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# FORE May 2002

## Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

*“A Force on the Course”*

**FROM YOUR CAPTAIN:**

**APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS!**

Let's hope the saying holds true this year, and we can enjoy dry conditions and colorful rhododendron blooms around Washington golf courses in May!

Our RLGA May tournament is the annual "Social" event on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Following the morning two-person best ball format competition, we will have a get-together in the Best Western Plaza by the Green (next to the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway), which will include lunch, door prizes and a variety of presentations by board members. We especially encourage new 2002 RLGA members to come and get acquainted with your board and other "old regulars." Our annual membership booklet should be available at that time as well. If you are in need of a partner for the tournament, feel free to call our tournament committee, Mary Powers or Julie Mohn, or just drop off or send in your entry form and a partner will be located for you.

It's getting very close to the handicap cutoff date for members from 2001 to renew. After May 16<sup>th</sup>, if you have not paid your RLGA dues for 2002, your name will become "inactive" and you will no longer be able to post scores on the WSGA system. Please act now to continue your membership!

Hopefully you've noticed what a wonderful job our webmaster, Elana Bryan, has been doing at making our *RLGA.org* website a very useful and informative tool. If you have not yet informed her of your desire to substitute paper, snail-mail newsletter delivery with efficient e-mail notifications, please do so, as it does save the club money.

Within the next few weeks we will be adding a polling feature to the site, whereby we will ask your opinions on some important issues. Having just attended the annual Pacific Northwest Golf Association's Women's Division annual meeting this week, I've come away with a mandate to gather your input on options being considered to improve their annual PNGA Women's Public Links tournament. This has historically been the only women's tournament sponsored by the PNGA that has been held on a weekend. Consideration is being given to moving the tournament in the future to mid-week in an effort to gain access to more desirable

courses. Alternatively, higher entry fees could be charged, or tee times in mid-afternoon could potentially be scheduled to keep the event on a weekend schedule. For those of us who attended last year's event at Meadow Park, we know that there are additional issues for the PNGA to address in order to make the tournament successful. At this time everything is "on the table" and we ask that you check our website later this month to provide your opinions.

Looking forward to seeing you all on the 18<sup>th</sup>!

Linda Selegue

**The deletion deadline for the GHIN system is May 14th. Anyone who hasn't paid their membership fee by this date will be deleted from the active roster. Be sure to catch all the RLGA action by renewing now!**

**RLGA DRESS CODE**

A friendly reminder now that the weather is warming up to summer. The RLGA Standing Rules define inappropriate attire in Section "H Dress Code: Cutoffs, short-shorts and skirts (less than mid-thigh length), halter and strapless tops, and bare midriff tops are not allowed in any RLGA activities."

**RLGA STANDING TEE TIMES**

One of the major benefits of being an RLGA member is access to Ladies' Club tee times. These occur on most Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday mornings at 8:30 and **Tuesday evenings at 5:30 beginning May 14.**

To participate, call the proshop at 253-854-3673 to reserve a spot for weekend and Tuesday evening times. For Wednesday play, be sure to sign up on the sheet.

Check the monthly calendars in the FORE or on the website [RLGA.org](http://RLGA.org) for deviations in the



**YOU AND YOUR HANDICAP**

What if I play from a set of tees that are not rated for women?

- If you play from an unrated set of tees on a rated course, or if you play from a combination of tees, a special computation must be used. As long as the golf course has at least one set of tees rated for women, you will be able to calculate the appropriate rating for the set of tees you played. You need only determine the difference in yardage between the tees that ARE rated for women and the tees you actually played.
- Once you have determined the yardage difference, refer to the conversion chart titled, "Women's Rating Adjustments from Unrated Tees" (this chart will be posted in the Pro Shop on the RLGA bulletin board or you can find it on page 65 of the document at [http://www.awga.org/2002\\_directory.pdf](http://www.awga.org/2002_directory.pdf)). Look up the yardage DIFFERENCE in the table.
- If the tees you played were shorter than the rated tees, then subtract the appropriate values from both the rating and slope of the rated tees.
- If the tees you played were longer than the rated tees, then add the appropriate values to both the rating and slope of the rated tees.
- Once you have calculated the right rating and slope for the tees you played, enter your score in the GHIN system as an "unlisted" course (even if the actual course is listed) and enter the adjusted rating and slope when asked to do so.

If you have any questions about this process or anything related to your handicap, contact our Handicap Chair, Marian Read (206) 254-0526

**Winners in Competition #1 - Criers:**

- 1st place - Sharma Shamblin \$22
  - 2nd place (tie) - Fran Zickes \$17
  - 2nd place (tie) - Linda Selegue \$17
  - 4th place - Ok Yun Lim \$14
  - 5th place (tie) - Kathy Provazek \$6
  - 5th place (tie) - Kimmy Devino \$6
- Congratulations to all of you!

**GSWPGA-TEAM**

RLGA team had their first match of 2002 at Riverbend against Wayne on April 25. We are happy to report that The RLGA ladies prevailed, winning 9 of 9 points available in the scratch game and 8.5 of 9 points in the handicap game. Team members for this competition included Cathy Kay, Ok Yun Lim, Diane Gifford, Elana Bryan, Esther Gladson and Sharon Blank.

Way to start the season ladies!

**RULES BY HEATHER - BALL LOST IN TREE**

Yes, this can happen and did last year to one of my foursome during the club championship. On hole 7, the player found herself in the fairway of hole 8. She made a beautiful shot which didn't quite make it over the pines. In this situation, you actually have two choices:

1) Find the ball in the tree, which may require you to climb the tree. You have five minutes to do this under the lost ball ruling. You can then apply the unplayable ball ruling. The player would be entitled to drop a ball within two clublengths of the point on the ground immediately below the place where the ball lay in the tree. In some instances, this may allow the

player to drop a ball on a putting green.

2) Chances are, the ball is not retrievable. If you can not retrieve the ball, it is considered lost. The stroke and distance rule would then apply. You will need to return to where you took the original stroke. replay the shot and take one stroke penalty. If you originally hit the ball off a tee, you can place your next shot on a tee.

**BIRDIE TREE PROGRAM**

Remember to post all your Riverbend birdies, chip-ins, and first-time broke XX on the report form located in the file box in the Pro Shop (ladies section). Please record your full name, the date, circle applicable number, and have a club member attest the report.

Pins will be handed out this year at each tournament, upon request. At the end of the year, we will award certificates to the first three members recording the most birdies. Good Luck!

Nadine Speakes  
Birdie Tree & Pin Program

**INVITATIONAL RESULTS**

Under incredibly sunny skies the following members and guests placed in the invitational:

- 1st: Nancy George, Carol Hinrichs, Janet Best and Patty Greeny - 68
- 2nd Marian Read, Jan Watson, Nancy Yamaguchi, Pam Baum - 69
- 3rd Cathy Kay, Lori Vicari, Sue Theiler, Lola Carbone - 69
- 4th Judy Rowe, Stephanie Corey, Jenna Moore, Stephanie More - 73
- 5th Jennifer Puckett, Dorie Hewitt, Linda Jones Mariam Smith - 73
- 6th Susie Price, Mary Dengler, Karen Hendrickson, Patti willis - 75
- 7th Fran Zickes, Stacey Schachner, Pat Peterson, Kirsten Smith - 77

Closest to the Line on #7 at 3'5" was Susie Price.

Closest to the Pin was Patty Greeny.

Team with the least putts: Susie Price, Mary Dengler, Karen Hendrickson and Patti Willis - 21

Special thanks to the tournament committee, Mary Powers and Julie Mohn, for a great event! The thanks to the Fire Creek Grill and Riverbend staff for taking good care of the RLGA ladies.

**REMEMBER TO COME TO THE SOCIAL AFTER THE 2-PERSON BEST BALL EVENT - INCLUDES LUNCH!!**

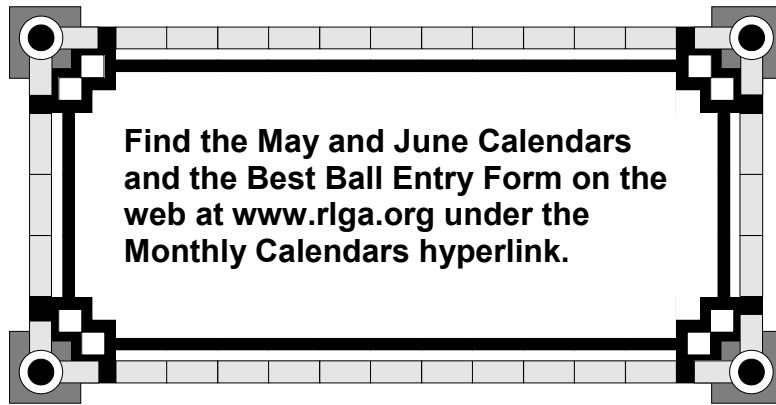
**Happy Birthday to Members Born in MAY!**

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| 6 Marissa Singleton | 7 Fran Zickes     |
| 9 Nancy George      | 10 Dorie Hewitt   |
| 11 Betty McCarter   | 12 Kay Greseth    |
| 12 Mikyong Hyum     | 15 Eileen Sikkema |
| 21 Deb Ewing        | 25 JoAnn Paine    |
| 27 Heather Cooper   | 28 JoAnn Osborn   |
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**RLGA SWAP & SHOP**

Have something to sell? Post it here. Contact Esther Gladson:



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**RIVERBEND LADIES GOLF**