

2017 Heron Cup Event Series: *The Road to Bandon*

Rules and Information

ELIGIBILITY & EVENT OVERVIEW

This tournament series is modeled off of the PGA Tour's *FedExCup*® and features a regular season of five events, with a championship invitational to conclude the series. All amateur golfers are eligible to participate, provided that they:

1. Have an up-to-date USGA Handicap Index® (for example, GHIN) **and**
2. Are enrolled in the Heron Lakes Players Club loyalty program.

All eligible golfers who qualify at the end of the regular season will be invited to participate in the exclusive *Heron Cup Invitational*, the final event of the series. Points will be awarded for each event based on performance and participation and will continue to accrue for the duration of the series. Prizes will be awarded for top finishers in each individual event as well as to the top 3 point-leaders at the completion of the series. The player with the highest aggregate point total at the completion of the entire series will win the coveted *Heron Cup* and grand prize trip to Bandon Dunes Golf Course.

HANDICAPS & SCORING

All players must have an up-to-date USGA Handicap Index® to be eligible to play in each event. Players will receive their full course adjusted handicap, based on their current Handicap Index and tees played. Players will be provided official scorecards on the day of play to be exchanged with another player in their group.

- **Exceptional Tournament Scores** – Upon the discretion of the TC, players may be assigned a “tournament handicap” in accordance with Section 10-3 of the USGA Handicap Manual.
- **Tiebreakers** – Individual events = scorecard playoff; season point totals = sudden death playoff

REGULAR SEASON EVENTS

The regular season will consist of five monthly events including four stroke play competitions at Heron Lakes and one modified stableford event at Colwood Golf Center. All eligible golfers may participate in all regular season events. Players who participate in all five regular season events will earn a **100 point bonus** towards their series total.

- **Heron Lakes Events** – These four events will follow the standard stroke play format. Final gross & net scores will determine placing in each event, which will also determine how many points golfers will earn towards their aggregate series total. Additional points can be earned during each event by winning hole-contests (e.g. KPs)
- **Colwood Par-3 Challenge** – Unlike in a stroke play format, the goal in a stableford format is to get a higher score for the round. Since the course is not rated for handicaps, only gross scores will be used. However, in an effort to help compensate for net scoring, players will receive points for their handicap index, rounded to the nearest whole number. For example, a 12.6 HI would receive an additional 13 points to be added to his final point total for the day's round. Points will be awarded for scores of bogey or better on each hole:

Bogey – 5 points | **Par** – 10 points | **Birdie** – 20 points | **Ace** – 50 points

In addition to the points earned from placing, the “points” a player scores during his round will be added to their aggregate series point total. For example: During his round, John gets 13 pars and 5 birdies for a score of 230. As a 12 handicap, he receives an additional 12 points bringing his total to 242. His score results in a 10th place finish, also earning 100 points. John will have 342 points added to his aggregate series total.

HERON CUP INVITATIONAL

Only qualifying players will be invited to participate in this championship finale to close out the event series. This will be the final chance for players to add to their aggregate point total in the chase for the *Heron Cup* and *The Road to Bandon*. Like the regular season events, this event will follow a standard stroke play format. However, points will be doubled, rewarding players for strong performances in this championship setting. To qualify for this event, players must:

1. Have participated in **at least three (3)** regular season events **and**
2. Have earned a minimum of **300 total points** over the duration of the entire series

RESULTS & POINT STANDINGS

Event results will be posted at heronlakesgolf.com/HeronCup. This webpage will contain all event-related information and feature a Point Standings Table which will be updated in a timely manner over the course of the series.

RULES, SCHEDULE & POINTS INFORMATION

Rules sheets will be handed out before play for each event containing any additional rules that may be deemed necessary (e.g. winter rules, ground under repair). USGA Rules govern all play except as modified below:

- **Tees** - All women will play the **red tees**; men who are at least 55 years old or who have at least a 15 handicap index may exercise the option to play the **white tees**; all other men will play the **blue tees**. Tees must be declared at time of registration. Rule 3-5 will be used for net scoring whenever different tees are played.
- **Points** - Players cannot win in both the net and gross competitions, so they will receive the higher valued prize and points. Whenever a player holds the same position in both games, preference would go to gross score.
- **Native Grass** - will be played as a lateral water hazard
- **Drop Zones** - all designated drop zones on par-3s may be used
- **Range Finders** - are permitted in accordance with the policies set by the USGA and OGA which can be found at the following link: <http://www.oga.org/index.php/Rules/details/C35/1086>
- **Caddies & Spectators** - caddies are permitted in accordance with USGA rule 6-4; spectators are allowed to observe the match provided that they are not acting as an additional caddie.

Heron Cup Gross/Net Points		
Place	Regular Events	Invitational
1 st	200 points	400 points
2 nd	180 points	360 points
3 rd	170 points	340 points
4 th	160 points	320 points
5 th	150 points	300 points
6 th	140 points	280 points
7 th	130 points	260 points
8 th	120 points	240 points
9 th	110 points	220 points
10 th	100 points	200 points
11 th	90 points	180 points
12 th	80 points	160 points
13 th	70 points	140 points
14 th	60 points	120 points
15 th	50 points	100 points
16 th -20 th	40 points	80 points
21 st & over	30 points	60 points

Heron Cup Series Event Schedule
5/21/17 - Season Opener (HL Great Blue)
6/25/17 - June Classic (HL Greenback)
7/30/17 - Star Spangled Shootout (HL Great Blue)
8/27/17 - Summer Championship (HL Greenback)
9/10/17 - Par 3 Challenge (Colwood Golf Center)
9/24/17 - *Heron Cup Invitational (HL Great Blue)*
Entry Fees: Heron Lakes - \$30 Colwood - \$20 *No entry fee for Heron Cup Invitational*

Colwood Par-3 Challenge	
Hole Score	Modified Stableford Points
Bogey	5 points
Par	10 points
Birdie	20 points
Ace	50 points

PRIZES & AWARDS

1 st Place – Total Cup Points	2 nd Place – Total Cup Points	3 rd Place – Total Cup Points
Bandon Dunes Resort stay and play golf package for four	Black Butte Ranch stay & play golf package for four	Wine Valley golf package for four

Place	Regular Season Heron Lakes Events	Colwood Par-3 Challenge	Heron Cup Invitational
1 st	Two 18-hole rounds of golf at a Premium Northwest Golf Course	Two 18-hole rounds of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate	Two 18-hole rounds of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate
2 nd	Two 18-hole rounds of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate	Two 18-hole rounds of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate	Two 18-hole rounds of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate
3 rd	One 18-hole round of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate	One 18-hole round of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate	One 18-hole round of golf at Heron Lakes and Gift Certificate

All questions and concerns should be directed to the Heron Lakes Tournament Coordinator
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