



The FORE!

November 2009 Vol 21 Issue 11 Page 1 of 5 Your Riverbend Ladies Golf Association newsletter, chartered since 1989 with reserved Wed., Sat. and Sun. morning tee times for our members. To be guaranteed a weekend tee time, you need to call the Pro Shop 253 854 3673 by Wednesday; for a Wednesday tee time, call the desk and put your name on the list by Tuesday.

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

Captain's Feetnotes:

Phyllis Ellermeier, your captain.

It has been a productive and highly rewarding search to have a highly qualified newcomer and existing board member agree to take on the tasks of Secretary and newly proposed duties for Co-Captain. Please welcome the nomination of Cathy Rosa, RLGA's current Secretary. She is meticulous, timely and has shown tremendous dedication and well thought out contributions to growing our membership, helping shape a smooth running group. Over the past 3 years, Cathy has participated in Board discussions by bringing her own brand of innovative and forward thinking for many changes we have made. Many of you already know Cathy as a steady, consistent golfer with a ready smile and calm style.

She has the "temperament" to be our Co-Captain for the 2010 season and will be honing skills to be Captain to begin the 2011 season. Cathy is enthusiastic and loves the game of golf. She is infectious with pride in our RLGA and is an unabashed booster of all things RLGA.

We happily welcome the nomination of Kristine Immordino as RLGA Board Secretary. She will be very new to our board, but not to Riverbend or golf. We all believe she will be a terrific fit as someone new, But also as someone who plays Wednesdays and many Weekend tournaments. Kris' nomination to this position is truly "the right person for the right job at the right time!" The board would like

to thank Judy Griffin for heading up the nominating committee and convincingly finding highly qualified and committed nominees!! Come find out for yourself. You are ALL welcome to attend any of our regular OPEN regular Board meetings. As paid members you are graciously invited to any board meeting to discover how truly awesome this group of ladies can be. OUR next meeting is: Tuesday, November 3rd 2009 at the Three Par Clubhouse starting at 6:00 p.m. concluding (usually) by 7:00 p.m.

There will be changes in our bylaws (starting on page 15 of the 2009 RLGA Membership Booklet) To accommodate a necessary shift in how some board positions and duties will be carried out. As earlier indicated our two major communication tools which are accessible all across the Puget Sound region are first, our RLGA Website manned by Elana Bryan and second, "The FORE." edited by Mary Ryan. Although Mary still provides printed copies of the FORE with some available in the pro shop, it has become mainly an on-line newsletter accessible for all to read and download.

These are both big jobs and we are fortunate to have the expertise of Elana and Mary to publish and post some of the best information about a women's golf club anywhere. By taking this leap into 21st century instant communication creates a

need for some minor adjustments in Board position Roles. (PLEASE see descriptive grid on page 5.)

We now propose that the Co-Captain's position will no longer be responsible for the FORE's publication. However, we propose that the co-captain will acquire the what was once a separately distinct and appointed board position - that of RLGA Competitions. The duties of the Co-Captain will now include those previously assigned less the preparation of "The Fore" plus those assigned to the Competition Chair. These proposed changes are open for review and discussion. However, we have deliberated about how best to manage need changes without creating a cascade of disruptions to too many procedures.

ALERT! ALERT! ALERT!

We are planning a Holiday Party FOR ALL members (details and further information to come!) This NEW event is scheduled for the first Tuesday in December (our regular December Board meeting which will also be our Annual meeting). Although a good time is considered the most important outcome of our Holiday par, the swearing in of officers, and a year end report from all Board positions must occur as necessary concluding actions for the 2009 season and to officially welcome 2010, RLGA's, 21st season. See you on the course, Of Course! Phyllis Ellermeier, 2009 RLGA Captain

From Lynne Crandall, RLGA representative to WSGA:

Our Cathy Kay has been appointed to a Board of Directors position with the Washington State Golf Association representing GSWPGA. "city".

The first spring WSGA tournament, the Women's Best Ball has been scheduled for 2010 at Yakima Country Club.

The WSGA Mid Amateur is scheduled in

June at Wine Valley in Walla Walla. WSGA Mens and Womens Team event is again scheduled for Suncadia June 1 & 2.

From November 3rd Board Meeting: To better respond to needs of new members a Frequently Asked Question section will be added to the RLGA website.

RLGA will be providing food for our Christmas party on December 1st at 5PM

at Par 3 Clubhouse. Bring your own beverage. Please everyone attend and make this event successful.

Most improved player for 2009 is Ginger Dunning.

TWGA has scheduled a 2010 event at Riverbend on June 6th.

Dec. 12th, Demo Day at Riverbend Driving Range

2009 Schedule Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

Wednesday, December 2nd Xmas Party 5:00 PM Par 3 Clubhouse

The Christmas meeting in 2009 is a Christmas party for all the members. Scheduled for December 1st from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the par 3 clubhouse. RLGA is providing food trays. Bring your own beverage. The board wants this party to be successful. Success is defined first that you come and second you have a good enough time you will attend next year. It is recommended but not necessary that you email or call Peggy or June to confirm you will be attending.

Peggy Haugan 206-824-5439 pegretired@msn.com
 June Secreto 253- 661-1499 rjsecreto@comcast.net

Washington State Womens Public Links Association 2009 Schedule Handicap Limit 40. To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Kellie Molzhon kelliemolzhon@comcast.net 253-630-0542

Date	Location	Sign up Deadline
Wednesday November 4th	Luncheon Fairwood Country club Noon	

Greater Seattle Womens Public Links Association 2009 Schedule Handicap Limit 40. To enter these events see entry forms in RLGA corner at Pro shop and/or contact Kellie Molzhon kelliemolzhon@comcast.net 253-630-0542

Date	Deadline	Course
Nov 12, Thursday	Annual Awards Luncheon, No golf,	Fairwood Golf CC or HD Hotspurs

(PNGA) Pacific Northwest Golf Association 2009 Schedule. To enter these events go website at bottom of page or call 206-526-1238
 PNGA events are completed for 2009

(WSGA) Washington State Golf Association 2009 Schedule. To enter these events go website at bottom of page or call 206-526-8605
 WSGA events are completed for 2009.
 Still nothing on their website for the 2010 winter series.

Nov.- Feb. Green Fee Specials at Riverbend Golf Complex

Lunch can be added to any green fee at any time for an additional \$7.00

Pick from the following Fire Creek Grill Menu Items:

Chicken Burger and Fries

Cheeseburger and Fries

Personal 1 Topping Pizza

Sante Fee BBQ Chicken Salad

	Monday & Tuesday	Wednesday & Thursday	Friday, Saturday & Sunday after 11:00 AM
18 Holes Walking	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$24.00
18 Cart	\$24.00	\$26.00	\$30.00
18 Cart and Lunch	\$31.00	\$33.00	\$37.00

Riverbend Winter Better Ball
 Sponsored by Riverbend Golf Course and Kent Performance Auto Center
 Saturday Nov 21, 2009 8:30 AM Shotgun Start
 Team Entry Fee \$130.00
 \$4,000 Price money awarded
 Entry deadline, Nov 19, 2009
This is a Riverbend Golf Complex event and both men and women may enter.

- Entry fee of \$130 includes green fees and range ball
- Tournament open to teams consisting of 1 Amateur and 1 Professional or 2 Amateurs.
- Competition consists of 18 holes of better ball play.
- Prizes awarded for both gross and net scores to a minimum of 16 teams.
- Must have verifiable USGA handicap index. with differential no more than six strokes

Your RLGA membership gains you entry into state (WSWPLA) events, city (GSWPGA) events and in 2010 the TWGA. Your RLGA ghin membership entitles you to play in any PNGA or WSGA event. To play in USGA events you need to personally join the USGA. The websites for these organizations are as follows:

State: WSWPLA

<http://www.wswpla.com>

Pac NW Golf Assn PNGA <http://www.thepnga.org>

City: GSWPGA

<http://www.gswpga.com/>

Wash St Golf Assn WSGA <http://www.thewsga.org>

Tacoma: TWGA

<http://www.twga.org/>

US Golf Assn USGA <http://www.usga.org/>

The Advertising Golf Association (AGA) events include men and women. RLGA membership isn't required. Some of us play AGA events because their venues are often private courses. If interested, email agagolfer@yahoo.com & ask for a schedule of their events.



Susan Stahl teeing off at Chambers Bay in August of 2009



Sheila Locke's almost hole in one! Keep sending photos. An almost hole in one is more photogenic than an actual hole in one. Chambers Bay background is nice too!

Player Recognition, Peggy Haugen

Player recognition corner is the RLGA's way to recognize member achievements and encourage play at Riverbend during our reserved tee times on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

2009 Season Finale

Fifty-seven members participated in the various competitions. Recognition pins were distributed to those who requested them. Gift certificates were distributed for the winners in the Birdie race, Chip-In race, Most Rounds Played and Lowest Net Average.

Birdie Race: There were 38 participants totaling 136 birdies. The most popular hole was, believe it or not, a par 5! It was hole #3 which recorded 18 birdies; followed closely by hole #13 with 16 birdies, and finally, hole #5 with 13 birdies. There was a birdie on every single hole during the season. The winner of this competition was Laura Risher with an amazing 18 birdies recorded. Elana Bryan and Sheila Locke tied for 2nd place with 11 each, and Kathy Kay followed with 9 birdies.

Chip-Ins Race: Thirty members recorded chip-ins with a total of 67. Hole #2 scored the highest with 10 chip-ins. Holes #3, 7, 8, and 14 all tied with 6 each. The only hole with no chip-ins was #4. This was an interesting race. We had 5 ladies tied for 1st place, with 5 chip-ins each! They are Vickie Erickson, Kristine Gula, Kellie Molzhon, June Secreto and Peggy Haugen.

Most Rounds Played: Fifty-seven ladies submitted scores for this category. The winners are Amy Nikaitani with 25 rounds, Peggy Haugen with 24, and 3rd place belongs to Sheryl Lede with 22 rounds. You can tell who enjoys retirement!

Lowest Net Average: Again, we have a tie -- Amy Nikaitani and Abby Mead both recorded the lowest net average with 70.2, Shari Boggs had a 71.0 and Lynne Crandall had 71.6.

We had a wonderful year with a record number, not only of ladies participating, but also the achievements that were accomplished. It is exciting to see the enthusiasm generated and the escalating level of competition. Thank you to everyone for joining in these races and congratulations to the winners. Peggy

Scramble Results, Big Break 2009

Puckett, Jennifer	
Arendall, Betty	40
Rosa, Cathy	

Skills Winners, Big Break 2009

Hole #2	Greenside Bunker	Ryan	13 1/2'
Hole #5	Under Willow 100 yards	Ryan	21 1/2'
Hole #7	Fairway Bunker	Hobbs	16 3/4'
Hole #8	Par 3 KP	Puckett	4'
Hole #9	Over or Under trees	Hobbs	52'
Hole #11	Over trap	Rosa	2 1/3'
Hole #13	Par 3 KP	Puckett	4 1/2'
Hole #14	Long Drive	Puckett	5 1/2'
Hole #16	From #4 blue tee box	Ryan	
Hole #17	Pitch in from 80 yards	Crandall	11", yes inches

Overheard on the Golf Course:

Everyone should contribute to this column:

Mary Powers said 2009 is the first year her handicap has dropped under 20. Mary credits her Sky Caddie which helps her with accurate distances for her approach shot.

Sheila Locke had a personal best of 76 at The Home Course on October 25th, playing with S Stahl, M Ryan, and E Bryan. Laura Risher matched that 76 on November 1 at Gold Mountain but 76 is not a personal best for Laura.



Laura Risher. This is the only successful photo from Hayden Lake, Idaho. Those flags you see in the distance (yes, the “windy” was blowing) are always present at PNGA events representing WA, OR, ID, BC, USGA, PNGA, RCGA. Ok Yun Lim, Linda Selegue, Mary Ryan and Laura Risher all have interesting travel stories from this trip as each made the trek through the Moses Lake dust storm of October 10th and 11th. Just ask one of them.

GSWPGA Team June Secreto & Ginger Dunning, Co Team Captains
 First Place Team will receive a plaque (which will hang on the wall at the proshop) at the GSWPGA luncheon at HD Hotspurs in Kent.) Everyone is invited to this on November 12th at noon, but those who played team in 2009 should attend if possible. No host bar opens at 11:30 AM and lunch is served at noon (or thereabouts). Lots of raffle prizes and other winners are awarded trophies. If you are able to put this event on your schedule, send Kellie Molzhan a check for \$21.00.

Results from Greater Seattle Womens Public Golf Assn. GSWPGA (City) **Maplewood October 8**

- Flight 1 Laura Risher 4th Place Tie
- Flight 1 Cathy Kay 6th Place
- Flight 1 Linda Pearson 11th Place
- Flight 1 Kellie Molzhon 12th Place

Results from Washington State Women's Public Links Assn WSWPLA (State)

Camaloch 2 woman Best Ball October 17

- Flight 1 Laura Risher & Mary Ryan 1st Place Tie Low Net
- Flight 1 Sheila Locke & Janet Best Rained out.

Results from Pacific Northwest Golf Association **Women's Senior Hayden Lake CC, Hayden Lake, Idaho (Must be over 50 years of age to play in this event) October 14,15**

- Ok Yun Lim Tied for 12th Place
- Linda Selegue Tied for 22nd Place
- Mary Ryan Tied for 44th Place
- Laura Risher Tied for 50th Place

Note from Peggy Haugan-- I was in Sun River. Dodge puts on a huge Pac-Am tournament. I think there were over 700 participants. I ran into two of our own there - Shari Boggs and Vickie Hutsko. They were both playing in the tournament. Vickie was having a practice round on the day before the start of the tournament. She was hit with a golfball on her cheekbone-- about a half-inch away from here temple. They took her to the ER immediately and fortunately she only suffered a hairline fracture. What a close call. She rallied and went ahead and participated in the 3-day event. From the newsletter editor: I want Vickie Hutsko in my army.

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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:

Nov. 4th Noon, WSWPLA luncheon, noon, Fairwood G&CC

Nov, 12th Noon, GSWPLA Luncheon: HD Hotspurs, Kent

November 15th, Last Day to Post

December 1st, Christmas Party, 5:00 PM Par 3 clubhouse

December 12th, Demo Day at Riverbend Driving Range

Christmas Party for all RLGA members at the Par 3 clubhouse from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Tuesday December 1st.

Your Board of Directors is proposing the changes below to the RLGA BYLAWS. Membership is herein notified of these changes which will be approved formally at the December 1, Christmas Party scheduled for 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Par 3 clubhouse. More info on the Xmas party on page 2 of this issue of the Fore.

Position	Current Duties	Proposed Change
Co-Captain	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform duties of Captain in her absense. 2. Assume the position of Captain should the Captain's position become vacant. 3. Serve as an alternate in co-signing checks with the Treasurer or Captain 4. Assist any Standing Committee Chairperson as needed. 5. Prepare the "Fore" , The RLGA newsletter. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform duties of Captain in her absense. 2. Assume the position of Captain should the Captain's position become vacant. 3. Serve as an alternate in co-signing checks with the Treasurer or Captain 4. Assist any Standing Committee Chairperson as needed. 5. Plan and conduct all Association competitions 6. Prepare a schedule of events for the season no later than February 1st for approval by the Board of Directors. 7. Post instructions and sign-up sheets for all competitions on the RLGA bulletin board a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. 8. Prepare timely and accurate request forms for gift certificates for all scheduled Association competitions, and assure gift certificates are accurately and timely dispersed to winners. 9. Immediately following a competition, provide a copy of the results to the Co-Captain.
Competitions Chair	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan and conduct all Association competitions 2. Prepare a schedule of events for the season no later than February 1st for approval by the Board of Directors. 3. Post instructions and sign-up sheets for all competitions on the RLGA bulletin board a minimum of two weeks prior to the event. 4. Prepare timely and accurate request forms for gift certifiectes for all scheduled Association competitions, and assure gift certificates are accurately and timely dispersed to winners. 5. Immediately following a competition, provide a copy of the results to the Co-Captain. 	<p style="text-align: center;">This position is eliminated.</p> <p>The following text will not be in the Bylaws and is offered as an explanation: While it seems the Co-Captain's position is now a heavy responsibility, other than publishing "The Fore" it previously consisted of assistant/alternate responsibilities. This change is needed because the board has come to the understanding that "The Fore" publisher needs specific desktop publishing skills, and should be a fixed position which the designee will hopefully continue for more than one year. The Co-Captain is a one year position. The following year the Co-Captain ascends to the position of Captain.</p>
"Fore Publisher"	Currently not a separate position	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare "The Fore", The RLGA newsletter.

November 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	2	3 <i>Board Meeting 6PM at Par 3 Clubhouse</i>	Ghin Revision Date 4 RLGA Tee Times 9:30 AM WSWPLA luncheon Noon Fairwood CC	5	6	7 RLGA Tee Times 9:30
8 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	9	10	11 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	12 GSWPGA luncheon Noon; HD Hotspurs	13	14 No RLGA Tee Times
Last Day to Post 15 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	16	17	Ghin Revision Date 18 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	19	20	21 No RLGA Tee Times 2 Man Better Ball A Riverbend Event Open to women
22 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	23	24	25 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	26	27	28 RLGA Tee Times 9:30
29 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	30					

December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Christmas Party 5PM at Par 3 Clubhouse</i>	2 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	3	4	5 RLGA Tee Times 9:30
6 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	7	8	9 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	10	11	12 Demo Day at Riverbend Driving Range RLGA Tee Times 9:30
13 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	14	15	16 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	17	18	19 No Tee Times
20 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	21	22	23 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	24	25 Course is Closed	26 RLGA Tee Times 9:30
27 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	28	29	30 RLGA Tee Times 9:30	31		