



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

The FORE!

April 2010 Vol 22 Issue 4 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.

Captain's Footnotes: Phyllis Ellermeier, your captain.

The wind howled, the rain sputtered, the sun baked us for 3 or 4 holes, and most of the Spring Fling Tournament crowd was smiling at the start. Those who simply played, placed, or won are to be celebrated for persisting and wearing the best rain gear!!!



Be sure to sign up for the April Tournament. The weather should be great. Mary "the meteorological magician" Powers will probably arrange her best Saturday playing conditions.

A recent article in a Golf Supplement to the 3/26-4/1/2010 Puget Sound Business Journal, by Cheri Brennan, a marketing and public relations consultant and member of the Executive Women's Golf Association quotes statistical data confirming what many of your RLGA Board members have struggled with for the past 4-5 years. Nationally, the number of female golfers has declined at a "slightly higher rate than males and attrition is about twice that of men." Additionally, in Canada the number of women golfers has increased to more than 1 in 5. (21.5%) In the U.S., only 12.6% of all women play golf. Much of Ms. Brennan's article, naturally, is how business women can seal deals, develop working relationships, and network with potential new clients. Another EWGA member, an accounting manager in Milwaukee, says that

"Golf(ing) show cases character, integrity, patience, persistence, etiquette and honesty." The Women's Sports Foundation research suggest that women golfers possess "the highest physical and mental health of all study participants". Ms Brennan concludes by urging businesses to seek a larger share of the woman golfer's wallet and that golf's impact is "more than an enjoyable pastime." Golf is a "key industry contributing to the vitality of Washington's economy."

continued on page 3.

From your Co-Tournament Chairs, Mary Powers JudyGriffin

We didn't have the greatest weather for March's tournament but it didn't rain too much and the course was in ok condition. We are still dealing with a few temporary greens at Riverbend but with our automatic 2-putt rule we had no trouble with them. Even with not so perfect weather and a not so perfect course we had 27 members participate in the Spring Fling. Of the 27 players we had 6 new members participate and several took home prizes. Congratulations to all our winners! If you look closely at the results you will see that we had two winners for 4th Place Net. This is not typical as we have a tie breaking process. This time it was due to a recording error on the part of the tournament committee (ok, it was Mary Powers, her computer program failed her!). We would like to recognize Cindy Banks and we apologize for this over-sight. The next time you see Cindy be sure to congratulate her on her Net 73 achievement. Our next tournament is our Two Person Better Ball on Saturday April 10th. Even though this is a two person event you can sign up as a single and we'll match you with someone. If you have any questions you can contact either Mary Powers or Judy Griffin.



Some of the new RLGA members that participated in the Spring Fling March 22nd at Riverbend.

Linda Bachand joined RLGA by personal invitation from Shari Boggs. Kristin Tan is on the Holy Names Academy high school team and is heading for Marquette University in the fall. Kathy Seba dragged five Foster golf buds to RLGA: Melissa Bohm, Kristin Hatfield, Dawn Lanz, Heidi Bertch and Jodi Thiel.



Jodi

Heidi

Spring Fling Results			
Player	Gross Score	Net Score	Place
Anne Tuttle		70	1N
Kristin Tan		72	2N
Shari Boggs		72	3N
Cindy Banks		73	4N
Melissa Bohm		73	4N
Mary Ryan	85		G1
Laura Risher	91		G2
Cathy Rosa		74	N5
Kristin Hatfield	93		G3
Heather Carr	96		G4
Teresa Le		74	N6

Skills Results		
Skill	Name	Results
KP # 13	Mary Ryan	15' 3.5"

2010 Schedule Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

April 10	Saturday	2 Person Better Ball
May 16	Sunday	Red, White & Blue
June 19	Saturday	Invitational
July 11	Sunday	Day 1 Riverbend Cup
July 17	Saturday	Day 2 Riverbend Cup
August 7 & 8	Sat & Sun	Club Championship
September 12	Sunday	Chapman
October 9	Saturday	Fast & Loose
November 7	Sunday	Big Break

TEAM Competition Schedule for "2010"

8:00 A.M. Start		
Friday	April 23, 2010	at Mt. Si.
Friday	May 7, 2010	at Lk. Wilderness
Wed.	May 26, 2010	at Willows Run
Monday	June 14, 2010	at Riverbend
Monday	June 28, 2010	at Bellevue
Friday	July 9, 2010	at Maplewood
Friday	July 23, 2010	at Jefferson Pk.
Friday	August 6, 2010	at Foster
Friday	August 27, 2010	at Jackson Pk.

WSWPLA 2010 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 or call 253-630-0542

Saturday	April 10	Lake Wilderness	Maple Valley
Mon-Tues	May 17,18	Three Lakes	Wenatchee
Wednesday	June 16	Shuskan	Bellingham
M-T-W	Jul 12,13,14	Gold Mountain	Gorst
Wednesday	August 18	Brookdale	Tacoma
Mon-Tues	Sept 13,14	Mt Adams	Toppenish
Saturday	October 16	Willows Run	Redmond

Tacoma Womens Golf Association TWGA 2010 Schedule: Handicap Limit 40. To enter these events contact Kellie Molzhon kelliemolzhon@comcast.net 253-630-0542. Go to <http://twga.org> for more info

GSWPGA 2010 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 or call 253-630-0542

Thursday	8-Apr-10	Willows Run	Spring Sweeps
Thursday	13-May-10	Foster	President's Charity
Thursday	10-Jun-10	Riverbend	Pro Am
Thursday	8-Jul-10	Mount Si	Summer Sweeps & Champ. of Champs
M-T-W	Aug 9, 10, 11	Lake Wilderness	City Championship
Thursday	Sept. 9, 2010	Auburn	2 Lady Best Ball
Thursday	Oct. 14, 2010	Maplewood	Fall Sweeps
	November 11	Fairwood G&CC	Fall Luncheon

Apr 19	Brookdale Special Event
May 3	Tahoma Valley
Jun 7	Auburn
Jul 5	Hawks Prairie
Aug 2,3	Allenmore 2 Day Championship
Aug 30	High Cedars
Oct 4	Riverbend
Oct 18	TWGA Annual Awards Luncheon C.I. Shenanigans 3017 Ruston Way, Tacoma

(PNGA) Pacific Northwest Golf Association 2010 Schedule.

To enter these events go website at bottom of page or call 206-526-1238

Women's Amateur	Clarkston G & CC,	Clarkson Wa	July 12 - 16
Women's Mid Amateur	Clarkston G & CC,	Clarkson Wa	July 12 - 16
Women's Am Pub. Links	Lake Padden GC,	Bellingham, Wa	Aug 28,29
Women's Senior Team	Gold Mtn GC,	Bremerton, WA	Sept 20-22
Senior Women's Amateur	Meridian Valley CC,	Kent WA	Oct 4-5

(WSGA) Washington State Golf Association To enter follow WSGA link in right column or call 206-526-8605

Winter Series	Apple Tree Golf Resort	Yakima, WA	Four-ball (2 person Best-Ball)	Fri. April 9, 2010
Member Club Team Championship	Suncadia Resort	Roslyn WA		June 1,2
Womens Best Ball Championship	Yakima CC	Yakima WA		May 24, 25
Women's Amateur Championship	The Cedars at Dungeness	Sequim, WA		June 22, 24
Women's Senior Amateur	The Cedars at Dungeness	Sequim, WA		June 22, 24
Women's Mid-Amateur Championship	Wine Valley GC,	Walla Walla WA		August 6, 7

USGA Qualifiers to enter these events go to <https://champs.usga.org/index.html>

US Women's Open	Wednesday May 26	Tumble Creek	Roslyn WA	Handicap Limit 4.4
US Womens Amateur Public Links	Tuesday June 1	Meadowpark	GC, Tacoma	Handicap Limit 18.4
US Girls Junior	TBA	Handicap Limit 18.4	Age Limit 17	
US Women's Amateur	TBA	Handicap Limit 5.4		
US Women's Mid Amateur	TBA	Handicap Limit 9.4		
USGA Senior Women's Amateur	TBA	Handicap Limit 18.4	Age Limit 50+	

Captains Corner continued from page 1.

Your RLGA board know it can be hard to attract and keep members. We also know that what comes with your membership benefits can encourage the curious and jump start the beginner. It is important to let golfing partners you know - joining RLGA makes good economic sense for all of us.

Questions about Membership? Need ALL the answers? Want to encourage a friend? PLEASE, contact June Secreto, RLGA Membership Chair

(253) 661-1499
rjsecreto@comcast.net

Busy, working women and those whose leisure time is pulled in many directions, are representative of today's RLGA members. Members simply call in to play weekend or mid-week times, never worry about time or arranging a foursome because this is all we need to do. The only details we must ACTUALLY plan for are what to wear for too sunny or too rainy, who is going to attest my birdie on the PINK card, and where do

we go after the round?

I appreciate many of the details articulated in Ms. Brennan's article. I heartily agree that women golfers are character driven, honest and mentally healthy. I also think someone should invite Ms. Brennan to our June Invitational as a thank you for offering valid confirmation that women as golfers are a "Force On The Course" everywhere we go. See you on the course, OF COURSE! Phyllis Ellermeier,
Your 2010 RLGA Captain

Your RLGA membership entitles you to play in tournaments sponsored by

1. *state*, the WSWPLA and
 2. *city*, the GSWPGA and
 3. new in 2010 *Tacoma*, the TWGA.
- The ghin share of your RLGA dues gains you entry to play in
4. PNGA events and
 5. WSGA events.

To play in USGA events you need to join the USGA. The websites for these organizations are below. If you are reading this on the web, you should be able to click on the URL and be taken to the website where you will find more about their organizations and their tournament schedules and entry deadlines:

State: WSWPLA Washington State Women's Public Links Association
<http://www.wswpla.com>

City: GSWPGA Greater Seattle Women's Public Golf Association
<http://www.gswpga.com>

TWGA Tacoma Women's Golf Association
<http://www.twga.org>

PNGA Pacific Northwest Golf Association
<http://www.thepnga.org>

WSGA Washington State Golf Association
<http://www.thewsga.org>

USGA United States Golf Association <http://www.usga.org/>

The Teeing Ground by Midge Patten, submitted by Anne Tuttle, Rules Chair
I'm going to take rule 11 – The Teeing Ground, and talk about a few "What ifs?"
This rule tells us that before a player plays his or her first stroke with any ball from the teeing ground, the tee-markers are deemed to be fixed. After that first stroke with any ball, they become obstructions and may be moved. A moved tee-marker should be replaced since where it is moved to can have a significant effect on the competition.

Situation 1- I've teed my ball, and the tee marker interferes with my stance, so I move it back a few inches. What's the ruling?

Situation 2- At the third tee, in my view the tee markers are too far back not giving me a full 2 club length area in which to tee my ball, or are aimed away from the center of the fairway so I move them to where I think they belong. What's the ruling?

Situation 3- I moved one of the tee markers accidentally as a result of stumbling before or after my stroke. What's the ruling?

Situation 4- I'm still upset with myself for missing a tap in putt, so I kick one of the tee markers or hit it with my club, and the tee marker moves before or after my stroke. What's the ruling?

Situation 5- For no apparent reason, I pick up a tee marker before or after my stroke. What's the ruling?

Now for the answers!

Situation one – loss of hole in match play, or 2 strokes in stroke play.

Situation two – The penalty is disqualification, unless I replaced them before anyone played from the teeing ground. If they were replaced the penalty to me would be loss of hole in match play or 2 strokes in stroke play.

Situation three – No penalty, and the tee marker should be replaced.

Situation four - No penalty, and the tee marker should be replaced.

Situation five – No penalty, and the tee marker should be replaced.



These photos are from the Spring Fling, courtesy of historian and photographer Angela Hobbs.



Results from Washington State Golf Association Winter Series March 26th at Cedars at Dungeness.

Kathy Provazek tied for 7th place
Sheri Boggs alone in 15th place.

Editor comment: 7th is an impressive finish if you go to the WSGA website and see the names of the players in the field. Sheri Boggs is out there gaining experience in all kinds of conditions and courses.

Saturday April 17: Come out and join us for our annual Play Golf America Day at Riverbend Golf Complex. The first 300 people that pre-register online and attend the event will receive a free goody bag! Schedule of Events:
8:00-9:00 Free Introduction to Golf Clinic*
8:00-3:30 Free Miniature Golf*
9:00-10:30 Free Short Game Clinic sponsored by Cleveland Golf*
9:00-2:00 Free Par 3 Play for Juniors (17 and under)* Adults \$10.00
10:00-2:00 Free 15 Minute Lessons*
10:00-3:00 Free Demo Day with 12 Club Vendors
11:30-2:30 Free Hot Dog Barbecue*
3:30-5:00 Free Junior Clinic* * = Pre-registration required Please call 253-856-5198 to register

The FORE!

RLGA
P O Box 1091
Kent, WA 98035-1091

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:

Tuesday, April 6	Cancelled April Board Meeting 6PM.
Monday April 9th	Deadline for 1st TWGA event
Saturday April 10	RLGA 2 Person Better Ball
Saturday April 17	Play Golf America at Riverbend
Monday April 19th	1st TWGA Event Brookdale
Monday April 26	Deadline for WSWPLA's 3 Lakes May 17, 18

From Your RLGA Co-Tournament Chair, Judy Griffin

As a "true" beginner in golf, I was very hesitant about joining a women's golf club. I went on the internet looking at different web sites and liked the Riverbend Ladies Club, and joined. What a great decision. From the very first tee, the very first day, everyone was so welcoming and friendly. As a beginner I had lots of questions and everyone was ready, willing and able. I was given so much encouragement ; I played in a tournament my very first year! What a wonderful experience. The benefits that come with your membership are also amazing. It is the best I have seen. Having reserved tee times on the weekends, one free 18-hole round, 1 par 3 round and much more. This year you even get to play free on your birthday.

This will be my first year as a Board member. I now understand why we have a great club. These ladies are all dedicated and work so hard for you. If you have ever been thinking of joining a club, come visit us. The course is great and no matter what your handicap, I guarantee you will have a great time. Judy



This March 19th photo is of Sheila Locke as she was following the Huskys as they made their way to the Sweet Sixteen. Sheila is launching a tee shot off hole 16 at Monarch Bay Golf Club in San Leandro, California.



Pictured above is RLGA member Cindy Banks. Cindy is an enthusiastic volunteer anytime she is needed.



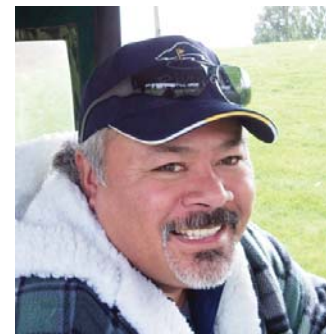
Ron Shelton
Marshall



Alex Mengistu
Driving Range



Cecil Baird
Dr Range Assistant



James Mafia
Marshall

Did you know that the blue driving range keys are tracked by a computer? FORE editor, Mary Ryan My range card along with my clubs and my car were stolen in December. I took a shot and asked Larry, the driving range manager, if he would reissue my key card for no charge. He checked his computer and told me I indeed had \$92 remaining. Here are some photos of some of the Riverbend guys to help you to put a name to these faces.



Pete Petersen
General Manager



Josh Immordino
Teaching Pro



Brandon Brown
Pro Shop Assistant



John Shabel, Teaching Pro



Ciaran Nienow Pro Shop



Steve Pastornicky
Driving Range Mgr



Two Person Better Ball Tournament

Saturday April 10, 2010

First Tee Time 8:30 AM

This is a Two Person Better Ball (or Best Ball) Tournament. Each team member plays their own ball throughout the round. After each hole the team decides which Gross and Net score they will use for their Team Score. There will also be individual skills challenges of KP's, Accurate Drive and Individual Low Putts. If you do not have a playing partner, sign up anyway. We will do our best to find you a partner.

To participate in this tournament **ALL** players **must have paid their 2010 RLGA membership dues** and have an **established USGA handicap**.

Questions? - Contact a Co-tournament Chair:

Mary Powers - 253-797-0349 or mary.powers@xerox.com

Judy Griffin – 253-866-2223 or JGriffin@MasterHalco.com

Tee Time Notification:

Email notification to club members, posted on the RLGA website (www.rlga.org) and will be available at the Riverbend Pro Shop (253-854-3673 ext 1) after 4:00 pm on Thursday.

Enter by: Saturday April 3rd

Your entry fee is non-refundable if you cancel after Tuesday April 6th.

Two Person Best Ball Tournament

Saturday - April 10, 2010

Entry fee is \$45 (this **includes** Greens Fees)

Cart rentals are separate and paid the day of the tournament.

RGLA Member:	Phone or email:
---------------------	------------------------

RLGA Member:	Phone or email:
---------------------	------------------------

Drop in RLGA box at Pro Shop or *Mail to:*

Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association
P.O. Box 1091
Kent, WA 98035

Riverbend Ladies Golf Association (RLGA) is not responsible or liable for injuries, loss or damage incurred or caused during any RLGA event. Your entry into an RLGA sponsored event is disclaimer that you hold RLGA harmless for any injury, loss or damage that may occur.

For committee use only:	\$	
		check cash

April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
April 17th The first 300 people that pre-register online and attend the event will receive a free goody bag 8:00-9:00 Free Intro to Golf Clinic 8:00-3:30 Free Miniature Golf 9:00-10:30 Free Short Game Clinic			9:00-2:00 Free Par 3 Play for Juniors 10:00-2:00 Free 15 Minute Lessons 10:00-3:00 Free Demo Day at range 11:30-2:30 Free Hot Dog Barbecue* 3:30-5:00 Free Junior Clinic* *	1		2	3 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM
4 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	5	6 RLGA Board Meeting Cancelled!	7 RLGA Tee Times 8:33	8 GSWPGA Event Willows Run	9 WSGA Winter Series Event Apple Tree Yakima TWGA Brookdale Signup Deadline	10 RLGA Event 2 Person Better Ball WSWPLA Event Lake Wilderness	
11 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	12 Spring Aerification Riverbend	13	14 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	15 Ghin Revision Date	16	17 RLGA Tee Times 1:03 PM	
18 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	19 TWGA Preseason Event Brookdale, Tacoma	20	21 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	22 TWGA Tahoma Valley Sign up Deadline	23 1st GSWPGA Team Event Mt. Si	24 GSWPLA sign up deadline Foster RLGA Tee Times 1:03	
25 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	26 WSWPLA Sign up Deadline Three Lakes Malaga	27	28 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	29	30	Notes:	

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:						1 Ghin Revision Date RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM
2 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	3	4 RLGA Board Meeting 6PM Par 3 Clubhouse	5 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 TWGA Event Tahoma Valley	6	7 GSWPGA Team Lake Wilderness	8 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM
9 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	10	11	12 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	13 GSWPGA Event Foster	14	15 Ghin Revision Date RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM
16 RLGA Event Red, White & Blue	17 WSWPLA Two Day Event at Three Lakes GC Wenatchee		19 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	20	21	22 GSWPGA Sign up deadline Riverbend Pro AM RLGA Tee Times 1:03
23 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	24	25	26 8:33 AM GSWPGA Team Willows Run	27 TWGA Auburn Signup Deadline	28	29 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM
30 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	31 WSWPLA Sign up Deadline Shuskan, Bellingham	Notes:				