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From your Captain

I think we can see the light at the end of tunnel! After enduring what seemed like endless days of rain and cold, the sun finally made an appearance at one of our events. A great time was had by all at our 14th Annual Invitational Scramble on April 27. Many thanks to Julie Mohn and Jan Watson for putting together another excellent tournament.

With the cold weather finally waning, I plan to get down to the course more often and I hope you will too. So far as I know, RLGA is one of the only (if not THE only) women's public golf club in the area that offers weekend-morning tee times for our members. We need to make good use of these times if we want the course to continue to provide this noteworthy member benefit. If you have concerns about the increased cost to play on the weekends, the pro shop is now selling 10-round punch cards for \$250, which makes weekend play very affordable — so come

on down!

Speaking of member benefits, the Firecreek Grill is giving RLGA members a 25% discount on restaurant food items (does not apply to beverages). All you need to do is show your server your GHIN card to get the discount. Additionally, RLGA members receive a 10% discount for merchandise purchased at the golf shop across the street at the driving range.

Our next tournament is the Partners Best Ball and Social on Saturday, May 17. In addition to snacks and beverages, the 2003 membership booklets will be available at the social. This event is a good opportunity to reconnect with your RLGA friends and get to know your 2003 RLGA board members. See you there!

Elana Bryan ,Captain

Player Recognition Corner

Submit a pink Recognition form to see your name here:

Results through April 12:

Personal Best: Waiting for someone to report their personal best.

Broke 100, 90, 80, 70: Linda Selegue broke 80 on January 18.

Birdie Race: Linda Selegue is ahead with two reported to date.

Most Rounds Played: Kathy Provazek with 5.

Lowest Average (net) Per Round Score: Kathy Provazek with 73.8!!

Chip-Ins: Julie Mohn

Let's start using those RLGA tee times to get the competition rolling for the most rounds played at Riverbend and the Lowest average Net score. Monthly updates will be published in the FORE.

— Esther Gladson , Player Recognition Chair



Rules by Sharma

We all miss the fairway from time to time which leads to that other game we play -- 'finding our ball.' And if we find it in the deep grass identifying it as our ball may be impossible. Rule 12 explains our options.

In searching for our ball, Rule 12-1 allows us to move "long grass, bushes or the like" in order to find and identify our ball. The restrictions are that neither the lie of the ball, the area of our intended swing, nor our line of play can be improved.

Finding the ball is one thing, but playing it may be another. Rule 12-1 makes it clear that "a player is not necessarily entitled to see her ball when playing a stroke." Grass, etc., may be moved to find the ball, but not for the purpose of seeing it at address. We can complain that it's hard enough to hit a good shot with the ball in plain sight without the added challenge of hitting a ball we can't see - but the solution is simple - keep the ball in the fairway.

The Rule becomes more forgiving in the case of a ball covered by loose impediments or sand in a hazard, such as a ball on the bank of a water hazard covered by leaves or a ball buried in a bunker. We are allowed to remove the loose impediments or probe for the ball in the sand in order to be able to see a part of the ball. If an excess is removed, there is no penalty and the player re-covers the ball (in this case, she is allowed to leave part of the ball visible). If the ball is moved by the player in the process, again, there is no penalty but she must replace and re-cover the ball.

News from The Golf Shop

The days are getting longer and the weather is getting better. Come on out and enjoy our course. There are just a couple of things to mention this month. First of all we are holding a short game clinic on May 3rd and June 21st. The cost is \$100 and it runs from 2—4 PM. Also, don't forget that we have the 10-round punch card for sale again this year. This is a great value at \$250.



We look forward to seeing you around the Complex.

Brett Wilkinson, Head Professional



This is the first of three exceptions in Rule 12-1 to the general principle that we are penalized under Rule 18-2 for moving our ball during a search. There is no penalty if the ball is lying in an abnormal ground condition, such as ground under repair. If the ball is thought to be lying in water in a water hazard, we may search for it with our hand or club; there is no penalty if the ball is moved.

Finding our ball is only the first step. We need to be sure it's ours, because we are penalized for playing the wrong ball, except from a hazard. Rule 12-2 allows us to lift a ball for identification, but only under a specific procedure and not if our ball is in a hazard. We must announce our intention, mark the position of the ball, and give our playing partners an opportunity to observe both the lifting and the replacement. If we skip any of these steps, we are penalized one stroke for lifting our ball. We may clean the ball only to the extent necessary for identification which leads us to Rule 6-5 which describes marking our balls with our own identification mark.

Sharma Shamblin, Rules Chair

RLGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

August 23-24, 2003

It may seem like it's a long way off, but the Club Championship will be here before we know it! To be eligible to participate, you will need to have played in at least three (3) RLGA events in 2003 (either competitions or tournaments).

Let's get out there!

Tournaments & Competitions

14th Annual Invitational Results

Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties, the results of the Invitational were not available at the time of publication. Look for an update in our next issue.

“You couldn’t ask for a better day on the golf course. The weather was perfect and the company was exceptional.”

Partners Best Ball & Social



Come play the Best Ball! To participate, you must be a 2003 RLGA member with an established USGA handicap.

Find a partner with a handicap difference within 10 strokes. If you are unable to find a partner, the tournament committee will find one for you.

If your handicap difference is more than 10 strokes, the higher handicap person will have to play down in strokes. *Example:* Player A has a handicap of 5, Player B has a handicap of 20; the difference in handicaps is 15 strokes, so player B will only get 15 strokes.

Join us at the conclusion of your round for a light lunch and socializing. If you're not able to participate in the tournament, be sure to stop in anyway so you can meet other members. This year's new membership booklet will be available at this event. We will be gathering at the Best Western adjacent to the 9th fairway. Hope to see you all there.



Competition Results

Competition #1 – Low Net Plus Putts			Competition #2 – 9 Easiest Holes		
Place	Member	Winnings	Place	Member	Winnings
1st	Kathy Provazek	\$20.00	1st	Linda Selegue	\$20.00
2nd	Linda Selegue	\$16.00	2nd	Elana Bryan	\$15.00
3rd	Fran Zickes	\$14.00	3rd	Lynne Crandall	\$15.00

Be sure to sign up for competitions when you're playing at Riverbend with at least one other club member. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Pro shop. **These competitions are free to enter and one of your benefits as an RLGA member.**