



The FORE!

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 Your Riverbend Ladies Golf Association newsletter, chartered since 1989
 with reserved Wed., Sat. and Sun. morning tee times for our members.

For membership information and much more
 go to <http://www.rlga.org/>

Results From April 11th Invitational Tournament from Tournament Chair, Mary Powers

Captain's Footnotes:

Our "Spring" Invitational was less than the much needed sunny, balmy weather event. However, enough hardy (30+) and enthusiastic Pacific Northwest women bundled up, put on the rain gear and had a terrific time playing with new friends, dodging intermittent sprinkles, and enjoying the new and tricky features of the front nine.

I hope many of you have taken the time to read the "mid-month" member profile all about one of our dearest Charter Members, Amy Nikaitani. She is a steady golfer and an accomplished artist. Our plans are to continue this feature each month between the first of each month's FORE. To keep the feature fresh, please feel free to contact me in person to suggest your own ideas for a worthy profile. Everyone is dynamic and interesting or at least we know someone who is. But we are looking for those wonderful women who have that "extra" special and unexpected jobs, or personal characteristics. We hope you will be surprised and delighted to discover details and qualities our member profiles already contribute to your RLGA. Don't forget to look my up to get a round with her! .

We hope you have already signed up for the "Red, White, And Blue tournament on May 17th. This tournament is a new opportunity for some of you because it will be played on a Sunday, and for many of us in the higher handicaps it is also one of the most challenging events RLGA has all year. I don't know about you, but playing an entire round from the RED tees is difficult enough, but driving from the WHITE and the BLUE teeing areas gives you an entirely different view of the course and causes much pondering and hand wringing to select clubs, which 6 holes we be played from where . . . It requires thinking and good ball striking. Please, come join us for this event, since over the past few years, different women won this tournament as continuing evidence that our club is home to a tremendous variety of golfers. But individual handicap numbers and skillful play are only on the surface, since I never win anything . . . I think this tournament takes a lot of luck . . . and spot on second shots! . . .

See you on the Course, Of course!
 Phyllis Ellermeier, RLGA, 2009 Captain



Thank you to everyone that played and encouraged their friends to play with us. We had a fabulous time and a great turn out at our 20th Annual Invitational. The weather was reasonable. Not too cold and not too much rain. We had a few showers but it is spring after all! Congratulations to the winners! Here are the results:

Winners	Place	Score
Angela Hobbs	1st	75
Mary Ann Chamberlin	1st	
Kathy Provazek	1st	
Amy Chinen	1st	77
Carol Hinrichs	2nd	
Nancy George	2nd	
Patty Willis	2nd	78
Janet Best	2nd	
Ginger Dunning	3rd	
June Secreto	3rd	79
Jackie Murray	3rd	
Jerri Proszek	3rd	
Anne Tuttle	4th	79
Pichy Promsatit	4th	
Cathy Rosa	4th	

Skill	Name	Results
KP #5	Janet Best	9'3 1/2"
KP #8	Angela Hobbs	13'5"
KP #13	Vicki Hutsko	3'10"
KP #16	Mary Powers	26'0"
Accurate Drive #7	Tuyen Dang	

Winners from Women's Side of Opening Day Tournament					
Gross			Net		
1	Ok Lun Lim	82	Odyssey Ladies Putter	1	Anne Tuttle 78
2	Linda Selegue	89	Callaway Cart Bag	2	Vicki Hutsko 78
3	Linda Pearson	91	Cobra Baffler Hybrid	3	Kris Immordino 78
4	Laura Risher	93	Callaway Wedge	4	Kathy Provazek 79
5	Sheila Locke	93	Callaway HX Pearl Dozen	5	Cathy Rosa 80
6	Cathy Kay	94	Free Round of Golf	6	Lynne Crandall 81

Senioritas and Margaritas

Hosted by Golf Professionals
 Eric Hinrichs and Josh Immordino

Thursday Evenings In May 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Open to women over 21 years of age who are looking to improve their golf games in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. After 1 hour of professional golf instruction enjoy drinks with the goup on our outdoor patio located at the Firecreek Grill.

Classes Begin Thursday May 7th and concludes Thursday May 28th. \$100 per student (Does not include Beverages). No equipment or experience necessary.

Minimum of 8 students with a maximum of 16 students..
 Call 253 859-4000 to register.

From your tournament Chairman, Mary Powers

Our next tournament is the Red White and Blue. This is an individual stroke play competition. We will play 6 holes from the Red tees, 6 holes from the White tees and 6 holes from the Blue tees. I know this format can seem intimidating for those of us that don't hit the ball very far but remember we're all playing the same yardage. I've set up the tournament so that on the longest and hardest holes you'll be playing from the Red tees. This is one of our biggest attended events. Last year we were able to have two divisions which gave everyone more opportunity to win. Please consider joining us. For those of you that have never played in a tournament before give this one a try. As I talk to people about why they don't play in tournaments I consistently hear two reasons. 1. "I'm not good enough to play in tournaments. That is not true. We have

women with handicaps as high as 40 participate and WIN in our tournaments. It is the joy of the handicapping system that gives every player a chance to win. 2. "I don't know the rules." - That may be true but you'll be surprised at how much you do know once you get out there and play. Also, every RLGA member that I've played with has always been very gracious and helpful when I was unsure of a ruling. Our club is about inclusion and promoting women golf.

2009 Schedule Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

Date	Event	Tee Times
Sunday, May 17th, 2009	Red, White & Blue	8:33-10:03
Saturday, June 20th, 2009	2 Person Better Ball	8:33-10:12
Sunday, July 12th, 2009	Day 1 Riverbend Cup	8:33-10:03
Saturday, July 18th, 2009	Day 2 Riverbend Cup	8:33-10:03
Sat-Sun, August 1st-2nd, 2009	Club Championship	8:33-10:03
Saturday, September 5th, 2009	4 Person Scramble	8:33-10:12
Sunday, September 20th, 2009	Mixed Chapman	8:33-10:03
Saturday, October 3rd, 2009	Big Break	8:33-10:03

Washington State Womens Public Links Association 2009 Schedule Handicap Limit 40.

<http://www.wswpla.com/> To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Kellie Molzon kelliemolzhon@comcast.net 253-630-0542

Date	Location	Sign up Deadline
Monday May 18th and Tuesday May 19th	Canyon Lakes (Kennewick)	Monday May 4
Thursday June 18th	Riverside Golf Club (Chehalis)	Monday June 5
Mon., Tues, Wed, July 13,14,15	Lake Padden (Bellingham)	Monday June 29
Monday Aug 17	White Horse (Kingston)	Monday August 3
Monday Sept 14th and Tues Sept 15	Sun Country (CleElm)	Monday August 31
Saturday, October 17th.	Camaloch (Camano Island)	Monday October 5 26/2 Ball

The more we share and teach the better and stronger we become.

Please consider joining us on Sunday May 17. Click here for registration form or go to <http://rlga.org> for form. If you're not available to participate in our Red, White & Blue event please take a look at our schedule of tournaments and pick one that will fit into your schedule. We would love to see you out there.

Greater Seattle Womens Public Links Association 2009 Schedule Handicap Limit 40.

<http://www.gswpga.com/> To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Kellie Molzon kelliemolzhon@comcast.net 253-630-0542

Date	Deadline	Course
May 14 Thursday	April 25	Lake Wilderness
June 11 Thursday	May 23	Riverbend
July 9 Thursday	June 20	Mount Si
Aug 10, 11, 12 Mon, Tues, Wed	July 18	Jefferson
Sept 10 Thursday	Aug 22	Snoqualmie Falls
Oct 8 Thursday	Sept 19	Maplewood

(WSGA) Washington State Golf Association 2009 Schedule To enter these events go to

<http://wsga.countmein.com/ProgramHome.aspx> or call WSGA 206-526-8605

May 11, 12	Women's Best-Ball	Bellingham G&CC	Bellingham, WA
June 2, 3	Men's and Women's Member Club Team,	Suncadia,	Roslyn WA
June 23-25	Women's and Senior Women's Amateur,	Oakbrook G&CC,	Lakewood, WA

If you have any questions regarding this or any RLGA tournament give me a call 253.797.0349.

(PNGA) Pacific Northwest Golf Association 2009 Schedule. To enter these events go to

http://www.thepnga.org/championships/online_applications.asp or call 206-526-1238

July 6-10	Women's Amateur and Mid-Amateur	Arrowhead GC Molalla, Or
Aug 29,30	Women's Amateur Public Links	Trysting Tree GC, Corvallis, OR
Sept 21-23	Women's Senior Team	Gold Mountain GC, Bremerton WA
Oct 5,6	Senior Women's Amateur	Hayden Lake CC, Hayden ID

Mary Powers
Tournament
Chair

Bunker Madness Submitted by Anne Tuttle, Rules and Bylaws

We have lovely new sand in our Riverbend bunkers. Some people are finding that sand easier to escape and some are finding it harder. Here are a few pointers from the Decisions on the Rules of Golf that could come in handy when you are sandy.

Let's just say your first stroke in the bunker leaves you with a second stroke from that bunker.... The rules do allow you to smooth irregularities in that bunker before taking your next stroke provided that for that next stroke you do not improve your lie, area of intended stance or swing or line of play. In other words, the Rules assume you learned all you can about the condition of the sand when you made your first stroke from in the bunker and so allow you to rake the area where a shot was just played so long as it does nothing to improve the conditions for the stroke remaining. AKA-free testing of the bunker (with lots of strings attached)!

While in the bunker, should your backswing be in danger of touching the ground in the bunker, be careful. This would incur a 2 stroke penalty and it would probably ruin your stroke anyway. You may take the rake- it is allowed to place or throw a rake in the bunker in preparation for using the rake after the stroke. You just cannot stick the rake in the ground like a fork into a steak as that would constitute testing.

Anne Tuttle, Rules and Bylaws

2009 GSWPGA Team Schedule

May 8, 2009	Friday	Lk. Wilderness
May 22, 2009	Friday	Jackson Park
June 8, 2009	Monday	Maplewood
July 3, 2009	Friday	Wayne
July 27 2009	Monday	Riverbend
August 24, 2009	Monday	Bellevue

GSWPGA – Team - Co-Captains

June Secreto and Ginger Dunning

The following e-mail was sent on Friday April 24th to all members:

RLGA'S TEAM IS DEFINITELY "A FORCE ON THE COURSE"
CONGRATULATIONS!

Today was our first Team Match at Mt Si. Riverbend vs. Maplewood. Maplewood has always been one of our toughest competitors. We had a great team and, they were ready! For each match there is a possibility of 9 points for Scratch and 9 points for Handicap. (Three for each two woman team.) Well, today our Team took 8 ½ points for Scratch and 8 ½ points for Handicap! Fantastic!!! Way to go girls!!!!

Today's AwesomeTeam

Ok Lim, Mary Ryan,

Linda Pearson, Sheila Locke,

Kathy Provazek, & Kellie Molzhon.

THANKS!!! June and Ginger

June Secreto, Membership Chair

MEMBERSHIP: As of today we have 88 members in Riverbend Ladies Golf Association. We would like to welcome all the Returning Members, our number of members is higher than at this time last year. We would like to welcome and recognize our ten New Members.

Doris Boyer
Jayme Carbon
Patricia Chilson
Mickii Coutts
Vickie Currie
Michelle Gooden
Sue Larson
Yoko Nomura
Pichaya Promsatit
Andrea Tagmyer

From your Co-Captain, Mary Ryan

Earlier this month, I was in the Pro-Shop, next the driving range, I noticed the cash register/computer tracked the transaction and recorded I was a RLGA member. I asked why and learned the RLGA members, all 100 of us, out-spend in the proshop by double the amount of the 450 strong Riverbend mens club.

Perhaps our dollars spent at the Riverbend Pro Shop is why the staff at Riverbend is so good to us. From Pete Petersen, our general manager to the grounds crew, these guys are so good to us. This reminded me that the board should do what we can to help you put names to the faces of the staff. When there is space, I'll picture one of the guys. Meanwhile keep spending your golf dollars at the Riverbend Pro Shop when you can.

Riverbend Golf Complex 2009 Players Card Program

April 1st thru Dec 31, 2009

The Best Way to Save Money On Green Fees!!!
Riverbend Players Card members will receive approximately a 25% savings on Green Fees, good seven days a week, including Dew Sweeper and Twi-Light Times.

Riverbend Players Card Members will receive one free round of golf at the time their Players Card is purchased. (Up to a \$39.00 Value).

Rates for the 2009 Riverbend Players Card vary depending on the players age:

Players Card	\$99.00	age 18-54
Men's & Ladies Club Players Card	\$89.00	
Senior Players Card	\$79.00	age 55 plus
Junior Players Card	\$59.00	age 17 minus

Riverbend Players Card members will be entitled to receive a 10% discount at the Riverbend Discount Golf Center as well as the ability to purchase discounted driving range passes. (Some restrictions do apply)

Riverbend Players Card holders will be entitled to reserve tee times 2 weeks in advance.

Call 253 TEE-TIME or vist

<http://www.riverbendgolfcomplex.com>
for details.

Dew Sweeper Rates M-F Before 8AM

9 holes	\$13
18 holes	\$23

Weekday Rates M-Th

9 holes	\$16
18 Holes	\$28

Weekend Rates, Fri, Sat Sun

9 holes	\$20
18 Holes	\$32

Twi-Light Rates after 5PM

Weekday M-Th

9 holes	\$16
18 holes	\$20

Steve Pastornicky,
Driving Range Manager



Washington State Golf Association

Results from the final winter event April 17th at Kayak Point. WSGA Winter Series -

Mary Ryan 2nd Low Gross \$25.00 29 points
 Sheila Locke Did Not Place
 Sheri Boggs (I think Sheri won money and or glass, but it isn't on the WSGA website and your editor doesn't remember what she won.)

Washington State Women's Public Links Assn WSWPLA (State)

Bellevue	Net	Net Rank	Pay Outs	April 18th
Ok Yun Lim	33	2	\$15.00	Flight 1
Mary Ryan	32	3	\$10.00	Flight 1
Sheila Locke	28	9		Flight 2
Laura Risher	30	5		Flight 3
Teresa Le	24	T7		Flight 9



Shown above is Ginger Dunning, Your 2009 RLGA Team Co-Captain.

Greater Seattle Womens Public Golf Assn. GSWPGA (City)

Foster	Rank		April 9th
Laura Risher	6	Flight 1	\$8.00
Mary Ryan	10	Flight 1	Did not place

Greater Seattle Womens Public Golf Assn. GSWPGA *Team*

Results after	Handicap		Scratch	
Mount Si 4/24	Points	Place	Points	Place
Bellevue	8	2	9	1
Foster	1	7	0	6
Jackson Jills	6	3	9	1
Lake Wilderness	3	5	0	6
Maplewood	0.5	8	0.5	5
Mount Si	6	3	9	1
Riverbend	8.5	1	8.5	4
Wayne	3	5	0	6
	36		36	

Riverbend Golf Complex May Group Lessons

Minimum of 4 students with a maximum of 8 students per class. Classes will be one hour, equipment will be provided upon request.

Call 253 859-4000 to register.

Wednesday Evenings May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7:00 PM
With Jon Shabel

Thursday Evenings May 7, 14, 21, and 28 at 7:00 PM
With Joe Langer

Saturday Mornings May 9, 16, 23, 30 at 10:00 AM
With Eric Hinrichs

The FORE!

RLGA
 P O Box 1091
 Kent, WA 98035-1091

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

Important Dates:

Sunday, May 17th Red, White & Blue
 Saturday, June 20th 2 Person Better Ball



	Red, White & Blue Tournament
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Sunday, May 17, 2009 – 8:33 AM

This is a really fun format. It is an individual Stroke Play competition with a twist. We play **6 holes from the Red tees, 6 holes from the White tees and 6 holes from the Blue tees**. Don't worry; you don't have to be a long hitter to play this format. It's interesting when you play from the different tee boxes. You find yourself in places on the course that you've never been before. Please join us for some fun and be a part of "A Force on the Course"!

To participate in the **Red, White & Blue** you have to be an active member of the RLGA by having paid your 2009 membership dues. Complete the bottom of this entry form, then drop it and your entry fees into the RLGA box in the Pro shop or mail it to our PO Box.

Questions? - Contact the Tournament Chair:
Mary Powers - 253-797-0349 or at mary.powers@xerox.com

<p><u>Tee time notification will be:</u> Email notification to club members, posted on the RLGA website (www.rlga.org) and available at the Riverbend Pro Shop (253-854-3673 ext 1) after 4:00 pm on Thursday.</p>

Enter by: Friday, May 8th
Your entry fee is non-refundable if you cancel after May 13th

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Red, White & Blue Tournament
Sunday, May 17th, 2009 – 8:33 AM
Entry fee is \$45 (This includes Greens Fees)
Pay for cart rentals the day of the tournament

Print Name:	Phone or Email:

Drop in RLGA box at the Clubhouse or mail to:

Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association
P.O. Box 1091
Kent, WA 98035

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10 RLGA Tee Times 8:33	11 WSGA Annual Women's Best Ball Bellingham G&CC. Two Days, May 11, May 12		13 RLGA Tee Times 8:33	14 GSWPGA Event Lake Wilderness	15	16 RLGA Tee Times 1:03
17 RLGA Event Red White and Blue	18	19	Ghin Revision Date 20 RLGA Tee Times 8:33	21	22 Deadline to sign up for GSWPGA Rbend Pro AM 6/11 GSWPGA Team Jackson Park	23 RLGA Tee Times 1:03
24 RLGA Tee Times 8:33	25	26	27 RLGA Tee Times 8:33	28	29	30 RLGA Tee Times 8:33
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June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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