



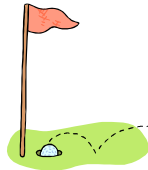
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**The Riverbend Team
Wants You!**

The RLGA Team begins play on April 23 at West Seattle GC. The team participates in matches twice a month through September. There is no handicap limit—you don't need to be a single-digit to play and enjoy yourself and you don't need to commit to playing every match in order to participate! This is a great opportunity to meet golfers from other clubs and to play different courses in the Greater Seattle area. If you would like to play or if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Provazek or Dawn Duby at team@rlga.org.

2004 RLGA Team Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 23 (Friday)	West Seattle	July 9 (Friday)	Jefferson Park
May 7 (Friday)	Mt. Si	July 23 (Friday)	Wayne
May 21 (Friday)	Snoqualmie Falls	August 23 (Monday)	Riverbend
June 7 (Monday)	Auburn	Sept 10 (Friday)	Foster
June 21 (Monday)	Maplewood	Sept 24 (Friday)	Jackson Park

The Next RLGA Event

Spring Fling
Sunday Mar. 21st

Entry Deadline
Friday Mar. 12th



Player Recognition

Submit a **DATED**, pink recognition form to see your name here.

Special Recognition – HOLE IN ONE!!

Fran Zickes made a hole in one on 2/22/04 during the Three Clubs and a Putter Tournament on hole number five with her five iron. Tournament participants enjoyed a cool one thanks to Fran's generosity! Thank you, Fran, and Congratulations!

Be sure to report all your Riverbend rounds played, chip-ins, birdies and personal scores so I can report your achievements monthly in the FORE. Let's see that RLGA Force on the Course!!

Esther Gladson,
Player Recognition Chair

Welcome New Members!



RLGA welcomes the following new and returning (not a member in 2003) members to the club:

New Member: Becky Seagrave
Returning Members: Bev Frederick and Jeong Hee Lee

You and Your Handicap

It is time to begin posting scores. The active posting season for 2004 began February 27th and will run through November 18th. The first revision is scheduled for March 26th. At every revision date a printout of the handicap report will be posted at the Pro-Shop, and many of you are already receiving your updates via email.

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.

It is very important to have a good understanding of Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). 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 ESC table (see below):

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (ESC)

How To Adjust Your Score

Course Handicap (of the course you're playing) *Maximum Score On Any Hole*

9 or less	Double Bogey
10 thru 19	7
20 thru 29	8
30 thru 39	9
40 and above	10

A Few Reminders

Tournaments - when posting your score in the computer, it must be adjusted for ESC **after** the tournament committee has received your 'actual' scorecard made during the tournament. In some non-RLGA tournaments, the committee will be posting and adjusting these scores for you, but please remember to verify that they have made the proper adjustments for ESC (i.e. you are a 15 handicap and scored a 10 on a hole, they will need to adjust this back to a 7 when the score is posted to GHIN).

***Course Handicap** – Any time you are not playing Riverbend and your handicap is on the 'cusp', your maximum adjustment may be different than it would be if you were playing Riverbend that day (i.e. you are a 19 handicap at Riverbend but you are a 21 handicap at Druids Glen). In this case, if you score a 10 on a hole, you must take an 8 for your adjustment, not a 7).

If you have any questions on this, please contact your Handicap Chairperson, Kathy Provazek.

Rules Quiz

During tournament play in February, Linda's ball came to rest at a spot on the 11th green behind a large bare patch of dirt, void of grass. This patch was directly on her putting line to the hole. Her options for her putt included:

1. She deserved no relief, as it was not standing water, and was smooth ground, so she had to putt over the patch.
2. She could choose to putt over the patch and take her chances.
3. She could take relief by marking the ball, lifting it and placing it at the nearest point of relief to the right side of the patch, not nearer the hole, with no penalty.
4. She could lift the ball, place it at the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole to the left of the patch on the fringe of the green, with no penalty.

Find answers on the back page!

3 Clubs & a Putter Tournament Results

Gross Winners

Name	Gross	Finish Place
Julie Codd	85	1G
Stephanie Corey	85	2G
Cathy Kay	86	3G
Fran Zickes	90	4G
Pam Baum	91	5G



Net Winners

Name	Net	Finish Place
Mary Ryan	67	1N
Jennifer Puckett	74	2N
Lynne Crandall	75	3N
Jerri Proszek	76	4N
Kimmy Devino	77	5N

Closest to the Pin

Name	KP
Cathy Kay	#8, 17'-0"
Heather Cooper	#13, 12'-5"
Fran Zickes	#5, Hole in One!!!

Low Putts

Name	Putts
Julie Codd	30

2004 Invitational

Saturday, April 17th
(Annual Social Event Follows Golf)

Mark your calendars now!

Invite your golfer friends to join us for our annual Invitational Scramble tournament.

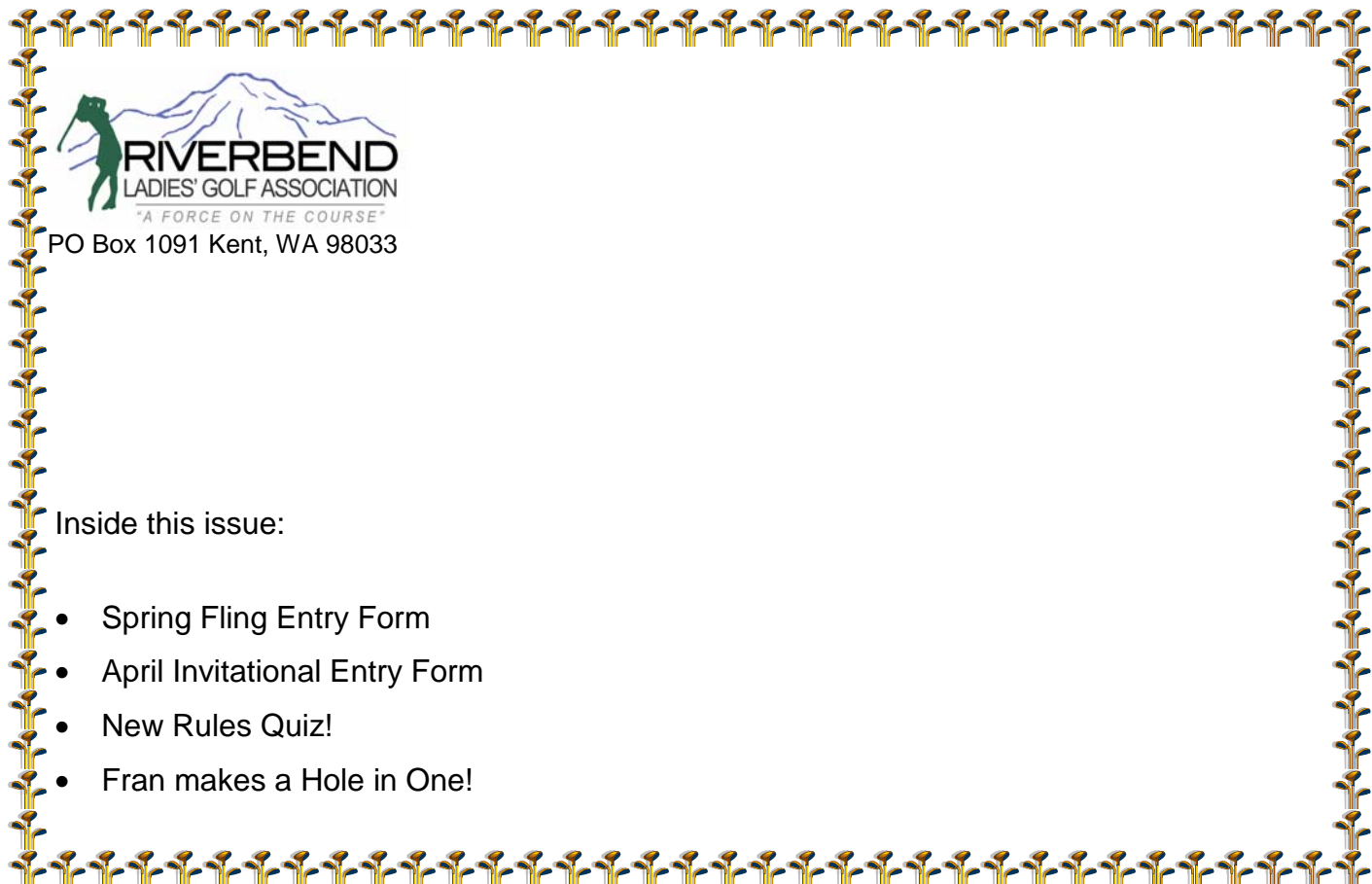
We will hold a social event following golf at the Best Western Plaza by the Green where we will announce the winners, munch on some great snacks, and introduce new and prospective members to our club. This is a great opportunity to recruit new members, so start thinking about whom you'd like to invite to play.

Let's have a great turnout!

2004 RLGA Competition Schedule		
DATE	COMPETITION	FORMAT
3/15-3/28	Low net plus putts	Add your 18 hole score, subtract your full handicap. Add total putts to this score.
3/29-4/11	From tee to green	Count strokes until you reach the green. Do not count putts. Subtract 1/2 your handicap.
4/12-4/25	Odd holes	Add score on odd-numbered holes. Subtract 1/2 your handicap.
4/26-5/9	Three blind mice	Choose the 3 best par 3's, 3 best par 4's, and 3 best par 5's. Add together and subtract 1/2 your handicap.
5/10-5/23	Least putts	Add your putts. Low number wins.
5/24-6/6	9 Worst holes	Choose your worst nine holes scored, using 2 par 3's, 2 par 5's, and 5 par 4's. Add together and subtract 1/2 your handicap. Low score wins.
6/7-6/20	9 hardest holes	Use holes rated 1 through 9 in difficulty. Subtract 1/2 your handicap.
6/21-7/4	Mutt and Jeff	Use all the par 3's and all the par 5's, plus Hole #2. Add these together and subtract 1/2 your handicap.
7/5-7/18	9 Hidden holes plus putts	Nine holes will be determined by chairperson. Your total putts will be added to your score for these 9 holes minus 1/2 your handicap.
7/19-8/1	White Tees	Play from the white tees. Subtract your full handicap.
8/2-8/15	T and F	Total score on holes that start with a T or an F (2, 3, 4, 5, etc). Subtract 1/2 your handicap.
8/16-8/29	Criers	Substitute par for 2 worst holes on both the front and back nines. Add your score and subtract your full handicap.
8/30-9/12	Criss Cross	Choose the better holes of 1 & 10, 2 & 11, 3 & 12, 4 & 13, etc. Add these for a 9 hole score, then subtract 1/2 your handicap.
9/13-9/26	O.N.E.S.	Total score on holes that start with O, N, E, and S. (One, six, nine, etc.). Subtract 1/2 your handicap.

Rules Quiz Answer:

Linda's options to putt included B, C and D. Rule 25-1 states that on the putting green, if abnormal ground conditions intervene on your line of putt, you may take relief by lifting the ball and placing it at the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole, which may include a spot off the putting green.



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