



The FORE!

March 2011 Volume 23 Issue 3 Page 1 of 4 Y our 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/>

New Preferred Lies Rules Anne Tuttle, Rules and Bylaws The PNGA has changed their “Preferred Lies” options (frequently nicknamed “Winter Rules”). The PNGA put forth two choices and after a discussion at the February board meeting, the board voted to use the option described below. In order that we, as a club, conform to the Rules of Golf, we need to follow the PNGA guidelines for handling preferred lies for our tournaments and competitions.

When conditions for Preferred Lies exist and are put in effect by the Tournament Committee for a tournament or the golf course for a competition, preferred lies are allowed in the closely mown areas (defined as fairway height or less). A ball may be marked, lifted, cleaned and replaced. The ball may be placed within 6 inches, no nearer the hole.

That is it. The caveat that existed before, related to 36 inches within any tree, bush, boundary line or other growing thing, no longer exists.

A ball through the green not in closely mown areas (otherwise known as the rough) may not be touched or moved unless proceeding under a Rule that permits such activity (embedded ball rule, ground under repair, casual water). A ball purposely touched or moved when not permitted results in a one stroke penalty. A stroke made at a ball moved results in a two stroke penalty and in some cases can lead to a disqualification.

Scores shot using the old version of the Preferred Lies should not be posted in the handicap system.

Riverbend Proshop recently bought a service called Constant Contact. This is a broadcast email system. RLGA board members who communicate with the members via email will now be forwarding information to the Riverbend staff who will then forward to RLGA members via Constant Contact. In addition to a more pleasing appearance, emails transmitted by this method will format automatically to the small screens of your Blackberries Droids, Palms and other PDA's. This is just another RLGA benefit from the Riverbend Golf Complex.

Tournament Directors: Judy Griffin and Kri Immordino

Despite the frost delay and the cool temperature we held our first tournament for 2011, the Combined Score on February 19th. Thanks to all the ladies that braved the cold and participated.

Final Results: KP #13 Laura Tarp 5' 4"
KP #5 Kris Immordino 14' 6"

1st Place with a Net 82
Vicki Hutsko
Laura Tarp (Welcome)

2nd Place with a Net 89
Mary Ryan
Laurie Rischer

3rd Place with a Net 90.5
Sheryl Lede
June Secreto

Thanks again to everyone that participated. Remember our next tournament is the Spring Fling on March 19th.

Hope to see everyone there!

From your newsletter editor: One day in late January I walked on the course as a single and was paired with two Riverbend marshalls. After we made the turn I took a long look at 14 and said aloud that for as much rain as we have had, I thought 14 sure was dry. “Getting rid of the beavers made a big difference,” one of the fellows said. I mused that I have seen a lot of wildlife on golf courses but I don't believe I have ever seen a live beaver anywhere. The marshall added, “there were five of them, big ones too.”

Thinking some of you RLGA'ers might think this is interesting, I called the pro shop for the bare beaver facts. Eric confirmed that indeed there was a family of beavers living over there. “They were relocated.” he said. And then he repeated the same phrase. “They were relocated.” Why would Eric, a man of few words, say that two times? Maybe someone suggested a BB gun would be a cheap way to rid the course of these usurpers. Were not beaver pelts once used as monetary units in these parts? How many beaver skin hats will five big beaver make? Does beaver stew taste the same as Mick Kelley's stew?

The marshalls said that the grounds crew had to go into the swamp on the west side of 14 and remove the dams. How did anyone know the beavers had set up house-

keeping over there. I have never ventured more than a yard west of 14's hazard stakes anywhere from tee to green. Have you?

Perhaps this summer, the man who sells golf balls in egg cartons on the bridge will have selection of of beaver pelt vests for us.



TaylorMade



Demo Day
Free Launch Monitor Fitting!

Thursday March 10 3-6pm

All TM Product 10% off
All Bags 20% off
(Some restrictions apply)

Spend over \$200 and receive a round of golf at Riverbend (\$39 value)
Spend over \$750 and receive a range pass (\$220 worth of balls)
Bring your old clubs for a trade-in credit!

2011 Schedule Riverbend Ladies Golf Association

March 19	Saturday	Spring Fling
April 9,	Saturday	2 person Best Ball
May 22	Sunday	Red, White & Blue
June 18	Saturday	Invitational
July 24	Sunday	Riverbend Cup (1 day this year)
August 6, 7	Sat & Sunday	Club Championship
September 10	Saturday	Chapman
November 6	Sunday	Big Break

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Your **RLGA** membership entitles you to play in events sponsored by :

(WSGA) Washington State Golf Association 2011

Winter Series	Date	Location
Stroke Play	March 11	Fairwood Golf & CC
2 Person Best Ball	April 8	Wine Valley Golf Club

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

Championship Event Date	Location
Women's Best Ball,	May 23 -24 Fairwood G & CC
Member Club Team,	June 1 - 2 Suncadia Resort
Women's & Senior Women's Am.	June 21 - 23 The Home Course
Parent-Child Championship	July 22 Riverbend
Mid-Amateur	August 10 - 11 Loomis Trail Golf Club

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

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

GSWPGA 2011Schedule: Handicap Limit 40. To enter these events see entry forms in Pro shop and/or contact Sheryl Lede 202-948-6798 bais1949@gmail.com

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

Date	Day of Week	Location	Deadline	Competition
April 14	Thursday	Jackson	3/19	Better Nine
May 12	Thursday	Twin Rivers	4/16	President's Charity
June 9	Thursday	Riverbend	5/14	Pro Am
July 14	Thursday	Auburn	6/18	Sweeps + C of Champions
Aug 8-9-10	M-T-W	Mount Si	7/9	City Championship
Sept. 8	Thursday	Maplewood	8/13	2 Lady Best Ball
Oct 13	Thursday	Snoqualmie Falls	9/17	Eccy 9

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

To enter **USGA** events you need to join the United States Golf Assn. (\$25.00) <http://www.usga.org/>

WSWPLA 2011 Schedule Handicap Limit 40. To enter these events see entry forms in Pro shop and/or contact Sheryl Lede 202-948-6798 bais1949@gmail.com **Month**

To enter **AGA** Advertising Golf Association events email agagolfer@yahoo.com or call: (206) 226 5332.

Date	Location	Deadline	Course
March 5	Spring Meeting		Sea Tac Community Center
April 16	Lacey	3/16	Capitol City
May 16,17	Richland	4/20	Horn Rapids
June 15	Orting	5/25	High Cedars
July 11,12,13	Port Ludlow	6/15	Port Ludlow
August 22	Dupont	7/27	Home Course
Sept. 15,16	Bellingham	8/17	North Bellingham
October 15	Port Orchard	9/21	McCormick Woods
Nov. 5th	Fall Luncheon		TBD

GSWPGA Team Play dates:
 Fri, Apr 29 Mt Si 8:00AM
 Fri, May 20 Wayne 8:00 AM
 M, June 13 Jackson Pk 9:00 AM
 M, June 27 Willows Run 8:00 AM
 Eagle
 Fri July 22 West Seattle 9:30 AM
 Mo, Aug 01 Bellevue 8:30 AM
 Fri, Aug 19 Maplewood 8:00 AM

2011 TWGA Schedule Handicap Limit 40. To enter these events see entry forms in Pro shop and/or contact Sheryl Lede 202-948-6798 bais1949@gmail.com Add \$10 to the entry fees for your 1st TWGA event.

Date	Golf Course	Deadline	Other
Monday, April 18	Hawk's Prairie	No info	JV with WWTP
Monday, May 02	North Shore	4/16	Medal Play
Monday, June 06	Meadow Park	5/21	Medal Play
Monday, July 11	The Home Course	6/17	2 Lady Best Ball
Mon-Tues August 1,2	Whispering Firs	7/13	2 Day Championship
Monday, September 12	Capitol City	8/27	Medal Play
Monday, October 03	Brookdale	9/17	Medal Play

This is Angela Hobbs your Co-Captain for the golf season of 2011. Hello Ladies of Riverbend!! One of my duties this year is to run our Bi-Weekly Competitions. These are fun games for all levels of golfers and they will qualify you to play in our Club Championship. There is No Charge for any of these competitions and you can win RLGA "Bucks" (Riverbend Gift Certificates).

The first competition begins April 16th and runs to April 30th, 2011. The game is T & F. Total scores on holes that begin with the letter "T" and "F" then subtract 1/2 your handicap. These would be holes 2,3,4,5,10,12,13,14 & 15.

You must sign up before your round on the clipboard located by the computer in the pro-shop. Be sure to include your RLGA course handicap for that week on the sign-up sheet. You may only sign up once for each Bi-Weekly Competition.

I will be providing score cards for each competition with the holes highlighted, specific competition instructions and the RLGA Competition rules. The scorecards will be located to the right side of the computer.

Please use one scorecard per foursome, sign and have another RLGA member attest for all competing. If you head out and forget the competition scorecard just be sure to fill one out that day and drop it into the slot back by the computer.

Don't worry about adding up your score and subtracting 1/2 your handicap. Just fill out the needed highlighted information, sign, have it attested and dated.

Except for the month of April there will be (2) Competitions per month. Below is the complete schedule with a brief description of each competition.

If you are new to the club, competitions or don't quite understand any of the rules or the competitions, please do not hesitate to call me at (253)261-5681 or e-mail me: AngelasDesignsLLC@q.com.

Hope the weather improves soon so we all can get out and play. Remember We ALL are "A Force On The Course"

Your RLGA Board has recommended the following pairing procedures for our designated tee times:

In order to "mix-up" the groups, and enable all members to get to know the other members, we will meet by the first tee and either draw numbers, flip a tee, etc to set up the groups. Then we are ready to play golf. If for some reason a group wants to play together, that group needs to move themselves to the last group.

2011 Bi-Weekly Competition Schedule for RLGA		
April 16 - 30	T & F	Total Scores on holes that begin with a "T" Or "F", (Holes 2,3,4,5,10,12,13,14 & 15), Minus 1/2 your handicap.
May 1 - 15	Odd Holes	Add score on odd numbered holes, minus 1/2 your handicap.
May 16 - 31	Criss Cross	Add best score of holes 1 & 10, 2 & 11, 3 & 12, 4 & 13, 5 & 14, 6 & 15, 7 & 16, 8 & 17, 9 & 18. Then minus 1/2 handicap.
June 1 - 15	Mutt & Jeff	Total for all par 3's & par 5's, minus 1/2 your handicap
June 16 - 30	9 Best Par 4's	Total score for 9 par 4's & minus 1/2 Your handicap
July 1 - 15	9 Easiest Holes	Total score for holes with a handicap Rating of 10 - 18. (Holes 1,5,7,9,10,11,12,13 & 16) minus 1/2 your handicap.
July 16 - 31	9 Worst Holes	Total of 2 par 5's, 2 par 3's & 5 par 4's On which you had the highest score, Minus 1/2 your handicap.
August 1 - 15	Amen Corner	Total score on holes #6 thru #14, minus 1/2 your handicap.
August 16 - 31	9 Hardest Holes	Total score for holes with handicap rating Of 1 to 9, (2,3,4,6,8,14,15,17 & 18), minus 1/2 your handicap.
September 1 - 15	9 Best Holes	Total score for 2 par 5's, 2 par 3's & 5 par 4's with your lowest scores, then minus 1/2 your handicap.
September 16 - 30	Modified	Score 6 points for an Eagle, 4 points for a Stableford Score Birdie, 2 points for a Par, 1 point for a Bogey and 0 points for Other. Total Points then minus 1/2 your handicap.

PLAYER RECOGNITION PROGRAM 2011 It's that time again! Time to start posting your scores for the 2011 golf season, and the beginning of the Player Recognition program for this season. The Player Recognition program is the RLGA's way to recognize member achievements and encourage play at Riverbend during our reserved tee times on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays!

The program includes recognition for the most birdies, chip-ins and even the occasional eagle plus for the most rounds played. Pins are available for your first birdie, chip-in or eagle of the season. Simply indicate your desire to have a pin on the Player Recognition card.

The procedure is simple---Just complete the pink Player Recognition card after each round played. Remember to date the cards. You must be playing at Riverbend for this competition, and you must be playing with one other Riverbend member. You may submit the cards for any time you are playing at Riverbend with another member. It does not have to be on one of the reserved tee times. The program runs from March 1, 2011 through September 30, 2011. You will find a supply of the pink cards by the RLGA bulletin board. Good Luck Ladies!

(PNGA) Pacific Northwest Golf Association 2011 Schedule. To enter these events go website shown above or call 206-526-1238

Women's Amateur and Mid Amateur	July 11 thru 15	Port Ludlow Golf Club
Junior Girls' Amateur	Aug 8 - 11	Arrowhead GC Molalla Or
Women's Amateur Public Links	Aug 27-28	The Links at Moses Pointe
Women's Senior Team Amateur	Sept 19-21	Gold Mountain Golf Club
Senior Women's Amateur	Oct 3-4	Victoria Golf Club, Victoria

From Sheryl Lede, Your TWGA, GSWPGA, WSWPLA Representative: I need the deadline dates to reflect when I need the money in order to get it to the tournament chair by their deadline. I need the entry fee money 4 business days before I have to have it in. Please adhere to the deadlines posted in the Fore and in the schedule posted in the RLGA corner of the Riverbend Proshop. If you are checking GSWPGA or WSWPLA or TWGA schedules from their individual websites get the money to me sooner than their deadlines. RLGA pays an annual entry fee to GSWPGA and WSWPLA. TWGA is different. Each player pays an individual entry fee of \$10 to play in TWGA events. Add \$10.00 to your check for your first TWGA event of the year.

Some special notes about the TWGA: The April 18th TWGA tournament is open to anyone regardless of whether you are a member of TWGA or not. We would setup teams of 4 players.

Philosophy of Golf Rules Anne Tuttle, Rules and Bylaws

As many of you may have heard by now there has been a revision to the “preferred lies” Rule often referred to by the nickname “Winter Rules”.

I will cover the change but perhaps it is time to review a couple of golf fundamentals to better put the change into perspective. There are three fundamental tenets to the game of golf.

1. You play the ball as it lies.
2. You play the course as you find it.
3. When that is not possible you do what is equitable (not to be confused with “fair”).

Preferred lies are for temporary conditions that may exist on a golf course and are not automatically in effect from November to May as a normal procedure.

The use of the preferred lies has transformed in players eyes, over time, from its original intention to be a tool to be used when the game could not be played without putting the rule into effect, to a rule many of us have come to believe is an integral part of the game. It is not. To be sure the game is more difficult when you cannot touch the ball or move it to a more comfortable lie. There is no rule that provides for a mud free ball except under very specific rules where relief is already granted. One of the fundamental challenges of the game is to adjust to and accommodate the course conditions presented to the player on that day. How well you handle the less than perfect lie, in many ways, is the heart of the game. Moving the ball, always having a clean ball, always having the best possible lie may in fact be more enjoyable to many. However, those that use those methods to get around the course are not playing golf. Merely a game that is very similar to golf.

Golf is not a cafeteria style benefit plan, we don't get to pick and choose what Rules we like to use and not use.

Those that habitually use preferred lies have artificially lowered handicaps and have much more difficulty competing when the Rules of Golf really must be used.

Lastly, our club is a participating member of the USGA handicapping system. Our members are required to post only those scores that comply with the USGA Rules of Golf and authorized local rules. Rounds played using some other version of preferred lies or not using USGA approved version of preferred lies cannot be used for posting purposes.

Embedded Ball Rule 25-2

by Anne Tuttle, Rules and Bylaws
Rule 25-2, covering a ball embedded in its own pitch mark, may seem like a “winter rules” type of situation. In fact, any time of year, a ball embedded in its own pitch mark can be lifted cleaned and dropped when it occurs in a “closely mown area” (fairway height or less). The “closely mown area” may include a path with grass cut fairway length or shorter through the rough but does not include hazards or areas off the course and/or out of bounds.

If you believe your ball may be embedded (plugged) in its own pitch mark you must ask your fellow competitor or marker to observe the marking and lifting and potential replacement of the ball in case upon lifting, you find the ball is not embedded. Failure to notify your marker or fellow competitor of your need to lift the ball to determine if it is embedded results in a one stroke penalty.

The ball should be dropped as close to its mark as possible, as usual the ball can go no closer to the hole. The pitch mark cannot be repaired. If the ball returns to its pitch mark, it is dropped again.

If the ball creates a new plug mark upon dropping the ball the second time you then start the dropping process all over again.

Exceptions:

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule (embedded) if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule (the embedding). For example, if the ball is embedded in an area where a raised tree root is right next to the ball, this rule does not allow you free relief.

March Group Lessons at Riverbend Golf Complex

\$100 per student

Minimum of 4 students, with a maximum of 8 students per class. Classes will be one hour, equipment will be provided upon request.
(253) 859-4000

Monday Evenings: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 6:00 – 7:00 with Josh Immordino
Tuesday Evenings: 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th 6:00 – 7:00 with Eric Hinrichs
Thursday Evenings: 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st 6:00 – 7:00 Jon Shabel
Saturday Mornings: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 10:00 A.M. with David Gibson

March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:	March 1 First Day to Post	1 RLGA Board Membership Meeting 6PM Par 3 Clubhouse	2 RLGA Tee Times 9:27	3	4	5 WSWPLA Spring Meeting, Sea Tac Comm Center. RLGA Tee Times 9:27 AM
6 RLGA Tee Times 9:27AM	7	8	9 RLGA Tee Times 9:27 AM	10 3PM to 6PM Taylor Made Demo Day at Riverbend Driving Range 10% off all TM products	11 WSGA Winter Series: Fairwood G&CC Stroke Play	12 RLGA Tee Times 9:27 AM
13 Daylight Savings Time Spring Ahead; Fall Back RLGA Tee Times 9:27 AM	14	15 Ghin Revision Date	16 RLGA Tee Times 9:27 AM WSWPLA Mail in deadline April 16th event at Capitol City	17	18 Tomorrow March 19th is Mail in Deadline GSWPGA event at Jackson April 14	19 RLGA Event Spring Fling
20 RLGA Tee Times 9:27 AM	21	22	23 RLGA Tee Times 9:27	24	25	26 RLGA Tee Times 1:03 PM
27 RLGA Tee Times 9:27 AM	28	29	30 RLGA Tee Times 9:27	31	Notes: March tee times were changed at the 3/1 board meeting from 8:33 to 9:27 AM	

April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Notes:					1 Ghin Revision Date	2 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM
3 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	4 AGA Event TPC Snoqualmie	5 RLGA Membership Meeting	6 RLGA Tee Times 8:33	7	8 WSGA Winter Series Event Wine Valley Walla Walla	9 RLGA Event 2 Person Better Ball
10 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	11	12	13 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	14 GSWPGA First Event at Jackson Pk	15 Ghin Revision Date. Tomorrow is Mail in deadline TWGA Event at North Shore on May 2nd	16 Mail in Deadline GSWPGA Event at Twin Rivers May 12 WSWPLA Event Capital City, Olympia RLGA Tee Times 8:33
17 RLGA Tee Times Noon	18 TWGA unofficial event at Hawks Prairie	19	20 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM Signup deadline for WSWPLA 2 day event at Richland May 16 and May 17	21 AGA Event Rainier G & CC	22	23 RLGA Tee Times Noon
24 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	25	26	27 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM	28	29 First GSWPGA Team Event Mt Si	30 RLGA Tee Times 8:33 AM



Spring Fling Tournament

Saturday March 19th, 2011

First Tee Time 8:33 AM

- ✿ This is an Individual Stroke Play tournament.
- ✿ This tournament is our first post-able tournament for the year.
- ✿ Your 2010 membership dues must be paid to participate in this tournament.
 - ✿ Payouts will be 33% gross, 66 % net.

Questions? - Contact your Co -Tournament Chair:
Judy Griffin or Kris Immordino

Tee time notification will be: Email notification to club members, and available at the Riverbend Pro Shop (253-854-3673 ext 1) after 4:00 pm on Thursday.

Entry Deadline: Saturday, March 15th

Your entry fee is non-refundable if you cancel after Wednesday 16th

Spring Fling Tournament

Saturday March 19th

Entry fee is \$40.00 (this includes green fees).

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

Print Name:	Phone or Email:
Is your 2010 RLGA Membership dues paid?	If Yes, Thanks! If No, you can combine your Tournament Entry Fee and Membership Dues on one check and submit them together. Don't forget to fill out the Membership application.

Drop in RLGA box at the Clubhouse 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