers. The officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The term of office shall be two years, effective December 1. A member may serve as an officer for more than one term (two years), but the terms may not be consecutive. The terms of President and Secretary shall be staggered from the terms of a Vice President and Treasurer. The President and Secretary terms shall begin in odd number years and the terms of Vice-President and Treasurer shall begin in even number years.

In the event of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer resignation due to emergency or extenuating circumstances, the Board will appoint an interim.

Article V There shall be an Executive Board consisting of the officers and the committee chairs.

Article VI There shall be four general meetings, including an Annual Meeting in November, on dates to be determined by the Executive Board. Members shall be notified of each meeting at least two weeks prior to the meeting. If both the President and Vice President are unavailable for a General Membership or Executive Board meeting, the meeting shall be rescheduled to a date and time that at least one of the two officers can attend.

Article VII This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 vote at a regularly scheduled meeting of STLN, provided the proposed amendment(s) has been communicated at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

BY-LAWS

Article I The President will appoint no less than 3, or more than 5, members to a Nominating Committee. The committee will accept names of members interested in serving in an open officer position. The committee's recommendations for a slate of officers must be presented to the Executive Board before October 1 for their approval. The proposed slate will be presented to the general membership at least 1 week before the Annual Meeting. No woman shall be nominated who has not given her consent to serve if elected. The election shall be held at the Annual Meeting. A majority of "yes" votes will constitute approval of the slate of officers.

Article II Duties of the Officers and Executive Board

Section I The duties of the President include:

- Appoint all committee chairs.
- Schedule and preside over all General Membership and Executive Board meetings.
- Call impromptu meetings when deemed necessary, giving notice to the members at least five days prior to the meeting.
- Reserve space for all meetings.
- Obtain the yearly tee times for league day in consultation with the Golf Committee.
- Vet new members.
- Notify the general membership of new members.
- Maintain the STLN membership list and share the list with the membership when additions/deletions occur.

Section II The duties of the Vice President include:

- Assume the duties of the President in her absence.
- Assist the President as deemed necessary.

Section III The duties of the Secretary include:

- Record accurate minutes of all General Membership and Executive Board meetings.
- Disburse minutes, receive corrections and prepare for posting to the website.
- Maintain minutes electronically for a maximum of 5 years.
- Receive and respond to correspondence.
- Distribute and receive absentee ballots upon request from paid-up members.

Section IV The duties of the Treasurer include:

- Prepare an annual budget.
- Keep a full and accurate account of all monies received and disbursed.
- Collect dues and notify the President of non-renewals at year's end.
- Reimburse members for STLN expenses.

Article III Duties of the Executive Board

Section I The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of STLN and the chairs of the committees. The Board shall meet at the call of the President and notice of all meetings shall be given to all Board members.

Section II The Board shall have power to expend the funds of STLN and fill all vacancies of elected officers on the Executive Board.

Section III Two-thirds of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum at any Board meeting.

Section IV Only the Executive Board shall determine when absentee voting will be permitted in deciding critical issues.

Section V Establish ad hoc committees as needed.

Article IV Dues

The amount of the annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Board. Members are responsible for payment of dues no later than December 1 or they will be dropped from the membership rolls. Dues are not pro-rated for members joining later in the year. Dues will not be refundable or transferable. Dues must be paid to be a member in good standing and eligible to play golf (does not apply to non-golfers).

Article V Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the parliamentary procedures of STLN.

Article VI Voting

Section I New officers shall be elected by a majority of votes cast at the November Annual Meeting. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

Section II Absentee ballots for critical issues, as determined by the Executive Board will be available from the Secretary. Votes must be mailed and postmarked or emailed to the Secretary at least 5 days before the vote on critical issues.

Article VII Handicaps

Section I STLN uses the GHIN and World Handicap system for calculation of handicaps. New members are required to play a minimum of 6 rounds of 9-hole golf to establish a handicap.

Section II New members may play on league day but may not compete in tournaments until they establish a GHIN handicap.

Section III Members must play from their designated tee on league days. If a member wants to change the tee designation, she must review the change with the Golf & Handicap Committee Chair prior to league day play. The member should maintain the tee designation for a reasonable period between tee designation changes.

Article VIII Play

Section I STLN has a designated league day. All holes-in-one, eagles, birdies, and chip-ins must be accomplished on a league day to be eligible for awards. The Golf and Handicap Committee will enter league day scores into GHIN.

Section II STLN has a designated practice day, known as Slick Chicks. Members may choose to take “mulligans” and offer “give me's” during Slick Chicks play. Members may record their Slick Chicks scores in GHIN only if they have followed the USGA and Local Rules of golf. New members who are learning to play golf are encouraged to begin with playing on Slick Chicks day.

Section III Guests are welcome to play on league day and Slick Chicks day providing space is available.

Section IV STLN schedules numerous tournaments and special events during the year. Members are eligible to participate in the Club Championship, Charm Tournament and Second ChanceTournament if they have played 10 rounds of golf on a league day one year from each respective tournament.

Section V No requirement for a minimum number of rounds of golf is necessary to participate in the remaining tournaments and special events.

Article IX The USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules as posted on the STLN website shall govern golf procedures.

Article X These By-laws may be amended at any time at a regular meeting of STLN by 2/3 of votes cast, provided the proposed amendment(s) has been communicated at least two weeks in advance of the meeting.

COMMITTEES

All STLN members, regardless of membership designation, are encouraged to volunteer to serve on a committee.

Awards	Purchase prizes to be distributed at the Awards Meeting, i.e. Charm, Club Championship, Second Chance, Hole-in-One, Birdies, Chip ins, Most Improved Golfer, Golfer with the Lowest Handicap, Golfer who played the most league days.
Chaplain	Provide prayer when appropriate.
Computer Website	Enter tee times, board meetings dates, and other important information on the website, as directed by the Executive Board.
Golf & Handicaps	For Slick Chicks play, reserve tee times each week. For league day play, confirm tee times with the Clubhouse each week. Using Golf Genius (or another means as approved by the Executive Board), invite members to sign-up, create pairings, create scorecards if needed and post scores for league days. Correct scores posted to GHIN for members, if needed. Maintain record of: • What tee members play from and when tees are changed • Holes in-in-one, eagles, birdies and chip-ins on league days • The golfer who played the most league days • Eligibility to compete in tournaments • Most improved golfer • Golfer with the lowest handicap
Membership	Welcome new members; acquaint them with the rules and procedures of STLN; provide copies of relevant information and bag tags to the new golfers; assist the new member in paying dues and signing up for golf; play with new members soon after they join the league.
Rules	Educate members with USGA Rules, local rules and golf etiquette; make final determination on golf and/or tournament questions that arise.
Social	Arrange social events, including the Christmas luncheon, and any other social events that may be requested by the Executive Board.
STLN Liaison	Represent STLN at off campus, non STLN meetings; report anything of importance from these meetings to STLN; submit USGA Index/Handicap for those tournaments held outside of Sea Trail; coordinate tournament when STLN hosts. The Invitational and Memorial Tournaments fall within the responsibility of the STLN Liaison Committee.
Sunshine	Send “get well” and “sympathy” cards to members.

Tournaments & Special Events

Organize the tournaments and special golf events with the assistance of committee members and golf professionals. Subcommittees may be formed to insure a reasonable work load for people volunteering for this committee.