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# FORE April, 2002

## Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association

*"A Force on the Course"*

**FROM YOUR CAPTAIN:**

As the golf season finally gets into high gear, there are a lot of events available to Riverbend members filling up the calendar. Of course, the most fun event in April is our own RLGA invitational scramble on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring any of your lady golfing friends down for a fun, no pressure scramble, with no handicaps required. This is a great time to lure potential new members into our fold as we show off the enthusiasm of our members and well-conditioned golf course! If you're having trouble finding a team to bring down to Riverbend, feel free to sign up as an individual, and our tournament committee will find you a group to play with.

The immediately preceding Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> is the one weekend sweeps tournament sponsored by the Washington State Women's Public Links Association at High Cedars golf course in Orting. If you're considering playing in their annual championship tournament in July at Gold Mountain Golf Course in Bremerton, this April tournament would be a great chance to qualify. Note that the deadline to sign up for this tournament is April 7<sup>th</sup>. Their other sweeps tournaments are mid-week, and dates and locations can be found on our website, or our monthly calendars. If you have any questions about these and other (City) sweeps tournaments, contact Elana Bryan. For information on GSWPGA (City) team events, contact Diane Gifford or Lori Vicari.

Also coming up this summer are a number of Pacific Northwest Golf Association and Washington State Golf Association women's events. Dates and locations of these tournaments can be found on the web sites, "thepnga.org" and "thewsga.org", and are also posted on our calendars and in a poster on our bulletin board in the ladies' room at the Riverbend Golf Course. Some events, particularly the WSGA three-day women's amateur at Yakima Country Club June 25-27<sup>th</sup>, also have "senior" divisions for golfers who've passed their 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays and prefer to not compete with college kids. I'm planning to take time off to head east of the mountains for this event, and would love to see a big group of RLGA friends to party with

in the warm, dry sunshine!

Finally, if you're aware of other area courses' ladies' invitational tournaments, feel free to contact the FORE editor, Esther Gladson, to share the information with our membership, and if you have printed announcements, there's a section of our Riverbend bulletin board where you may post outside invitational notices. Let's get out and prove that the RLGA is truly a "Force on the Course."

Linda Selegue

**REMEMBER: SEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM IN TODAY TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PLAY IN RLGA TOURNAMENTS OR COMPETITIONS!!**

**KICKER'S REPLAY TOURNAMENT**

20 of the Club's true mudders were out for the first tournament of the year. Thank goodness for washing machines and hoses. They were needed after the round on February 24th!

Queens of the mudders were:

Gross: Linda Selegue - 91  
Lori Vicari - 94  
Kimmy Devino - 96  
Kathy Provazek - 101  
Fran Zickes - 102  
Net: Jerri Proszek - 73  
Esther Gladson - 75  
Julie Mohn - 77  
Sharma Shamblin - 81  
Elana Bryan - 84

Closest to the Pin #13 - Linda Selegue.  
Least Putts - Lynne Crandall with 33.  
Thanks to Mary and Julie, the tournament committee, for a great event.

Thanks also to Nadine Speakes who organized a pot for chip-ins (\$0.25 each to participate). Your humble editor was



## RULES BY HEATHER

I came across a rules article in Golf Magazine (Dec. '01) on common misconceptions of rules. Points made will certainly help me out in future tournaments. The one I found most revealing was "relief from cart path". Riverbend's hole 7 instantly came to mind. All too often I find my ball on the cart path between holes 7 and 8. You get free relief from an immovable object. "The nearest point of relief is determined by where the ball would lie when the player takes his stance." Ah Ha!

Say your ball comes to rest somewhere towards the right of the cart path. Make note of its location. Then determine your proper stance to the right of the cart path. Relief from an immovable obstruction (without penalty) is the closest point to where the ball lies, which avoids the interference (no closer to the hole, not in a hazard or on the green). Lift and drop the ball within one club length of that point.

Do the same procedure for the left side of the cart path. Chances are pretty good on Riverbend's hole 7, the "nearest point of relief" will be on the left side of the cart path (fairway side) NOT the right side behind those pesky trees!

## TWGA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

One of the golf affiliations RLGA members have access to is the Tacoma Women's Golf Association. All levels of golfers are welcome to participate. The schedule of TWGA events for 2002 is as follows:

May 6, Auburn                      June 3, Allenmore  
July 1, Meadow Park              Aug. 5/6, Brookdale-Champ.  
Sept. 9, Riverbend                Oct. 7, Elk Run

Sign-up sheets will be in the pro shop under TWGA.

Tina Villines can answer any questions.

## YOU AND YOUR HANDICAP

- The active season for posting scores is March 1 through November 29, 2002
- The purpose of the USGA handicap system is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.
- A basic premise underlies the USGA handicap system, namely that every player will try to make the best score she can at each hole in every round she plays, regardless of where the round is played, and that she will post every acceptable round for peer review.
- A USGA handicap can be computed after a new player has posted five or more scores into the GHIN computer system.
- Equitable stroke control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's course handicap.

ESC is only used when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds her maximum number based on the table. The ESC table is posted at every course.

If you have questions or concerns about your handicap, call or email your RLGA Handicap Chairperson, Marian Read.

## SPRING FLING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The day was beautiful. We had great weather; no rain, not much wind and a little bit of sunshine too! The course was much drier than when we played the Kicker's replay in February.

Winning blind draw partners were:

1st Gross: Marian Read/Fran Zickes - 162  
2nd Gross: Yvonne Mangini/Linda Selegue - 188  
3rd Gross: Lynne Crandall/Susie Price - 203

1st Net: Kimmy Devino/Ok Yun Lim - 144  
2nd Net: Kathy Provazek/Sharma Shamblin - 150  
3rd Net: Mary Powers/Joan Hansen - 162

Closest to the pin: Kimmy Devino - 11'6"

Closest to the pin: Susie Price - 18'4"

Least Putts: Linda Selegue - 31

**MAY 16 IS THE GHIN DELETION DEADLINE -  
GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION IN  
BEFORE THAT DATE!!!**

## Happy Birthday to Members Born in APRIL!

3      Ute Burgess  
9      Diana Johnson  
11     Jill Palmquist  
15     Linda Whitmire  
15     Beverly Frederick  
17     Mickey Wahl  
25     Cathie Bisiack  
26     Kathy Provazek

Best Wishes on your special day!



**Find the April and May calendars on [www.RLGA.org](http://www.RLGA.org) under the “RLGA Calendars” hyperlink.**