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Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

"A Force on the Course"

FROM YOUR CAPTAIN:

Happy New Year to one and all! It's only a matter of weeks before the golf season is upon us, and your RLGA board is busy preparing for a terrific year. In fact, our first tournament is only 7 weeks away on Sunday, February 23. The format will be "3 Clubs and a Putter," which is great fun and a great opportunity to get reacquainted with our golf clubs and our friends at RLGA, so mark your calendars!

As we plan for the upcoming season, we'd certainly like to hear from you with any suggestions or comments that might help us improve our club and/or encourage greater participation in our events. Any ideas? Give me a call or email me (206-444-5794/captain@rlga.org) with your input.

It's also time to renew your RLGA membership for 2003. Enclosed with this issue is the membership application. You can also download it from the website (www.rlga.org) or pick up a copy at the pro shop. Please send in the completed form and dues by March 1.

Last, if you have internet access, you can help us save costs by retrieving the FORE, monthly calendars and tournament entry forms from our website. Please be sure to let us know how you want to access RLGA information by checking the

appropriate box on your membership application. In addition to receiving our undying gratitude, those who elect to use the website will receive notification via email as new items are posted to the site, so you will always have access to the most current information.

Thanks for continuing to support our club - I'm looking forward to another great year on the course!

Elana Bryan

"If you take only one golf lesson in your life, let it deal only with grip, stance, alignment, ball position and developing a routine that enables you to mentally and physically approach every shot in the same way."

- Dr. Bob Rotella

2002 Most Improved Player

Our Most Improved RLGA member for 2002 is Stephanie Corey. Stephanie improved her handicap from 24 to 16. Congratulations Stephanie!!

RULES BY SHARMA

The Golden Rules of Golf

The Golden Rules of Golf are ten fundamental guidelines that summarize most situations you are likely to encounter on the course. If you learn them well (and keep a Rules book in your bag in case something weird happens), you'll be ready for anything.

1. When playing 'Summer Rules' play the ball as it lies. Rule 13-1
2. Don't move, bend, or break anything growing or fixed, except in fairly taking your stance. Don't press anything down. Rule 13-2
3. You may move man-made objects even in a sand trap or water hazard. If they are immovable, you may drop within one clublength of the nearest point of relief, except in a sand trap, then you must drop in the sand trap. (No penalty.) Rule 24-2
4. Unless your ball is in a water hazard, you may drop away from casual water, ground under repair, or burrowing animal holes or their casts. On the putting green, place at the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole; otherwise drop within one clublength of the nearest point of relief, except in a sand trap the ball must be dropped in the sand trap. If complete relief is impossible within the sand trap, drop in the sand trap at the point of maximum available relief. (In each case, there is no penalty.) Rule 25
5. In a water hazard or sand trap, don't touch the water or ground with your hand or club before the stroke. Rule 13-4
6. If you hit your ball into a water hazard and cannot play it, either drop behind the hazard or at the place you played the shot. (One penalty stroke.) If you hit into a lateral hazard you may also drop within two clublengths of the point where the ball last crossed the hazard margin, or a point equidistant from the hole on the opposite margin. (One penalty stroke.) Rule 26.0
7. When you hit your ball out of bounds or lose it, add a penalty stroke, go back and drop a ball at the place you played the shot. (On the tee, you may tee the ball.) If you think you have hit your ball out of

bounds or lost it outside a water hazard, play a provisional ball before searching for the first one. Rule 27.1

8. When you have an unplayable lie, you may drop a ball at the place where you played the previous shot, adding a penalty stroke. (On the tee, you may tee the ball.) Alternatively, drop within two clublengths, no nearer the hole, or any distance behind the unplayable spot, keeping it between you and the hole. If the ball is in a sand trap, you must drop in the sand trap, under either of the alternative options. Rule 28.0

9. On the putting green, you may repair ball marks and old hole plugs on the line of the putt, but not spike marks. Rule 16.1c

10. Always check with the Pro Shop and read your score card for 'local rules'. During Tournament play ask the Tournament Committee if there are any special rules for the event.

YOU AND YOUR HANDICAP

Soon to arrive from the WSGA is a new GHIN computer system for entering your scores. It will be a Windows based program utilizing the touch screen technology and it's said the new system is very user friendly. We're told the new system should be delivered to Riverbend Golf Complex some time in early January 2003.

Replacing the card reader will be a DYMO label writer that will print individual handicap stickers at the press of a button. Golfers who enter their e-mail addresses into the system will also receive their individual handicap updates at each revision during the posting season.

We are also exploring the possibility of registering for GHIN Online which will allow golfers to occasionally enter their scores over the internet.



NEWS FROM THE PRO SHOP

Brett Wilkinson, PGA Head Professional

First and foremost, Happy New Year to all ladies club members! I want to thank the ladies club for doing its part in making 2002 a banner year. Once again, Riverbend led all Northwest courses in rounds of golf played, and not to mention we had an excellent year in other areas such as lessons, merchandise and range ball sales, and tournament participation. Also, our complex is a frontrunner in a number of areas, especially the promotion of junior golf. I complement the ladies club and its members for making the effort to encourage young participants to play in club events.

In looking forward to the 2003 season, we hope the quality of the staff, golf course, practice facility make you feel excited to play. Our entire staff is intact for another go around, and we feel privileged and honored to have maintained this consistency. We hope you feel the same?! Those of you not familiar with our staff will hopefully get to know them quickly.

Charles Waggoner, a PGA Member, will once again be the main man at the 18 hole counter. Assisting Chuckie will be PGA apprentice, Brian Thornton and shop assistants Eric Hinrichs and Tyson Young. While Eric and Ty have worked for us for years, Brian has only been with us since mid-summer. We snagged Brian from the Kent Golf Center before they closed up shop last year, and he is a welcome addition.

Heading our staff at the Riverbend Merchandise Center is PGA Member, Marti O'Neill. Marti has worked his tail off to provide the ladies club a merchandise avenue they haven't ever had at Riverbend. Assisting Marti is a knowledgeable staff ready and willing to answer your merchandise needs. By the way, if you didn't know already, we let you try any equipment products before you buy them. Let me also add that we will do our very best to track down an item if we don't have it.

On the teaching front, we have arguably the finest teaching staff in the Pacific Northwest. With over 80 years of combined PGA teaching experience are 5 gifted instructors at your service. David Gibson, a 35-year PGA Member, may be our only full-time instructor, but Brett, Marti, Charles and Brian are available pretty much available any day of the

year. Not too many teaching facilities in the nation give over 4,000 lessons a year, so take advantage of this outstanding staff and improve your golf game.

Lastly, if there is anything that we can do better as a staff or as a golf complex, please give me a call. We want everyone to have a pleasant experience each and every time they choose Riverbend as their golfing venue.

Best of everything for the 2003 season and we'll see you at the 'bend!

RIVERBEND FEE SCHEDULE JANUARY FEBRUARY 2003

Mon-Friday before 9:00 AM
 18 holes \$16.00 9 Holes \$8.00

Mon-Thursday

9 Holes	\$10.00
9 Holes-senior	\$ 9.00
9 Holes-junior	\$ 8.00
18 Holes	\$18.00
18 Holes-senior	\$16.00
18 Holes-junior	\$16.00
18 + ½ cart	\$23.00
18 + ½ cart-Sr/Jr	\$20.00

Fri, Sat, and Sunday

9 Holes	\$14.00
18 Holes	\$20.00
18 + ½ cart	\$27.00

Twilight after 1:00 PM daily

Weekday	\$10.00
Weekday + ½ cart	\$15.00
Weekend	\$12.00
Weekend + ½ cart	\$17.00



2002 BIRDIE TREE REPORT

Gift certificates awarded to "Birdie Tree" recipients as follows:

Place	Member	Birdies	Award
1st	Marian Read	20	\$21
2nd	Ok Yun Lim	15	\$16
3rd	Bev Olson	11	\$13
Runner up	Diane Gifford	6	\$ 7
Runner up	Linda Selegue	4	\$ 7
Runner up	Shirley Radley	4	\$ 7

We had a total of 103 Birdies recorded by 37 members. The most popular birdie holes were: #5, #7 & #13, with 15 birdies each during 2002.

Members recording three birdies in one 18-hole round were:

Diane Gifford, Bev Olson, Shirley Radley & Marian Read

2002 OVERALL COMPETITION RESULTS

The following is the RLGA Top 10 "Money Winners" from our 2002 competitions:

Place	Member	Awarded
1st	Ok Yun Lim	\$129.00
2nd	Marian Read	\$ 79.50
3rd	Diane Gifford	\$ 61.00
4th	Linda Jones	\$ 60.00
5th	Sharma Shamblin	\$ 59.50
6th	Linda Selegue	\$ 58.00
7th	Mary Ann Hobson	\$ 56.00
8th	Beverly Olson	\$ 48.50
T9th	Esther Gladson	\$ 46.50
T9th	Judy Rowe	\$ 46.50

Congratulations
to everyone who
participated in
2002 events!