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## Renew Your Membership Now

It's time to renew your membership for 2004. The RLGA is one of the premier women's golf clubs in Washington for many reasons, not the least of which are these great benefits:

- ✳ A FREE round of golf for new members (use by April 30, 2004).
- ✳ Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday morning reserved tee times almost every week of the year.
- ✳ 25% member discount at the Firecreek Grill.
- ✳ 10% member discount at the Riverbend Discount Golf Center.
- ✳ Range Ball Punch Cards for \$99 (regular price \$119). This reduces the price of a large bucket from \$8 to \$5 and a small bucket from \$5.00 to \$2.50.
- ✳ Reduced greens fees for RLGA tournaments beginning April 1 (more info on this in a future *FORE!*).
- ✳ Biweekly competitions at NO ADDITIONAL COST to you.

You can get the renewal form online at [www.rlga.org](http://www.rlga.org) or pick one up at Riverbend. Any questions? Contact Uyvonne Mangini: [membership@rlga.org](mailto:membership@rlga.org).

Let's keep our membership strong so we can continue to be a *Force on the Course* in 2004! Thanks for your support!



### 3 Clubs and a Putter Tournament

Sunday, February 22, 2004

Entry forms at [www.RLGA.org](http://www.RLGA.org) and at the clubhouse.

Entry deadline: February 13.

See you there!

## Handicap Information

### Helpful Reminders:

The first day to post scores will be February 27th. The first handicap revision date will be March 26th.

### Posting scores made at courses observing active seasons:

Some of you were lucky enough to play courses this winter that were observing an active season. These scores must be posted for handicap purposes. Please gather up those score cards and post them beginning Feb 27th so they will be included in the first revision.

Kathy Provazek  
*Handicap Chair*



## Player Recognition

We're embarking on the 2004 golf season, and RLGA wants to help you celebrate your game!

When you **Break 100, 90, 80 or 70 for the first time** at Riverbend, complete a pink Player Recognition form to receive recognition in the FORE.

Participate in the **Birdie Race**, by submitting a pink Player Recognition form each time you score one under par on a hole!

Compete in the **Lowest Average Net Score** competition by submitting a pink Player Recognition form. (Minimum 5 rounds must be recorded to qualify.)

Didn't get a low score? No matter; you are still eligible for the **Most Rounds Played** competition. Submit a pink Player Recognition form.

You just shot the best score of your life at Riverbend. Receive **Personal Best** recognition in the FORE by submitting a pink Player Recognition form.

The ball went in the hole from 80 yards out or 4 inches off the green. Submit a pink Player Recognition form to be in the **Chip-in Contest**.

Do you see a pattern here?

**Submit a pink Player Recognition form each time you play Riverbend with another RLGA** member to participate in several season-long Player Recognition competitions. The season will run from February 15 to October 15.

Awards will be given at the end of the season for the Birdie Race, Lowest Average Net Score, Most Rounds Played and Chip-in Contest.

Get that membership paid and start participating... if you leave Riverbend without submitting a pink Player Recognition form you've missed an opportunity to win!!

Esther Gladson

*Player Recognition Chair*

## Riverbend Golf Shop News

*Brett Wilkinson, Head Professional*

I hope you all are wintering well?! First off, I want to thank all of you for making 2003 a memorable and enjoyable season. As a whole, the complex had another solid season, and the Ladies' Club did their part to contribute to our success. I want to thank the board for running a quality club and a quality tournament schedule. Personally, I really want to thank Captain, Elana Bryan, for her support and dedication to your club and to our complex.

The golf shop staff really went out their way to promote your club, entice more new members, and push tournament participation. Hopefully, we did our part in continuing to keep the Riverbend Ladies' Club one of the top clubs in the area. I strongly encourage each of you to help make your club stronger: Bring out your friends and family members for a round of golf, post Ladies' Club applications at work, and tell all your lady friends that they can join as many clubs as they want as long as they give Riverbend a fair shake.

Yes, participation was very good in most Ladies' Clubs events. The staff and I thank those of you that are regulars in tournaments and weekly play days, but we would sure like to see more bodies out especially in the Spring and early Summer. Along those same lines, please remember, the Ladies' Club has reserved morning tee times on the majority of weekend days throughout the year. Please take advantage of this luxury!

As the 2004 golf season approaches, I want you to know the 18 hole staff will remain intact---save one familiar face. Tyson Young, who spent about five years with us, has taken a position outside the golf business. Ty did an outstanding job for us, and he will be greatly missed. Charles Waggoner, Brian Thornton, Eric Hinrichs and Paul Lucien will continue to hold down the fort. I am little biased, but I believe Waggs is the best assistant in the Northwest---most of you feel the same way because you tell me so. Chuck is also a pretty good stick and if you want to play in some

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ladies' pro ams this year, ask him now because his teams always fill up quickly---and they almost always cash! Brian is back for his third year, and he is doing a fine job as well. The Iceman, as we call him, had a breakout year on the Northwest tournament circuit winning both the Washington State and Pacific Northwest Assistants Championships. He had several other top ten finishes, including runner up at the prestigious Pacific Northwest Open. Also, I might add that Brian will earn his membership into the PGA of America later this year. Eric, or EZ, is back for another season. However, this year he has forfeited his amateur status and joined the professional ranks. EZ is currently a novice in the PGA, and by mid-summer will become an apprentice. Paul is entering his second year on staff, and the crafty veteran is not only a solid staff member and player, but he is extremely well versed in the Rules of Golf. If you have a rules question and want to shoot the breeze with the educated senior, come on down and learn a thing or two. Hopefully you all will agree that this crew is talented, competent, and ready to serve each and every one of you!

I want to thank those of you that spent a few bucks at our Riverbend Discount Golf Shop. Marti O'Neill handles our merchandise center, and he did a remarkable job bringing in the best equipment and apparel our market bears. Mart and his staff price equipment and goods fairly so you will want to do business with Riverbend. And, if something is not available at our main shop, ask Marti and he will do his best to get it for you. I might also mention that Marti is a finalist for Western Washington PGA Public Merchandiser of the Year----quite an honor for a golf shop just completing its second year of existence! Remember, you can try it before you buy it at the Riverbend Discount Golf Shop!!

In closing, please make a commitment to make your golf game better. I promise you will have a more exciting year if you can lower your scores. Our teaching staff is very well versed in the golf swing and short game. Not too many facilities in the United States have instructors with the reputation of Riverbend's teaching staff. Both David Gibson and I were nominated again in 2003 as two of the top instructors in Western Washington. Also, Marti O'Neill's lesson book is jammed because he is outstanding teacher. Check out Brian Thornton and Charles Waggoner's teaching techniques---they know how to play, and they know how to help you get your game where you want it---that's a pretty good combination as well!!!

Lastly, take a minute to cut these phone numbers out of your newsletter. I want you think about Riverbend for all your golfing needs:

Riverbend Golf Complex	253.854.3673 Ext.1	Riverbend Driving Range	253.859.4000
Tee Time Bookings		Golf Instruction	
Men's Club Questions		Club Repair	
Tournament Inquiries			
Riverbend Discount Golf	253.856.5198	Brett Wilkinson, Head Pro	253.856.5191
Club Fittings		Facility Questions/Complaints	
Special Orders		Riverbend-hosted Tournaments	
Launch Monitor Sessions		Corporate/Group Outings	
Pete Petersen, Supt of Golf Operations	253.856.5190		
Responsible for entire facility management			

Best of luck to every Ladies' Club member for a prosperous and exciting year. Thanks to all of you for calling the 'Bend' home!!!!

**Member's News**

Vickie Currie and Mariam Smith participated on Riverbend 's team in the PNW Hawaii Winter Pro Am in mid-January. Men's club members Doug Smith and Brian Early filled out the team along with head professional, Brett Wilkinson. Both Vickie and Mariam held their own in the three-day event at the big island's world renowned Mauna Lani Resort, coming on strong the final round to secure a 3<sup>rd</sup> place team finish the final day. Brett was low professional for the tournament shooting rounds of 65, 76, and 69, and a great time was had by all at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual event.



2004

Seahawks Stadium Exhibition Center

March 5-7

The 2004 Golf Show swings into Seattle March 5-7 at Seahawks Stadium Exhibition Center and we want you there! With more hands on exhibits, the latest in golf equipment, the expanded clearance golf shop and a FREE round of golf for every paid adult, this promises to be the golf event of the season in Seattle.

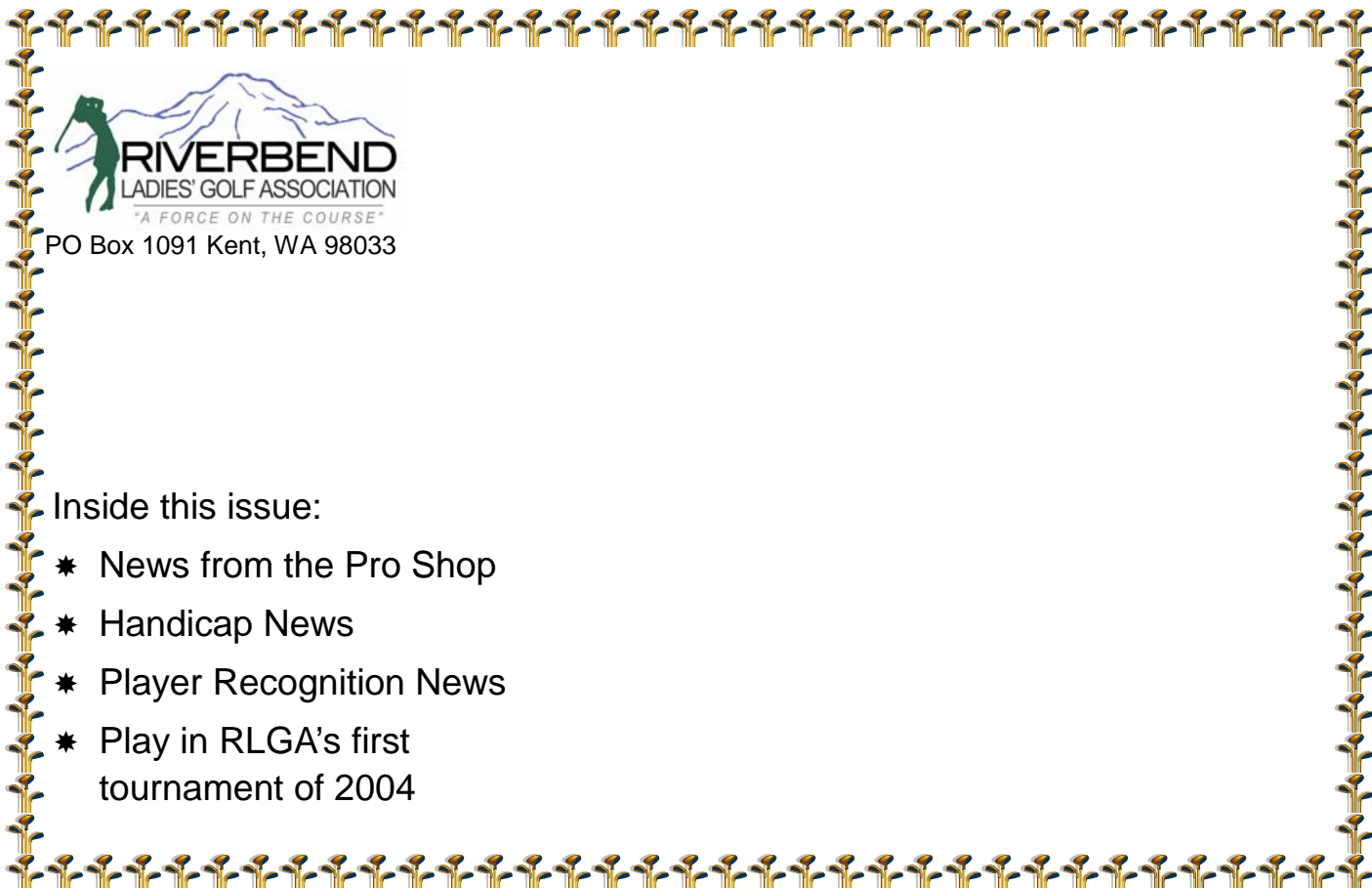
Added to all your favorite golf show experiences of the past is more for everyone to do, and more ways to get involved. Additions include:

- > **The Bunker Blast**
- > **Ladies day (Friday)**
- > **Simulated long-drive and closest-to-the-pin contests every day**
- > **Clinic of Champions**
- > **An island/floating green challenge**

Make your plans now to attend the 2004 Seattle Golf Show, March 5-7. See you there!

## ***Free Junior Golf Clinics at Riverbend***

The Riverbend teaching staff is hosting free junior golf clinics on Saturdays: February 7th, March 6th, and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clinic times are 11:30-1:00 on all of the clinic days, and kids ages 6-17 are welcome to participate. Clubs and range balls are provided for all those who need them.



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