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Captain's Footnotes by Phyllis Ellermeier

WELCOME AND WOW FOR A GREAT RLGA IN 2008!!!

It is a tremendous privilege and honor for me to begin a second year as captain of your Riverbend Ladies Golf Association. And thankfully almost all of 2007's Board of Directors will be back to continue much of our ambitious work started last year.

We are working hard to develop inclusive and welcoming marketing strategies to increase our membership. We have planned more tournaments for 2008. One of the newest will be one in September to raise funds to directly benefit Junior Golf here at Riverbend. Another tournament planned will be an early September one exclusively for high handicappers (25 handicap or higher to enter). This will be an open invitation for all our friends to play at Riverbend in a competitive tournament to experience our hospitality and support for all levels of golf skills.

I would guess that many of us would want to think that our handicaps could improve enough to make us ineligible for this one, but even if my handicap was in the 30s -- This invitational will be a lot of fun.

I would like to take a moment to give a relieved THANKS to Mary Powers for stepping up to be the RLGA's Tournament chair this season. We worried over the loss of the great job Janet Best did, but we are fortunate to have Mary. Mary has held various positions for RLGA over the seasons and her insights and long view perspective about RLGA continues to be highly valued by all of us. WELCOME BACK MARY! This season will bring return of the "weather guessing and cussing tournament planning" problem. Since all of our regular reserved tee times and tournaments are already "in cement" on our calendar, predicting the weather conditions on any given Saturday or Sunday simply doesn't matter.

WE WILL BE HERE TO GREET and MEET all of you and your guests you invite to play or join us.

We are also very happy to remind you that the renewing or new member joining before February 10th can take advantage of the "Early Bird" special of \$55.00 membership dues. After that date it will be the usual fee of \$60.00.

Your dues pays for some thing but you also receive a HUGE PILE of benefits and perks!

Dont miss out . . . join NOW.

If a tournament gets rained out and you registered to play and or paid the entry fee, we will honor that commitment and count it as one of the three needed events to enter the 2 day Club Championship in August. For those of you fortunate enough to have played in this event last year may recall the fabulous luncheon the Fire Creek Grill made for us. Those guys really went all out!!

So be sure to sign up to play, IN AT LEAST THREE RLGA EVENTS including bi-monthly competitions and any of our other every month tournaments.

Your RLGA Board welcomes you back and thanks you for your support. 2008 promises to be a very full season of great tournaments, competi-

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Your Riverbend Ladies Golf Association newsletter, chartered since 1989 with reserved Wed., Sat. and Sun. morning tee times for our members.

Your 2008 Board of Directors:

Not pictured is June Secreto who holds two positions, Membership Chairman & Team Captain



Phyllis Ellermeier
Captain



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Co-Captain



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WSWPLA and GSWPGA Rep



Jerri Proszek
Handicap Chair



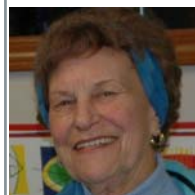
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Susan Stahl
Competition Chair



Peggy Haugan
Player Recognition



Mary Ann Hobson
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Anne Tuttle
Rules/By laws



Lynn Crandal
PNGA Rep

tions, a chance to make new friends and, please -- all and everyone is invited to attend a Board meeting or two to see just what it is we are up to. We meet in the Three Par Club House on the First Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. See you February 9th at 8:30 a.m. for the very first outing of the new year.

See you on the course OF COURSE!, Phyllis



RLGA 2008 Tournament Schedule:

Day of Week	Date	Time	Name
Saturday	February 9, 2008	8:30 AM	Combined Score
Saturday	March 29, 2008	8:30 AM	Spring Fling
Saturday	April 26, 2008	8:30 AM	Scramble
Saturday	May 24, 2008	8:30 AM	3 clubs and a putter
Saturday	June 14, 2008	8:30 AM	Two Person Best Ball
Saturday	July 12, 2008	8:30 AM	Day 1 Riverbend Cup
Sunday	July 20, 2008	8:30 AM	Day 2 Riverbend Cup
Saturday	July 26, 2008	8:30 AM	Chapman
Saturday	August 16, 2008	8:30 AM	Day 1 Club Championship
Sunday	August 17, 2008	8:30 AM	Day 2 Club Championship
Saturday	September 6, 2008	10:30 AM	High Handicap Invitational
Sunday	September 14, 2008	8:30 AM	RLGA Fund Raiser
Saturday	October 4, 2008	8:30 AM	Scramble/Chapman
Saturday	November 22, 2008	9:30 AM	Big Break IV

Greater Seattle Womens Public Links Association **Tentative** 2008 Schedule

<http://www.gswpga.com/> To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Fran Zickes 206-938-1081
bzickes@quidnunc.net Handicap Limit 40.

April 10 Thursday	Jefferson	Spring Sweeps
May 8 Thursday	Twin Rivers	President's Charity Cup Points
June 12 Thursday	Riverbend	Pro Am
July 10 Thursday	Mount Si	Summer Sweeps & Champ of Champions
Aug 4,5,6 Mon, Tues, Wed	Jackson Park	City Championship
Sept 11 Thursday	Willows run	2 Lady Best Ball
Oct 9 Thursday	Bellevue	Fall Sweeps

Washington State Womens Public Links Association **Tentative** 2008

Schedule <http://www.wswpla.com/> To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Fran Zickes 206-938-1081
bzickes@quidnunc.net Handicap Limit 40.

April 19 Sat	The Home Course	Dupont
May 19, 20, Mon, Tues	Bear Mountain	Lake Chelan
June 18, Wed	Snohomish	Snohomish
July 14, 15, 16, Mon, Tues, Wed	Allenmore	Tacoma
Aug 21, Thurs	Kayak	Stanwood
Sept 15, 16 Mon, Tues	TBD	
Oct 4th or 11th Saturday	TBD	

(WSGA) Washington State Golf Association 2008 Schedule To enter these events go to http://www.thewsga.org/championships/online_applications.asp or call WSGA 206-526-8605

May 12, 13 Mon, Tues	Glendale CCC, Bellevue	Women's Best Ball
June 3, 4 Tues, Wed	Suncadia, Roslyn	Member Club Team Chamionship
June 24, 25, 26 Tues, Wed Thurs	Sunland G&CC Sequim	Women's Amateur

(PNGA) Pacific Northwest Golf Association 2008 Schedule. To enter these events go to http://www.thepnga.org/championships/online_applications.asp or call 206-526-1238

July 7-11	Meadow Springs CC, Richland	Women's Amateur
July 7-11	Meadow Springs CC, Richland	Women's Mid Amateur
Aug 30, 31	Hangman Valley, Spokane	Women's Amateur Public Links
Sept 23, 24, 25	Gold Mountain GC, Bremerton	Women's Senior Team
Oct 6, 7	Illahe Hills CC, Salem, Or	Senior Women's Amateur

Handicap Corner

By Jerri Proszek

Hi Everyone.....

Another year has begun and so have the revisions!! The 2008 Revision Schedule has been issued. This year the revisions will begin January 16th and go every other week through December 31st. The change is for our fair weather golfers that post during the NW off season in the warmer states. While those handicaps for WSGA members will revise during the inactive season, scores made in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, between November 16, 2007 and the last day of February 2008 are **never acceptable** for handicap purposes. The dates for W/O/I posting is March 1st. The schedule is posted in the Ladies area at the pro shop.

Handicap Revisions will now occur on Wednesdays instead of Fridays. All scores transmitted to GHIN by approximately 6:15 PM on the Tuesday of a revision week will be included on the revision that will take effect approximately at 6:30 AM Wednesday morning. Post as soon as you can after your round and always try to keep it within the 2 week revision cycle.....

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding handicaps you can reach me at chandje@comcast.net or call me at 206-878-2887..

Have a great season!!

Jerri

Perks with 2008 RLGA dues

By June Secreto, Membership Chairman

Thanks to Pete Peterson from Riverbend and Michael Navarro from the Firecreek, we have over \$180 in member perks for the to take advantage of.

These include

Free 18 hole round of golf.

Free Par 3 round

5 Free buckets @ the driving range

10% Discount @ the Merchandise center.

Discounted 10 round punch card

In addition you'll now receive 20% off the member food bill at the Firecreek @ Riverbend location only.

Two 2 for 1 entree coupons at the Firecreek @ Riverbend location only.

Changes Made to the Rules of Golf in 2008

By Anne Tuttle, Rules and Bylaws Chairman

The big news in golf rules is that the USGA has announced and published the Rules changes for 2008. I encourage you to go to the USGA website (USGA.org), to the Rules section and read the "Comparison of Principle Changes 2004 v. 2008". http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/pdf/2008Principal_Changes.pdf

This is a twelve page article.

The article shows the 2004 wording side by side with the 2008 wording. This can help you to understand the changes even if you are not completely familiar with the 2004 rule.

According to the USGA, the Changes fall in two general broad categories:

- 1) those that improved the clarity of the Rules and
- 2) those that reduce the penalties in certain circumstances to ensure that they are proportionate.

Copies of the 2008 Rules books will be made available at our RLGA tournaments.

From Riverbend General Manager, Pete

Petersen In addition to the 20% discount, the restaurant is giving two (2); Two for One coupons to the members in 2008.

The phone numbers for the golf courses were customized years ago; the 18 Hole Golf Course is 253- 854-FORE (3673) and the Par 3 Golf Course is 253-854-GOLF (4657). We also so have several direct numbers, my direct number is 253-856-5190. Thanks and have a great day!



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March 14-16, 2008
Qwest Field Event Center

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for more coupons goto:

http://www.seattlegolfshow.com/pdf/seattle_golf_show_coupon.pdf

Hawaii Feb 1st thru Feb 8

Four of us are going to Hawaii. If we can find a way to transmit photos to RLGA.com you might get a an almost real time transmission from us via Elana. If we have time we will look for accomodations for more of us for 2009.



Riverbend Learning Center Instructor Biography 253 859-4000

David Gibson, PGA Class "A" Member Teaching Professional: David Gibson has been a PGA member since 1971. Spending over 25 years as a Head Golf Professional at Butte, Twin Lakes and Meridian Valley Country clubs, he developed an outstanding reputation as a player and teacher. His eight years of full-time teaching at Riverbend has brought his lesson total to some 30,000 instructional sessions. David emphasizes a simplified approach to learning the fundamentals of the golf swing and the short game. As a former PGA Tour Player and PNW Section Major Title Winner, he understands what it takes to accomplish the goals of all golfers. His ability to "Coach" students sets him apart from other professionals in the industry. A master at determining swing flaws and breakdowns, David coordinates an approach unique to each golfer leading to a successful resolution to their ailments. Whether it is work on the range, putting green or on the course, "the crafty senior" is available to do whatever it takes to help you enjoy the game.

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What should you do if you post the wrong score? E-mail Handicap chairman, Jerri Proszek and she will fix it!
chandje@comcast.net

Important Dates:

Feb 9, 2008, Saturday, Combined Score Tournament

Mar 29, 2008, Saturday, Spring Fling Tournament

March 1st 2008 is first day to post.

RLGA Board meeting

Feb 15 2008, Board Meeting, Par 3 Clubhouse 6PM