



The FORE!

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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.

For membership information and much more go to <http://www.rlga.org/>

Captain's Footnotes:

A few weeks ago, when the snow came back so deep and wet, I began mourning that a good round of golf with friends would slip away for another weekend. Then, when it was completely gone by midday, I felt foolish for getting so grumpy and down about it. But many of us are rather "down" about a lot of things, but mostly financial concerns and how the cost of things have caught us off guard. I know very few co-workers and friends unaffected by our economic crisis. I know that some of us would choose to save money by reducing unessential purchases.

I hope that isn't going to apply to golf?? Remember, RLGA offers such a unique deal for \$60.00. This must be quite a draw because it's affordable for women golfers who may have had to withdraw from other clubs due to high prices, costly on-going dues, or with little return benefit.

Being a member of RLGA offers so many discounts, free support to improve golf skills, and numerous discount benefits! We know there's close to \$130 of benefits for that \$60.00. I know we speak and write about what's so fabulous about RLGA – most think it's the reserved tee times on Saturday's and Sunday's are included it does give us even greater appeal and accessibility. Yet, our most valued feature -- we want to be an extraordinary group of women golfers who are inclusive and welcoming to all who want to join us. We want you to join us. We wish to grow this season. Maybe at 20 years old, RLGA has the wisdom from those who came before and continue to give us guidance and ideas. We want to establish great relationships wherever we go.

We would like this season to be filled with active members at tournaments. We want everybody from everywhere to be here already signed-up for our Spring Invitational in April. Come play with us . . . I know you will like who and what you see. Go to our website right now to review, download and complete the membership form. And . . . WELCOME TO Your RLGA!!

See YOU on the Course, OF COURSE!!

Phyllis Ellermeier,
 RLGA Captain, 2009



Results from Combined Score Tournament 22-Feb-09		
	Team	Score
1st Place	Cathy Rosa Mary Ryan	78.5
2nd Place	Darlene Wilczynski Carolyn McGill	79
3rd Place	Shari Boggs Vicki Hutsko	79.5
4th Place	Teresa Le Judy Griffin	79.5
Skills	Player	Results
KP # 4	Peggy Haugan	3'
KP # 16	Mary Powers	2' 10"
Low Putts	Jerri Prosaek	29

Grand Re-Opening tournaments scheduled for Saturday March 28th. Open only to Riverbend Ladies and Mens Club members. Entry fee \$45.00.

WA State Golf Assn initiated a 2009 Winter Series

The tournament series is open to men and women amateurs who are in good standing of a WSGA member club (RLGA members, that means each and every one of us) and have a USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women. Formats include Stableford, Individual Stroke Play and a 2-Person Four-Ball. The entry fee of \$70.00 per player, per event will cover greens fees, range balls, championship prizes and a merchandise payout. The field will be broken into flights based on gender and handicap index, with gross and net prizes. Sign up on line or call WSGA 206-526-8605.

White Horse Golf Club
 Kingston, Wash.
 Friday, March 20, 2009
 Format: Four-Ball Stroke Play
 (2-person Best-Ball)
 Tee Times: 8:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. off #1 Tee
 92 players (60 men / 32 women)
 SIGN UP ONLINE

Kayak Point Golf Course
 Stanwood, Wash.
 Friday, April 17, 2009
 Format: Stableford
 Tee Times: 8:30 a.m. – 10:36 a.m.
 off #1 and #10 Tees
 90 players (60 men / 30 women)
 SIGN UP ONLINE

Seattle Golf Show Dates:

March 13th thru 15, 2009 at the Qwest Field Event Center
 Friday, March 13 2 PM - 8 PM
 Saturday, March 14 10 AM - 5 PM
 Sunday, March 15 10 AM - 4 PM
 Adults \$10.00
 Youth (Age 11-17) \$3.00
 Kids (10 and under) FREE

2009 Schedule Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

Date	Event	Tee Times
Saturday, March 21st, 2009	Spring Fling	8:33-10:03
Saturday, April 11th, 2009	Invitational	8:33-10:12
Sunday, May 17th, 2009	Red, White & Blue	8:33-10:03
Saturday, June 20th, 2009	2 Person Better Ball	8:33-10:12
Sunday, July 12th, 2009	Day 1 Riverbend Cup	8:33-10:03
Saturday, July 18th, 2009	Day 2 Riverbend Cup	8:33-10:03
Sat-Sun, August 1st-2nd, 2009	Club Championship	8:33-10:03
Saturday, September 5th, 2009	4 Person Scramble	8:33-10:12
Sunday, September 20th, 2009	Mixed Chapman	8:33-10:03
Saturday, October 3rd, 2009	Big Break	8:33-10:03

2009 GSWPGA Team Schedule

April 24, 2009	Friday	Mount Si
May 8, 2009	Friday	Lk. Wilderness
May 22, 2009	Friday	Jackson Park
June 8, 2009	Friday	Maplewood
July 3, 2009	Monday	Wayne
July 24, 2009	Friday	Riverbend
August 24, 2009	Monday	Bellevue

Washington State Womens Public Links Association 2009 Schedule Handicap Limit 40.

<http://www.wswpla.com/> To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Kellie Molzon kelliemolzhon@comcast.net 253-630-0542

Date	Location	Sign up Deadline
Saturday April 18th	Bellevue	Monday April 6
Monday May 18th and Tuesday May 19th	Canyon Lakes (Kennewick)	Monday May 4
Thursday June 18th	Riverside Golf Club (Chehalis)	Monday June 5
Mon., Tues, Wed, July 13,14,15	Lake Padden (Bellingham)	Monday June 29
Monday Aug 17	White Horse (Kingston)	Monday August 3
Monday Sept 14th and Tues Sept 15	Sun Country (CleElm)	Monday August 31
Saturday, October 17th.	Camaloch (Camano Island)	Monday October 5 26/2 Ball

Greater Seattle Womens Public Links Association 2009 Schedule Handicap Limit 40.

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Date	Deadline	Course
April 9 Thursday	March 21	Foster
May 14 Thursday	April 25	Lake Wilderness
June 11 Thursday	May 23	Riverbend
July 9 Thursday	June 20	Mount Si
Aug 10, 11, 12 Mon, Tues, Wed	July 18	Jefferson
Sept 10 Thursday	Aug 22	Snoqualmie Falls
Oct 8 Thursday	Sept 19	Maplewood

(WSGA) Washington State Golf Association 2009 Schedule To enter these events go to

<http://wsga.countmein.com/ProgramHome.aspx> or call WSGA 206-526-8605


May 11, 12	Women's Best-Ball	Bellingham G&CC	Bellingham, WA
June 2, 3	Men's and Women's Member Club Team,	Suncadia,	Roslyn WA
June 23-25	Women's and Senior Women's Amateur,	Oakbrook G&CC,	Lakewood, WA

(PNGA) Pacific Northwest Golf Association 2009 Schedule. To enter these events go to

http://www.thepnga.org/championships/online_applications.asp or call 206-526-1238

July 6-10	Women's Amateur and Mid -Amateur	Arrowhead GC Molalla, Or
Aug 29,30	Women's Amateur Public Links	Trysting Tree GC, Corvallis, OR
Sept 21-23	Women's Senior Team	Gold Mountain GC, Bremerton WA
Oct 5,6	Senior Women's Amateur	Hayden Lake CC, Hayden ID

Your 2009 Board of Directors

			
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Rule of the Day from WSGA website:

26/2 Ball Within Natural Margin of Water Hazard But Outside Stakes Defining Margin

Q: Stakes defining the margin of a water hazard were improperly installed. As a result, an area which clearly was part of the water hazard was outside the stakes and, thus, technically was outside the hazard. A player's ball came to rest in water in this area. The player claimed that, in view of the alignment of the stakes, his ball was in casual water through the green. Was the claim valid?

A: No. The Committee erred in not properly defining the margin of the hazard as required by Rule 33-2a, but a player is not entitled to take advantage of such an error. Since it was clear that the place where the player's ball lay was within the natural boundaries of the water hazard, the claim should not be upheld.

from WSGA website:

- 1 A ball is outside the teeing ground when any part of it lies outside the teeing ground.
True or False
- 2 The ball must be struck at with the head of the club and must not be pushed, scraped or spooned.
True or False
- 3 The line of play extends vertically upwards but does not extend beyond the hole.
True or False
- 4 In stroke play, if a player returns a score for a hole higher than he has taken, he shall be disqualified. ✓
True or False
- 5 Parts of immovable artificial objects which lie out of bounds are considered to be obstructions.
True or False
- 6 The teeing ground is the starting place for the hole to be played; the Committee selects its location, including the width and depth.
True or False
- 7 After playing their tee shots, fellow-competitors realize they are playing balls with identical markings. Player A knew which ball was his. To avoid possible confusion, A lifts his ball, substitutes a ball with different markings and plays out the hole. What is the ruling?
A A incurs a one-stroke penalty.
B A incurs a total penalty of two strokes.
C A incurs a total penalty of three strokes.

Answers:

- 1 False
- 2 True
- 3 True
- 4 False
- 5 False
- 6 False
- 7 B. Player A incurs a total penalty of two strokes

Do RLGA members want to play private or the more exclusive public courses at discounted rates? Why not sign up for some of these events hosted by AGA. These events are not exclusive for women. The Fore will likely not have room to run this every issue so if interested you should print and save this schedule.

AGA has established regional NW golf contacts since 1959. We host an optional tournament competition at each event. Add \$5 donation per event + guest rates. Special AGA Rates: taxes, carts not included-(AGA \$5) + Optional Tournament at each event. For tee times: email agagolfer@yahoo.com or Fax (206) 634 0818 or call Gene 206 226 5332

27-Mar-2009	Fri	Newcastle	\$90*	Challenging and scenic Oki Course
13-Apr-2009	Mon	Oakbrook CC	\$40	Great drainage, top conditioned CC
27-Apr-2009	Mon	Bear Creek CC	\$65*	#12 in WA - includes Lunch/Dinner
14-May-2009	Thu	Home Course	\$32	Srs. \$37 reg WSGA Member track
26-May-2009	Tue	The Plateau Club	\$89*	#1 Slope in WA at 152 - Difficult
11-Jun-2009	Thu	Tacoma G & CC	\$60	Historic 1984 exclusive Tacoma venue
25-Jun-2009	Thu	Canterwood CC	\$65	#6 in WA - Gig Harbor CC
9-Jul-2009	Wed	Whitehorse	\$49	Golf Digest #8 best new course in US
18-31 Jul 2009		Tri-Cities-Walla Walla		daily tournaments at private/public
5-Aug-2009	Wed	Chambers Bay	\$120	Walking only rate includes lunch
10-Aug-2009	Mon	Mill Creek CC	\$65	Tough Snohomish County private club
25-Aug-2009	Mon	Skagit Valley CC	\$45	Testy very difficult greens, built 1918
10-Sep-2009	Thu	Wing Point CC	\$48	Scenic 1903 Bainbridge CC
23-Sep-2009	Wed	Indian Summer	\$65*	#2 in State #1 Nike PGA Tour Site
5-Oct-2009	Mon	Fircrest CC	\$50	An excellent 1923 Tacoma CC

* mandatory cart included in rate

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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:

Mar 1 First Day to Post

Mar 21 RLGA Tourney, Spring Fling

March 28 Grand Re-opening Tournament