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Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association

"A Force on the Course"

FROM YOUR CAPTAIN:

By the time you read this, our first tournament of the year will be in the books. Congratulations to all those who braved the February cold to compete. Our next event is the "Spring Fling" on Saturday, March 23rd, and I hope to see more of you venture out on the course.

Our bi-weekly competitions will be commencing this month, on the 18th with the "Crier's" format, where you can substitute par for two of your worst scores on each nine. See the competition schedule posted both on our website, our monthly calendars, and on the pro shop bulletin board for each bi-weekly game format. Remember to sign up for these competitions on our bulletin board list *before* teeing off with another RLGA member, and take advantage of the prizes available all season.

I'm sorry to say that time has now run out for you to practice your game on the course, as the WSGA handicap computer system is open for posting as of March 1st. If you have any questions about the posting process, feel free to contact our Handicap Chair, Marian Read, or ask other officers or the pros at the course. Please try to locate your WSGA computer card from last year, since we will now have to collect \$1.50 for each new card issued.

Looking forward to seeing you in the warming spring sunshine!

Linda Selegue

Competitions Begin 3/18

It's time to get ready for the start of the RLGA Competition Season! For those of you that are unfamiliar with this activity, it is one of the benefits of being an RLGA member.

Competitions provide a non-tournament venue for honing your golf skills and require no entry fee. The competitions run about 15 days, two per month. Each is a different format to make the game interesting.

For example the Competition for 3/18-3/31 is Criers. Format is: Substitute par for 2 worst holes on both the front and back nines. Add your score and subtract full handicap.

It's simple to participate. To enter a competition, put your name on the sign-up sheet in the pro shop before play at Riverbend begins. Be sure to play with another RLGA member who must attest your score. Use your current handicap. After finishing the round, mark your scorecard clearly with your name, the date and current handicap with an attesting members' signature. Put the card in the RLGA Competitions box.

Winners are paid in gift certificates based on the number of entrants in the Competition.

Any questions:

See Marian Read,
Competition Chair.



CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY:

It was mentioned last issue that members must play in three events to qualify for the Club Championship Tournament. That means that a member must play in a combination of three RLGA tournaments and/or competitions before the Club Championship. So get out there early in the season for your qualifying rounds!

W.S.W.P.L.A. SCHEDULE CHANGES

The following adjustments have been made to the W.S.W.P.L.A calendar:

The April tournament will be held at High Cedars 4/27.

The State Championship will still be held at Gold Mt., but has been changed to 7/23, 24, & 25.

The Homestead tournament has been rescheduled to 9/25-26.

REPLACEMENT GHIN CARDS

The PNGA has announced a \$1.50 fee each for replacement GHIN cards. Existing RLGA members received a card last year and each new member will be issued an initial card as part of their membership fee. The RLGA board has approved passing on this \$1.50 fee to members who require a replacement card.

RULES BY HEATHER

I have a friend who habitually practices his chipping when we have to wait between holes. I questioned whether this was acceptable during a tournament, and, it turns out that it is.

Rule 7 reads "...the player may practice putting or chipping on or near the putting green of the hole last played, any practice putting green or the teeing ground of the next hole to be played."

So yes, you can knock the ball around on the teeing ground while waiting to tee off. If you want to re-try that long, wandering putt you just missed by a breath on the last hole, you can do that too, as long as you don't hold up play. You can't practice putting on a green that you have not holed out on, however.

Beware of taking practice strokes on the fairway. Yes, you can swish your club at dandelion heads, pine cones or whatever might entertain you. But DON'T take a practice swing with a ball, ANY ball. If you come across a range ball that's lost it's way and you think you'll be kind and whack it back to the driving

range, you've just earned a 2-stroke penalty in stroke play. This is considered a stroke NOT a practice swing. So pick that ball up, toss it or save it until you've holed out.

NEW PNGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Beginning next season, a Women's Mid Amateur Championship will be conducted concurrently with the Women's Amateur Championship. The Mid Amateur will be for competitors 25 years or older with handicap indexes/factors of 16.4 or less.

Both the Women's Mid-Amateur and Women's Amateur Championships will be held at Quilchena G&CC July 15-19. Additional information and the PNGA schedule are available at the PNGA website: <http://www.thepnga.org>

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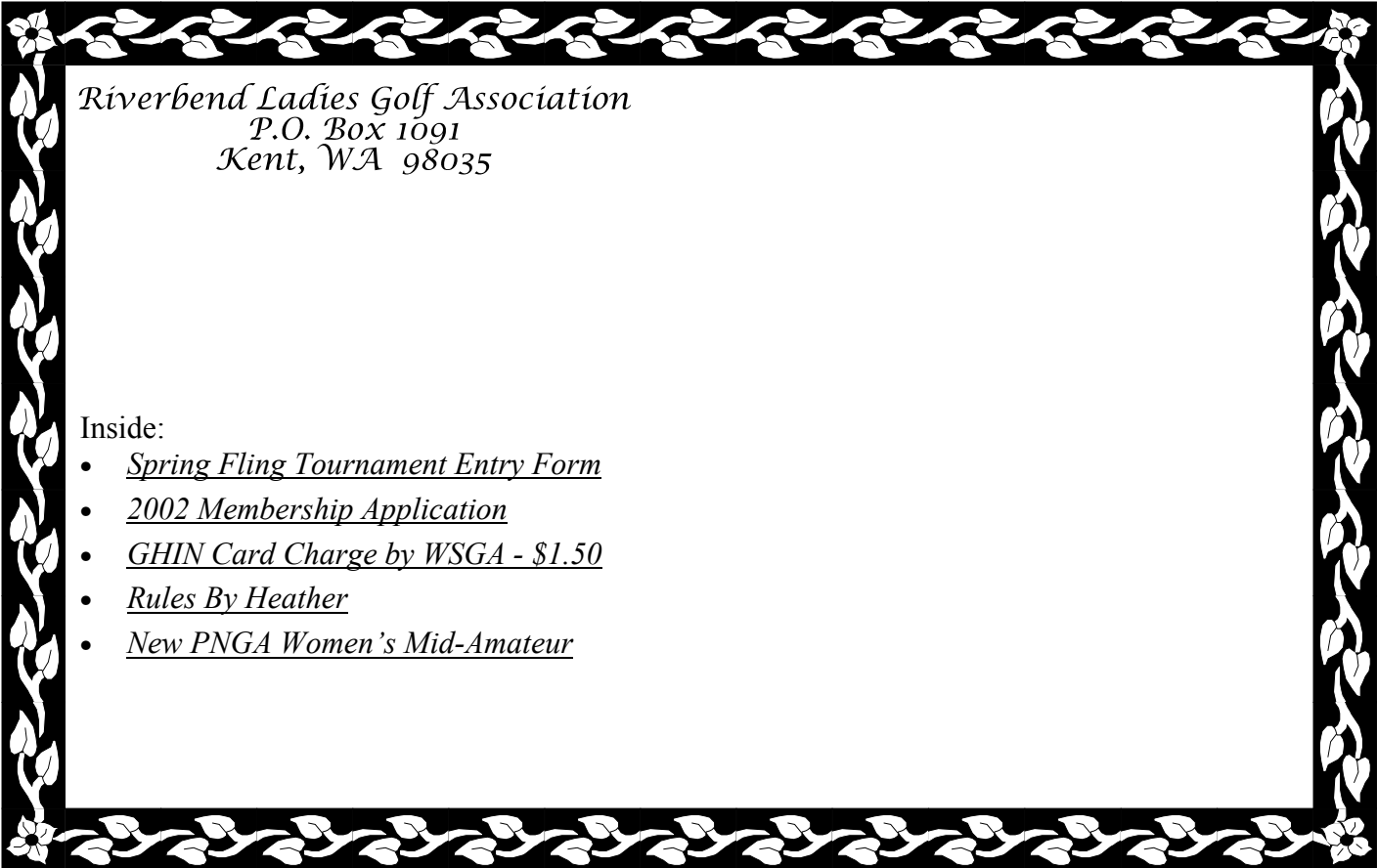
Online entries will be taken beginning March 13, 2002 for Washington State Golf Association events. See their website for schedules and other information: <http://www.thewsga.org>

Happy Birthday to Members Born in March!

- 2 Beverly Olson
- 8 Karen McKee
- 15 Patty Willis
- 15 Barb Dominick-Price
- 16 Metta Schneider
- 17 Kelly Lee Carter
- 17 Mei Manu
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