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From your Captain

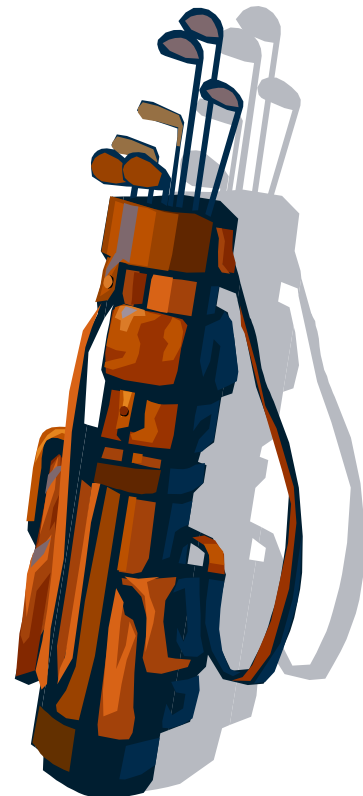
Earmuffs and long johns were de rigueur, there were whitecaps on the pond, and it actually got colder as the day went on, but congratulations go to those intrepid RLGA members who braved the elements during our recent 3 Clubs and a Putter tournament. Despite the conditions, several people were able to score pretty well (see tournament results in this issue), although I personally found I can shoot just as bad a score with only 4 clubs as I can with 14! It was a really fun day though, and by all accounts we should hold this tournament again.

We're now gearing up for our next tournament (Blind Draw Partners) on Saturday, March 22. The deadline for entry is March 14. Please note, we are changing how tournament participants are notified of their tee times - see the article in this issue.

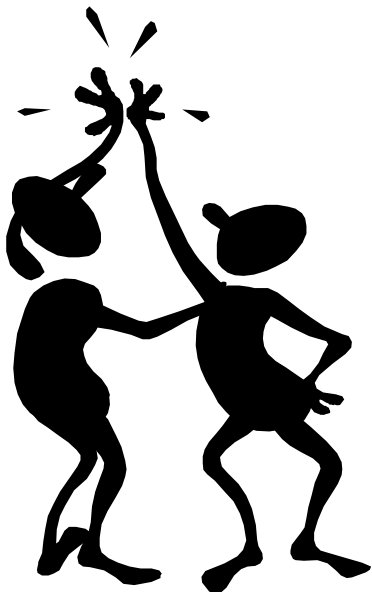
The golf season begins in earnest on February 28 - the first day you can post scores. Our bi-weekly competitions are also starting this month. Be sure to check out the

competition schedule in this issue. The competition schedule is also posted on the website and on the pro shop bulletin board.

Last but not least, if you haven't renewed your membership for 2003, please take a moment and do so today. If you have misplaced your membership form, you can get another copy on the website or at the Riverbend Pro Shop. Thanks for supporting RLGA!



Player Recognition



The RLGA Player Recognition Program gives players of all ability levels the opportunity to be recognized:

The **Most Rounds Played** competition recognizes RLGA members that play at Riverbend the most. One form can be turned in to recognize the members of your foursome.

The **Lowest Average Net Score** competition uses members' USGA handicap to calculate the lowest average net score, which brings everyone to a common level.

The **Personal Best** program is available for members to be recognized for their best scores at Riverbend.

The **Birdie Race** gives the best (or luckiest!) players in RLGA a competitive arena!

We continue to recognize the first time a

player breaks 100, 90, 80 and 70 as well as birdies, chip-ins and eagles with pins, if the player wants one.

Remember to use the Pink RLGA Player Recognition Forms in the clubhouse to record your RLGA achievements! Guidelines are on the back of the form.

Players must be current 2003 RLGA Members to participate. So get your membership paid and start participating!

Results will be published monthly in the FORE. So: TURN IN THOSE FORMS!!!

Esther Gladson

Player Recognition Chair

Rules by Sharma

Don't let yourself think of The Rules of Golf as all penalty strokes and unfavorable drops. Many times they can help you - if you know them. Here are some examples.

Rough to fairway - In taking relief from an abnormal ground condition, such as casual water, the nearest point of relief is determined without regard for fairway or rough. So, if your ball is in the rough, you might be able to move it to the fairway (the one club length from the nearest point might help you). But this is a double-edged sword -- if your ball is in the fairway, the nearest point of relief might be in the rough, or even under a bush. There is only one "nearest point"; you can't go looking for the best option. **Out from under a tree** - If your ball is under a tree, but also in a situation that allows free relief, you can take relief if you are physically able to swing at the ball. If your drop puts you in a position where you are able to play at the green instead of chipping out sideways, that's fine.

Don't look for original ball - If you hit a great shot with a provisional

ball, and/or you think your first ball might be in a truly awful place, you don't have to look for the original. Once you play the provisional from the area the original ball is likely to be (no nearer the hole), it becomes your ball in play, incurring a stroke-and-distance penalty. If somebody finds your original before your provisional ball becomes in play, however, you have to play the original.

Place ball after two drops - If, when you drop a ball, it rolls away twice to where a re-drop would be required, you get to place the ball on the spot where it hit the ground on the second drop. If you're proceeding under a Rule which gives you an area to drop into, and you think you will end up placing the ball after two drops, you should scout for an area of nice turf before dropping.

Play from the previous spot - If you somehow skull an easy chip shot or hit a putt into a water hazard or an unplayable position, remember that one of your options is to return to the spot of your previous



Handicap

The first day of posting scores in Washington was February 28. You can enter 18 hole scores as well as 9 hole scores which will be combined with other 9 hole scores.

The first revision date is March 28. Revised handicaps will then come available every two weeks through the end of the season in November. The schedule is posted at the Riverbend clubhouse.

If you enter your email address into the GHIN computer at the Riverbend clubhouse, you will receive the revisions on those days by email. You can also check your scores on line at (www.GHIN.com) or at the clubhouse where reports will be

available for reviewing at the RLGA kiosk or on the computer.

We're returning to the sticker method for the GHIN card. The new system however will print one label when requested. You don't need to print the labels more than once during the two week revision period because your handicap will not change until the computer at Riverbend is updated on the revision date.

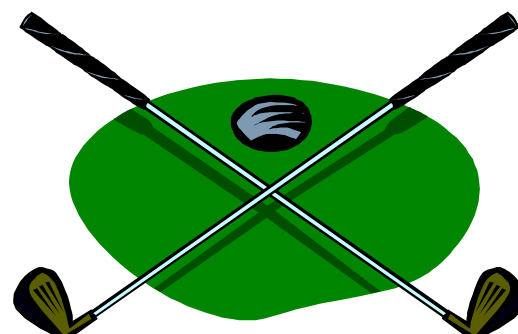
**Heather
Handicap Chair**



February Tournament Results

Name	Score	Finish Place
Beverly Olson	88	1st Place Gross
Esther Gladson	75	1st Place Net
Fran Zickes	89	2nd Place Gross
Better McCarter	75	2nd Place Net
Ok Yun Lim	89	3rd Place Gross
Mary Ryan	76	3rd Place Net
Linda Pearson	92	4th Place Gross
Betty Arendall	78	4th Place Net
Min Song	5'4"	Closest to the Pin

*Beverly Olson
and Esther
Gladson outwit
the elements
and prevail in
3 Clubs & A
Putter”*



Spring Fling

This month's Tournament

This month's tournament is an individual Stroke Play with a blind draw for a partner. This will be our first postable tournament for the year. "A Force on the Course" is our motto, so once again ladies, let's brave the elements and sign up early!

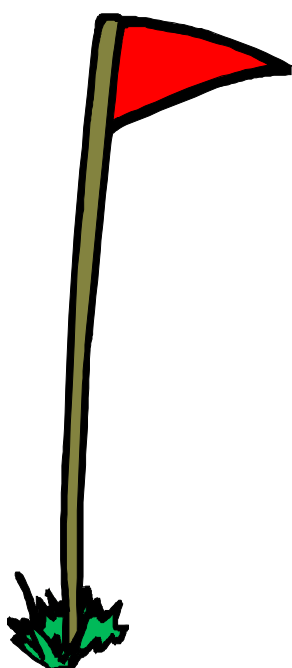
Your 2003 membership must be paid in order to participate in this tournament

New Tournament Tee Time Notification Procedure

Starting this month, you will no longer receive a phone call or email notifying you of your tee time for tournaments.

Instead, tee times for the 2003 Tournaments will be posted on the RLGA website (www.rlga.org) and will also be available at the Riverbend Pro Shop after 4:00 pm the Thursday prior to each tournament.

If you have any questions about this procedure, contact tournament chairs Julie Mohn or Jan Watson.



March & April Competitions

Date	Name of Competition	Format
3/17—3/30	Low net plus putts	Add your 18 hole score, subtract your full handicap. Add total putts to this score
3/31—4/13	9 Easiest holes	Use holes rated 10 through 18 in difficulty. Subtract 1/2 your handicap.
4/14—4/27	Even Holes	Add score on even-numbered holes. Subtract 1/2 your handicap

March

						1 9:30 Tee Times (2)
2 9:30 Tee Times (2)	3	4	5 9:30 Tee Times (3) 6:30 PM Board Meeting	6	7	8 No Tee Times Available
9 9:30 Tee Times (2)	10	11	12 9:30 Tee Times (3)	13	14 Entry Deadline for Spring Fling Tournament	15 9:30 Tee Times (2)
16 9:30 Tee Times (2)	17	18	19 9:30 Tee Times (3)	20 <i>Tee Times for RLGA Tournament posted on website and pro shop</i>	21	22 RLGA Spring Fling Tournament 8:30
23 9:30 Tee Times (2)	24 TWGA Meeting	25	26 9:30 Tee Times (3)	27	28 GHIN Hdcp Revision	29
30 9:30 Tee Times (2)	31					

Call the Pro Shop for tee time reservations. (253) 854-3673 Call by Wednesday for Saturday/Sunday reservations.

April

		1	2 8:30 Tee Times (5) 6:30 PM Board	3	4	5 8:30 Tee Times (4)
Riverbend Aerifying this week						
6 8:30 Tee Times (4)	7 TWGA Sweeps— Nisqually Valley	8	9 8:30 Tee Times (5)	10 GSWPGA Sweeps	11	12 8:30 Tee Times (4)
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27 RLGA Tournament 8:30 Tee Times (15)	28	29	30 8:30 Tee Times (5)			

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Don't forget to complete your 2003 membership form and drop it in the RLGA box at the Pro Shop or drop it in the US mail.