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Captain's Corner by Phyllis Ellermeier

“In 2007 make Riverbend and the RLGA your golfing “home”!”

Our RLGA Board Meeting on February 7th included a presentation by Pete Petersen, General Manager for Golf Operations at Riverbend. He addressed some of our many concerns regarding course conditions last summer, improvements that have been made and those that will be made in 2007, a thorough description of how he can support our club by assisting us in a wide range of RLGA plans, and will assist the board's plans to grow our membership through many innovative strategies.

One strategy that was well received is the “PLAYER APPRECIATION CARD” which will be distributed to all paid members by RLGA and includes a wide range of food and merchandise discounts, free rounds and other fabulous benefits. The new membership application form lists them all, so be sure to go to the website to review the 10 or more benefits you receive for your \$60.00.

The one terrific benefit is one free round at both the 18 and 9 hole courses. If you delay using this benefit for when the green fees go up to \$37.00 during the peak summer season, that is well over half of your original membership dues!

The combined score tournament on Saturday, February 24th is an invitational event and a perfect opportunity for you to “come back home to Riverbend.” Bring a non member friend to pair up with, or just come and tournament director, Janet Best will pair you up. It is a wonderful opportunity for to look us over and find out what we are up to in 2007 - as always - it is NOTHING BUT GOOD golfing fun! If you are an active member, welcome back ! If you are an inactive past member . . . come on back to Riverbend. The course is in great shape, there are new faces and old friends to see and the reserved tee times (on weekends and Wednesdays) are just one continuing benefit unheard for most other women's clubs. Renew your membership and join us for 2007. I will see you on the 24th, with or without rain gear - - it will be a sunny day!

Remember RLGA Board meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Divot Cafe. All members are invited to attend to help shape your RLGA to better serve all of our golfing needs.

Phyllis Ellermeier, 2007 RLGA Captain

The FORE!

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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.

Player Appreciation Card by June Secreto

The player appreciation card with its free rounds will be distributed to 2007 members sometime in late May or June

- Free 18 hole round of golf (you might want to save this once the rates increase to \$35.00 per round; winter rates are at \$23.00 per round).
- Free Par 3 round
- 5 Free buckets at the driving range
- 10% Discount at the Merchandise center.
- Discounted 10 round punch card (ten rounds for \$300, save \$70 if used on the weekend)
- Twenty percent discount on food in the Firecreek Grill
- Diving range card discount (\$120 card, membership price is \$99.99)

Who are these guys?



Pete Petersen,
General Manager
& Teaching Pro



Brett Wilkerson
Head Golf Pro
Teaching Pro



Joe Langer
Teaching Pro
Pro Shop Asst.



Brandon Brown
Pro Shop Asst.



Steve Pastornicky
Driving Range Mgr



Cecil Baird
Dr Range Assistant



Ciaran Nienow
Marti's Assistant.

There will be photos of all the staff in the breezeway between the pro shop and the restrooms, inside a glass enclosure on the west wall. Soon we will have no excuse for not knowing the names of the Riverbend staff.

Riverbend Ladies Golf Association 2007 Tournament Schedule:

Date	Time	Tournament		
Saturday February 24	9:30 AM	Combined Score		Blind draw for partner Non RLGA members invited
Saturday, March 24	8:30 AM	Spring Fling		RLGA Only
Saturday April 28	8:30 AM	Invitational Scramble/Social		Non RLGA members invited
Saturday May 19	8:30 AM	Throw Out 2		RLGA Only
Saturday June 16	8:30 AM	2 person Better Ball		RLGA Only
Saturday July 7	8:30 AM	Riverbend Cup Day 1	Team Competition	RLGA Only
Wednesday July 11	8:30 AM	Wednesday Invitational		Non RLGA members invited
Sunday July 15	12:30 PM	Riverbend Cup Day 2	Team Competition	RLGA Only
Sunday July 21	8:30 AM	Chapman (Mixed with Riverbend Mens Club?)		
Saturday August 19	8:30 AM	Club Championship Day 1	Great fun!	*Must Qualify
Sunday August 20	8:30 AM	Club Championship Day 2	Great fun!	*Must Qualify
Saturday September 15	7:30 AM	Rally for a Cure		RLGA Only
Saturday October 6	8:30 AM	Scramble/Chapman		RLGA Only
Saturday November 17	9:30 AM	Big Break III Skills Challenge		RLGA Only

Some details still tentative

Your RLGA membership entitles you to enter these events. Check the RLGA corner in the Pro Shop and *The Fore!* for invitational tournaments from other women's clubs in the area. Also, Riverbend Golf Course sponsors numerous events, which with your Ghin # you are also eligible to enter.

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
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	Jefferson Park, 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
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Apr 28	Sudden Valley	Bellingham
May 14,15	Apple Tree	Yakima
Jun 21	Druids glen	Kent
Jul 16,17,18	Championship, Highlander	Wenatchee
Aug 23	Dungeness or West Seattle	Sequim
Sep 10,11	Hawks Prairie	Lacey
Oct 13	Trilogy	Redmond

GSWPLA 2007 Team Schedule
 RLGA team needs six golfers to field each of these events. Team rules require the lowest handicap players be selected first, but no matter your handicap, if you are able to play on any or all of these dates please contact

Gerri Johnson (253) 770-4379
 bigforkgirl2003@yahoo.com
 or
 June Secreto (253) 661-1499
 rjsecreto@comcast.net

Playing on RLGA team will help you get better faster. You should be eager to fill spots when the lower handicap players are not able to play.

	Date	Location
Friday	27-Apr	West Seattle
Friday	11-May	Jefferson Park
Monday	22-May	Bellevue
Friday	1-Jun	Jackson Park
Monday	11 Jun	Maplewood
Friday	20-Jun	Wayne
Friday	3-Aug	Foster
Monday	20-Aug	Riverbend
Friday	7-Sep	Mt. Si

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

GSWPGA & WSWPLA

One of the men's club members noted he has seen pub links banners at tournaments hosted at Riverbend and was aware there was some sort of organization. According to him, Puget Sound men golfers do not have the equivalent of GSWPLA and WSWPLA which when combined total fourteen events each year. Both groups organize one tournament each from April through October.

Participants have many reasons for entering these tournament; camaraderie, opportunity to play different courses, etc. Handicap limits for all events is 40 and the foursomes are made up of players with similar handicaps. Yes, you are expected to know and follow rules, but no more so than you should be doing at Riverbend. Seasoned members refer to these groups as "City" (Greater Seattle Womens' Public Golf Association or GSWPGA) and "State" (Washington State Women's Public Links Association or WSWPLA).

State is hosting two 2007 Saturday tournaments; April 28th in Bellingham and October 13th in Redmond. **Thursday June 14th Riverbend is hosting a City event.** Contact Fran Zickes 206-938-1081 bzickes@quidnunc.net for particulars. Part of your RLGA dues goes toward membership in these two organizations; therefore these are your clubs too.

GSWPGA now has a virtual museum on their website illustrating via photos, newspaper articles, etc. to all of us the circumstances from whence they came about. Also in the museum are mention of past and present RLGA members, i.e., Linda Pearson, Susan Stahl, Cathy Kay and more. Fifty years from now our great grandchildren might be cruising this museum site to find out what tom-foolery we were all up to. Look for an article about the museum in the March 2007 issue of the Pacific Northwest Golfer. Check out the museum at:
<http://www.gswpga.com/museum.htm>

Your board of directors invite you to contact them for questions, suggestions and even complaints. If you are reading this on the RLGA website, E-mail addresses should be clickable.

Riverbend Website adds link

Potential new members can now find us on City of Kent Parks Department, Riverbend Golf Course website. Captain Dr. Phyl has successfully petitioned City of Kent to add a link to RLGA website. Check out the affiliated clubs link at: <http://www.ci.kent.wa.us/riverbend/index.asp>

Seattle Golf Show March 16-18, 2007, at Qwest Field Event Center

The ninth annual event is the largest consumer golf show on the West Coast, and is viewed as the official opening of the region's golf season. It is the only trade show of its kind that is owned by the regional amateur and professional golf associations. With the same attractions as last year, including a **free round of golf to all paid adult attendees** and a chance for a hole-in-one on the turf at Qwest Field, along with newer additions such as the ability of attendees to buy new product on the show floor, the show continues as an established tradition on the region's sporting scene. (This info was copy pasted from the seattle golf show website.)

Go to http://www.seattlegolfshow.com/pdf/seattle_golf_show_coupon.pdf for a \$2 off coupon for one \$10.00 adult admission. Senior \$6 and Youth \$3.00 not discounted.

If you are reading this newsletter on the RLGA website, the web and E-mail links should be clickable.

Kent Parks Director and Riverbend Chief meet with Mens and Womens club

In January members of your board met with Jeff Watling, Kent Parks Director and Pete Petersen, Riverbend Golf Course General Manager. Members of the Men's club were also present at the long table at the Firecreek Grill. Pete Petersen said the women's and men's club members are the course's most valuable clients.

The Mens club is planning a summer Chapman format tournament in conjunction with the women's club. This will be in addition to the RLGA tournament schedule. The men seemed to be looking forward to the merging of the clubs for this event; from the aspect of meeting new people and the potential influence both clubs might be able to wield when one of us wants something. You won't need to name a partner to sign up for this tournament. You will be paired by the tournament directors.

2007 Rules of Golf Seminar

There is still time to register for Rules of Golf Seminar, 2007 USGA Rules of Golf Workshop, Bellevue, Feb 19, 20, 21, 22, Monday thru Thursday, Registration Deadline February 9, 2007. Fee \$250. Call USGA (908) 234-2300 x 5100; or register on line:
<https://members.usga.org/workshops/>

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Winter Rules - Puddles, Mudballs and Myths by Rules/ByLaws Chairman, Anne Tuttle

As you start a round on the course and see the sign "Winter Rules in Effect Today" do you breathe a sigh of relief, does this strike fear in your heart, or thoroughly confuse you? Maybe a little of each.

Winter rules or "Preferred Lies" as they are sometimes called are not specifically defined under any regular 34 Rules of Golf. Instead these are unique or specific local rules that have to be enacted to be put into use. Many local courses do a good job of "enacting" by installing signs telling you "Winter rules are in effect", but few take the next step and detail what those winter rules are.

Since we are dealing with adverse, yet playable (?) conditions throughout the year, it is not surprising that the PNGA has spelled out some winter rules which individual clubs or courses may use during these rainy, muddy months. However, the PNGA and USGA strongly recommend that when your score is to be posted for handicap purposes, the ball should be played "as it lies" in accordance with the rules of golf.

PNGA Winter Rules

1) A ball may be moved through the green (see definition below) with the following restrictions:

- i) A ball shall not be moved when

it lies within 36 inches of the base of a tree, stump, shrub or out of bounds.

2) If lifted, the ball shall be marked; it may be cleaned; and shall be placed no more than 6" from its original lie, no nearer the hole. Use of the club head in the movement and placement of the ball is prohibited.

- i) A ball so lifted is deemed to be back in play once it has been placed.

- ii) While in the act of placing, the ball may be repositioned.

For the purpose of this condition, the ball is considered placed and may not be repositioned, once it

has been at rest for five seconds.

- iii) A ball back in play that moves prior to address shall be played as it lies.

- iv) A player is entitled to exercise this preferred lies option one time only per shot.

3) The Embedded Ball Rule shall be in effect through the green.

- i) Anywhere through the green, a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole.

- ii) When an embedded ball is lost "beyond a reasonable doubt" in wet, soft turf, another ball may be put to play as near as possible to the spot the original ball was lost without penalty.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the conditions covered by this Local Rule.

Definition: Through the green is the whole area of the course except the teeing ground, the putting green of the hole being played and any hazards on the course. Penalties for breach of these rules: Stroke play-2 strokes, Match play-loss of hole. So don't let those soggy winter conditions keep you off the course, but don't let a weakness for "foot wedges" run wild.

Do you have a particular rules question that you want your rules chairman to address? Email AnnTuttle at atuttle200@hotmail.com

Player Recognition

Fran Zickes scored a hole in one Sat. January 27, 2007 at Allenmore Golf Course on #2, 110 yds. "I used my 7 iron and made a decent swing. I was using a free round ticket and playing with two guys I did not know."

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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!

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Next Three Tournaments:

Sat Feb 24 Combined Score

Sat Mar 24 Spring Fling

Sat Apr 28 Invitational Scramble/Social

Other Dates:

March 1st is first day of posting,

November 15th is last day to post.