

# HERON LAKES WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

## A Note from the President



Greetings,

Well, March is history and I don't remember the last time our club has been rained out so often on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Despite the soggy weather I hope you have been able to hit the driving range and practice your short game. Personally, in this kind of weather I find it useful to limber up by swinging a short club in front of the TV while watching the pros play the game! Despite the slow start to the golfing season our membership remains strong with 57 returning members and 7 new members. A big welcome to our new members, Claudia Ciobanu, Suzy Clayton, Jill Kim, Lois Leonard, Janet Dallamura, Liz Rigutto and Sue Wagner. If you are planning

on renewing your membership and have not done so yet, I encourage you to do so quickly. I believe this will be the last newsletter you receive unless you are a current member of HLWGC.

HLWGC will again participate in the OGA Women's Interclub Play (WIP) match play tournament. We have not received a schedule from OGA yet but as soon as we receive a schedule we will get it out. WIP is a season long (May – October) 4 ball match against other participating clubs. We need at least 12 ladies to be a part of our team representing Heron Lakes but would really like to have 15 ladies participate. The WIP is a lot of fun and anyone with an established handicap who enjoys match play can participate.

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Hot Off The Press – Denise Aldridge threw her name in the hat to serve as our VP for Tuesday play. Denise is planning on returning sometime in May and will take over organizing Tuesday days play at that time pending approval by the players. The VP is a member of the HLWGC board and we will vote on the VP position on the same day as we hold the By-Laws general meeting.

Tournament Schedule – I know your calendars fill up quickly over the summer months so be sure to put these dates on your calendar:

Spring Handicap Tournament: Any 2 of the following dates: June 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> Individual format full handicaps and flighted.

Club Championship: GROSS Champion by flight: August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>

Fall Handicap Tournament: Any 2 of the following dates: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> , Individual format full handicaps and flighted.

Memorial Best Ball: Saturday July 30<sup>th</sup> -There is an entry fee of \$5.0 per person – this tournament is not included in membership fee. Awards and pay-out are made the day of the event.

Home & Home Exchange: July 19<sup>th</sup> with Stone Creek, McNary, OGA course and Heron Lakes at Heron Lakes.

This year all tournaments are combined in that we will not have separate tournaments on Tuesday and Saturday. In addition, we are trying something different this year for the Spring and Fall handicap tournaments. Both are still 2 day tournaments, however you have available 4 dates in which to play. When you sign up for the Spring or Fall Handicap tournament you will select two dates from the 4 available dates. Hopefully this will better accommodate those who cannot play in the tournament due to scheduling conflicts. Our Club Championship is a 2 day event with the first day on a Saturday and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day on a Tuesday. Remember your tournament entry fee is included with your membership dues so you have no additional entry fee.

I am looking forward to a beautiful dry spring, so see you on the course,

Julie Gish – 2016 President

“The real reason your pro tells you to keep your head down is so you can’t see him laughing at you”

-Phyllis Diller

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Anyone take pictures on the golf course??? Please forward them to [valholzer@hotmail.com](mailto:valholzer@hotmail.com) to be included in our monthly newsletter.

## NOTE FROM MARSHA CUTTER, RULES CHAIR

*Four primary rule changes that took effect Jan. 1, 2016*

### **Rule 6-6d**

#### **Limited Exception to Disqualification Penalty for Submission of Incorrect Score Card**

In this new exception, a player is not disqualified for returning a lower score for a hole than actually taken as a result of failing to include penalty strokes that the player did not know were incurred. Instead, the player incurs the penalty under the Rule that was breached and must add an additional penalty of two strokes for the score card error. In all other cases in which a player returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken, the penalty will continue to be disqualification.

### **Rule 18-2b**

#### **Withdrawal of Rule on Ball Moving After Address**

This Rule assessed a one-stroke penalty if a ball at rest moved after it was addressed. Now a one-

stroke penalty will be applied only when the facts show that the player has caused the ball to move.

### **Rule 14-1b**

#### **Prohibition on Anchoring the Club While Making a Stroke**

The Rule prohibits anchoring the club either "directly" or by use of an "anchor point" in making a stroke. The penalty is loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. THIS IS NOT AN EQUIPMENT RULE.

### **Rule 14-3**

#### **Modification of Penalty for a Single Impermissible Use of Artificial Devices or Equipment**

The penalty for a player's first breach during the round has been reduced from disqualification to loss of hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for any subsequent breach of Rule 14-3 will continue to be disqualification.

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## NOTE FROM MARLANE TOSTENRUDE President Elect

Just a note to make sure you mark your calendars

Heron Lake's Awards Luncheon.

**OCTOBER 29, 2016**

## DAY'S PLAY TUESDAY

### March 1

#### Fairways

1st Donna Lee

#### Putts/Chips within a flag stick

1st Luan Penner

### March 29

#### Best Nine

1st Julie Gish - 30

2nd Luan Penner - 32

3rd Janet Elliott - 34

4th Jennifer King - 35

5th Jill Kim - 35.5

### March 8, 15, 22

Unfortunately no play

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## DAY'S PLAY SATURDAY

### March 5

No game, even though it turned out to be a beautiful day.

### March 12

No game. Too much rain!

### March 19

Three players completed first 18 hole round of the season.

Grace Chien

Kelsie Volk

Hollis Brown

### March 26<sup>th</sup>

#### Low Putts

1st Traci Fleming 36 putts

Nice result for early in the season.

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## Note from Janet Elliott, OGA Rep/Secretary

The [OGA Membership Referral Program](http://heronlakesgolf.com/-womens-club), developed late last year, is another no-cost program developed at gaining brand new members. An already established OGA member can refer a brand new member (or someone who hasn't had an active GHIN Number for at least three years) to join their club (either directly through the club, or online). Once that new member is active in the GHIN system, the referring member can fill out the online form (found in the link). After cross-checking to make sure the new member is indeed new, we send the referring member a thank you gift (either an OGA hat, OGA logo'd golf balls or \$10). This program is of no cost to clubs, while the OGA handles all of the logistics.