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Captain's Corner by Phyllis Ellermeier

What a wild spring so far! I told you in my last column that we were "rained out" of our February tournament. Well the drama and trauma continued as we were devastatingly DROWNED out of our March tournament! This is still giving me wet feet and thoroughly chilled nightmares.

Mary Ryan, our intrepid Co-Captain ventured out to plant some flowers (on top of the stump between 14 and 15) and even she decided not to attempt to play. That was my cue to head on home...even if I didn't get to check out the waterproofing reliability of my new raincoat.

Our INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT on SATURDAY, April 28th is a big event for us. We wish to encourage all of our current membership to invite someone to play with you on that day. They need not be a member to play, but by the end of the day, we hope they will choose to make the RLGA their home. We thank you all who came for the first two, just don't give up on the magic third tournament.

And, please be very optimistic about a sunny day...

Don't forget our bi-monthly competitions are now up and running thanks to Susan Stahl. Be sure to sign up (Once only for each competition) for your opportunity to win the big bucks!
See you on the course of COURSE! Phyllis Ellermeier, RLGA

Golf Etiquette copy pasted from

<http://www.usga.org/playing/etiquetteetiquette.html>

Be Ready to Play: Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

Lost Ball: If a player believes his ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, he should play a provisional ball. Players searching for a ball should signal the players in the group behind them to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They should not search for five minutes before doing so. Having allowed the group behind to play through, they should not continue play until that group has passed and is out of range.

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The official Newsletter of your Riverbend Ladies Golf Association chartered since 1989 with reserved Saturday and Sunday morning tee times for our members.

Aerification and Topdressing

By Pete Petersen,

Riverbend Superintendent and Gen Mgr

Have you ever wondered why golf courses aerify their greens? Or why they topdress their greens with sand on occasion? Typically golf courses in our area aerify their greens twice a year, once in the Spring and again in the Fall. Believe it or not there are several benefits to the greens that come as a result of aerification and topdressing which promote healthier greens and better putting surfaces.

Aerification provides three primary benefits to the health of putting greens. During the aerification process a coring machine or aerifier removes cores or plugs from the green. By removing the cores or plugs aerification provides a means for removing thatch from the putting surface, which allows for better infiltration of water and nutrients. Secondly, by removing cores or plugs the surrounding soil is disrupted, alleviating soil compaction which improves absorption of water and nutrients into the root zone and allows for additional root growth. Lastly aerification helps to provide additional oxygen to the root zone which also helps to promote growth and healthier roots.

Topdressing or sanding provides two additional benefits to putting greens in addition to aerifying. Topdressing or sanding is done to fill in the holes as a result of aerification and provide additional material to the top of the root zone. Topdressing is also done to improve the quality or smoothness of the putting surface by filling in voids or low areas on the greens.

While aerification and topdressing tend to be bad in the eyes of many golfers because of the short term affects on putting and their game, the long term affects on the overall health of the greens are very beneficial. So the next time you show up at the course and hear that the greens have been aerified or topdressed remember the benefits and the positive affects it has on the greens. In fact, you may even want to thank the maintenance staff for their efforts to promote healthier and better quality greens for your enjoyment.

This Spring we have scheduled our aerification of the greens for the week of April 2. During aerification we will be reducing green fees to \$24 for 18 holes and \$12 for 9 holes. Following our spring aerification we will be initiating a new monthly topdressing program for our greens designed to improve the year-round playing conditions of our greens. We will be posting our aerification and topdressing schedule by March 15. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at rpetersen@ci.kent.wa.us or 253-856-5190.

R. D. Pete Petersen Jr.
Supt. of Golf Operations

Riverbend Ladies Golf Association 2007 Tournament Schedule:

Date	1st Tee Time	Tournament	
Saturday April 28	7:57 AM	Invitational Scramble/Social	Non RLGA members invited
Saturday May 19	9:00 AM	Throw Out 2	RLGA Only
Sunday June 17th	8:33 AM	2 person Better Ball	RLGA Only
Saturday July 7	8:30 AM	Riverbend Cup Day 1	Team Competition RLGA Only
Wednesday July 11	8:15 AM	Wednesday Invitational	Non RLGA members invited
Sunday July 15	12:27 PM	Riverbend Cup Day 2	Team Competition RLGA Only
Sunday July 22	8:33 AM	Chapman (Mixed with Riverbend Mens Club?)	
Saturday August 18	7:30 AM	Club Championship Day 1	Great fun! *Must Qualify
Sunday August 19	7:30 AM	Club Championship Day 2	Great fun! *Must Qualify
Saturday September 15	1:30 PM	Rally for a Cure	RLGA Only
Saturday October 6	8:33 AM	Scramble/Chapman	RLGA Only
Saturday November 17	9:27 AM	Big Break III Skills Challenge	RLGA Only

CHANGES ARE IN RED!

Invitational Events:

RLGA members are officially invited to all of these events:

July 18,19 Cowlitz Bank Women's Invitational (2 lady scramble event) Free round on Tuesday the 17th. \$100 3 Rivers golf Course, Kelso, WA, 360-423-4653 <http://www.3rivers.us/>

July 26 32nd Annual Camalock Ladies Invitational, Camano Island

July 26, 27, 28 The Plateau Club 2007 Women's Invitational, Sammamish

August 8,9,10 60th Anniversary Women's Lower Columbia Tournament. Individual Stroke Play
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Sept 13th, 37th Annual Ladies Invitational, Lake Chelan Muni Golf Course
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Greater Seattle Womens Public Links Association
<http://www.gswpga.com/> To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Fran Zickes 206-938-1081 bzickes@quidnunc.net Handicap Limit 40.

Apr 12	Snoqualmie Falls, Spring Sweeps, Deadline over
May 10	Foster, President's Cup
Jun 14	Riverbend, Pro Am
Jul 12	Mt Si, Sweeps & Champion of Champions
Aug 6,7,8	Maplewood, City Championship
Sep 13	Auburn 2 Lady Best Ball
Oct 11	Twin Rivers, Fall Sweeps

Washington State Womens Public Links Association
<http://www.wswpla.com/> To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Fran Zickes 206-938-1081 bzickes@quidnunc.net Handicap Limit 40.

Apr 28	Sudden Valley	Bellingham
May 14,15	Apple Tree	Yakima
Jun 21	Hawks Prairie	Lacey
Jul 16,17,18	Championship, Highlander	Wenatchee
Aug 23	Auburn	Auburn
Sep 10,11	Dungeness	Bellingham
Oct 13	Trilogy	Redmond

GSWPLA 2007 Team Schedule
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Date	Location
Friday 27-Apr	Mount Si
Friday 11-May	Jackson Park
Monday 21-May	Riverbend
Monday 11-Jun	Bellevue
Friday 29-Jun	Foster
Monday 9-Jul	West Seattle
Friday 17-Aug	Wayne
Friday 7-Sep	Jefferson Park
Monday 24-Sep	Maplewood

May State and City Tournaments

May 10th ,Foster. Tee times start at 8AM \$33.00 or \$ 28.00 for Seniors[62+] Deadline April 21st

May 14 & 15, Apple Tree, Yakima Shotgun start at 1:30pm, \$100 Deadline April 25th

Please send your checks payable to Fran Zickes, 5947 46th Av SW, Seattle WA 98136.

Pacific Northwest Golf Association 2007 Schedule. To enter these events go to <http://www.thepnga.org>

Women's Amateur	July 9-13	Wenatchee G&CC	Wenatchee WA	Handicap Limit 12.4
Women's Mid Amateur	July 9-13	Wenatchee G&CC	Wenatchee WA	Handicap Limit 16.4
Women's Amateur Public Links	Aug 25-26	Banbury GC	Eagle, ID	Handicap Limit 40.4
Women's Senior Team	Sept 17-19	Gold Mountain GC	Bremerton, WA	Handicap Limit 40.4
Senior Women's Amateur	Oct 1-2	Hayden Lake CC	Hayden Lake, ID	Handicap Limit 27.1

Washington State Golf Association 2007 Schedule. To enter these events go to <http://www.thewsga.org>

Women's Best-Ball	May 21-22	Fairwood G&CC	Renton, WA	Handicap Limit 32.2
Men's & Women's Team	May 30-31	Suncadia Resort	Roslyn, WA	
Women's Amateur	June 25-27	Wing Point CC	Bainbridge Island	Amateur Div 20.4 Senior Amateur 26.4

From Your

Team Co-Captains

June Secreto and Gerri Johnson

There are nine golf clubs from the Greater Seattle area that participate in GSWPGA Team Competition. Each team consists of six players, two per bracket. A total of three team matches per club. The competitions are held on Fridays or Mondays from April thru September, a total of nine.

It is not necessary to be available for every match because it is the Team Captain's job to fill the six positions for each competition. The rule is to select the lowest handicap players available for each of the Team Matches. So, even if your handicap isn't very low we still could ask you to fill one of the positions. The dates and clubs involved are posted on the RLGA website. Our first match is April 27th.

If you think you would be interested in playing on Riverbend's Team, we would like to have your name to add to our list. This year June Secreto and Gerri Johnson are working together as Co-Team Captains.

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Spring Fling Tournament Results:

Another rain out! Mary Ann Hobson and Janet Best cartoonized these photos while twiddling their thumbs waiting for the rain to let up. It did not.



From June Secreto, your

Membership Chairman

Hello Ladies:

I thought I would let you know that in April our tee times on Wednesdays will be slightly altered. Here are the dates and times:

4/4	9:26 am
4/11	9:36 am
4/18	8:51 am
4/25	8:51 am

In May we start our play each week at 8:33am. The Pro Shop has asked to PLEASE call in at least one day in advance to check availability. If you can think of anyone else who might play on Wednesdays please forward to them.

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Your board of directors invite you to contact them for questions, suggestions and even complaints.

Invitational Tournament

Announcements & Correspondence

We have put a 3 ring binder on the counter at the RLGA center in the pro shop. Inside is the information about these invitational events. When you are out and about you might pick up flyers and add to this collection. One that isn't listed is the Ft Lewis invitational which Mary Ann Hobson has attended and attested to the gracious host club. Below is some correspondence received from various clubs:

From: Libby Houserman, Tournament Director July 26, 27, 28 The Sammamish Plateau Club 2007 Women's Invitational: I have directed your request for additional information and it should be getting to Riverbend shortly. When we get the formalized invitation ready we will send along several copies and put them in a plastic sleeve for your notebook. We would love to have your members join us for our invitational. It's a really fun event. Stay in touch please if you need anything else from us. Thank you,

From: Sue Lane, co-chair, August 8,9,10 60th Anniversary Women's Lower Columbia Tournament. Yes, we'll add Riverbend to our list - the entries will probably be sent around the 1st of May. Thank you for your interest!

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What should you do if you post the wrong score?
E-mail your Handicap chairman, Jerri Proszek
chandje@comcast.net and she will fix it!

Next Tournaments:

Thur Apr 12, Snoqualmie Falls (GSWPGA)
Sat Apr 28 RLGA Invitational Scramble/Social
Sat Apr 28 Sudden Valley Bellingham (WSPLA)
Sat May 19 RLGA Throw Out 2

Other Dates:

Last day to sign up for GSWPGA event at Riverbend is _____
November 15th is last day to post.

From your Travel Committee

You say you have never heard of the travel committee? That's because we don't have one. Nevertheless, five RLGA members are planning a golf trip to Hawaii in November 2007 or February 2008. Plan is about five days on the ground. Mary Ann Hobson can



get us into the NCO clubs and golf courses at military rates if we go to Oahu. We have one condo (free) that sleeps eight, but only for Kauai or Maui. Thus, destination island under review by the non-existent travel committee. We will likely not arrange airline travel but once we get a count, we will select the island and arrange housing, get golf course information and perhaps car / van rental info. Email or call marypatryan@comcast.net 425 271 8800 if you think you want to go and we'll keep you informed. This non-existent committee brainstormed this outing and all five of us said yes without hesitation. Why not make it twenty-five of us? Email Mary even if you think you might be traveling with family and/or arranging for your own housing to make sure we get dates coordinated. Your non-existent Travel Committee is Betty McCotter, Teresa Le, Janet Best, Mary Ryan and of course the social gadabout Mary Ann Hobson, who is pushing for Oahu, she likes the night life, she likes to boogie.



Instructor Biography

Brett Wilkinson, PGA, Class "A" Head Professional

A PGA member since 1991 and Riverbend Golf Complex's head Golf Professional since 1995, Brett also oversees a PGA-educated staff with over 90 years of teaching experience. Personally he has taught some 16,000 golf lessons to players of all ages and abilities, but his true passion is developing junior golfers and amateur stalwarts. Brett's determina-



tion in this field has reaped large rewards. He has produced four All-Americans, 27 golf scholarship recipients and currently, has four Division I golfers under his supervision. His students have racked up some impressive victories recently including Erik Olson's 2005 Men's Pac 10 Individual and 2004 Seattle Amateur Championships, Washington State Women's Best Ball, Washington Junior Golf and US Kinds State Championships. A frequent PNW section and Western Washington tournament player, Brett recognizes the importance of having a strong role model, a title he, himself, has certainly worked hard to acquire. The time and dedication he gives to each student is unparalleled. This distinguishes him and his staff, as the most successful and influential teaching facilities in the Northwest.

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