



# **Heron Lakes Men's Club**

## **Membership Handbook**

**2016**

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## ***Congratulations!***

Your membership in the Heron Lakes Golf Club provides you the opportunity to regularly play some of the most challenging 36 holes of golf in the Northwest. We are glad you have joined!

Your membership in the Club entitles you to several benefits:

- Membership in the Oregon Golf Association
- Membership in the PNGA
- Computerized bi-weekly handicap service
- Weekly Wednesday and Saturday Play with Preferred Tee Times
- Monthly Major Tournaments, including Member-Guest
- Club funded entries to three OGA Tournaments for qualifying members
  - Net Championship
  - Team Championship
  - Tournament of Champions
- Turkey Shoot Tournament (Free Turkey)
- 10% Discount on in-stock Pro Shop Merchandise
- Monthly Newsletter
- Free Subscription to Pacific Northwest Golfer Magazine
- A \$100 prize for a hole-in-one during Club play

*Now that I have joined, how do I get into the weekly game?*

**Winter Program (November-February).** The sign-up sheet for Saturday play is available at the course on the Saturday prior to the date of play. You may sign up at the course or by calling the course and requesting a tee time by Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m. The tee time may change depending on participation.

**Summer Program (March-October).** For regular Saturday play, the sign-up sheet is available at the course on the Saturday preceding the date of play. You may sign up at the course or call the course to request a time. Space is limited to the first 80 players. On regular Saturday play, tee times are designated by where you have signed up (either in person or by phone) on the sign-up sheet. Scoring is done on both a gross and net basis.

For regular Wednesday play see “Wednesday Play” below.

All members are invited to attend the monthly HLGC Board of Directors meetings. They are held on the last Wednesday of each month at:

**ELMER’S RESTAURANT**  
**9848 N. Whitaker Rd. (Delta Park)**  
**starting at 6:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions, contact any member of the Board of Directors below:

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## Heron Lakes Golf Club Rules Information

The Heron Lakes Golf Club is a member of the U.S.G.A. and the O.G.A., and as such there are golf rules to be followed. Except as provided in the rules sheet for particular events (scramble format, etc.), all play in the Club is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and the Club's Local Rules. The Local Rules are posted on the Club's board in the clubhouse and on the Club's page on the course's website.

It is understandable that any one golfer cannot be knowledgeable of every rule pertaining to every condition in golf. Therefore, in a doubtful situation, if no one in your group is certain of the applicable rule(s), play two balls. You must first state that you are doing so because of doubt as to the proper procedure and state which ball you intend to score if the rules allow. Keep score on both balls and get a ruling after the round.

If you have a grievance, state it on the hole being played, and when you finish your round, bring it to the attention of the Game/Tournament/Rules Chairman.

If you have any questions regarding the rules, contact the Game/Tournament/Rules Chairman.

## Pace of Play Policies

- 1) Report to the tee box ten minutes prior to your start time; the **tee time is when you should be hitting the ball from the first tee.**
- 2) Slow play will not be tolerated. Play ready golf. When finished putting, go to the next tee and tee off. Each player is responsible for his timely play. The first time you will be warned, the second time is a two-stroke penalty and the third time is disqualification. Members of the Board and designees will be monitoring groups.

## Weekly Saturday Tournaments

The Heron Lakes Golf Club has rules, like the game, that must be adhered to for the benefit of all. Our membership is larger than the number of starting times we have available for our Saturday play. To accommodate as many players as possible, there are certain procedures which must be followed.

**Winter Program (November-February).** The sign-up sheet for Saturday play is available at the course on the Saturday prior to the date of play. You may sign up at the course or by calling the course and requesting a tee time. **On Friday, signed-up members must call in to confirm their times (503) 289-1818.** The tee time may change depending on participation.

**Summer Program (March-October).** For regular Saturday play, the sign-up sheet is available at the course on the Saturday preceding the date of play. You either must sign up at the course or call the course to request a tee time. Space is limited to the first 80 players. Tee times are designated by where you have signed up (either in person or by phone) on the sign-up sheet. Scoring is done on both a gross and net basis.

**Cancellation Policy.** In order to cancel your time, you *must* call the course and request cancelation with pro-shop staff (503) 289-1818 before the pro-shop closes the day before the day of play. Failure to do so will result in a no-show penalty (see "Important" below).

**White Tee Game.** Individual Saturday plays include an optional white tee game. Anyone at least 55 years old or a player of any age with a handicap index of 15 or greater will be allowed to play from the white tees at their option. These players may play from the blue tees if they prefer. Ensure the scorecard reflects the tee's you play. All other players are to play from the blue tees. The blue tee and white tee games will be separate competitions.

**Entry Fee.** Ten dollars (\$10.00) is payable on the first tee to the foursome captain (player in the foursome with the lowest handicap) for the game. If you do not wish to participate in the weekly game, you may still play on Saturday, however, you must designate that you will not participate in the weekly game at the time you sign up and you must play at the end of the field. If you do not participate in the weekly game, you are subject to being bumped in favor of participating members.

## Wednesday Play

The Club also has play on Wednesday mornings consisting of 12 tee times starting at 8:30 a.m. The Wednesday game is a 'Net' game played from the white tees, which counts toward Major Tournament eligibility. Similar to the Saturday play rules, there is a Wednesday sign-up sheet available at the course on the Wednesday preceding the date of play. Any cancellation must be made by the Monday evening before play. No-shows will be assessed a \$10 penalty. All other club rules apply.

Entry fee for Wednesday Play is five dollars (\$5.00).

## Important

**No-show fee.** If you fail to show up for any reason from March through November, you will be ineligible to play in any of the weekly or monthly tournaments until you contact the Wednesday/Saturday Captain and pay a no-show fee. Play in the HLGC will not be allowed until the total fine is paid. No show fees are \$15 for individual tournaments. No show fees for the major tournaments are \$15 plus the entry fee.

**Prizes.** Weekly Play, Monthly/Major Tournament prizes will be held for 30 days only. If the winner of such prize does not collect the prize by contacting one of the Saturday/Wednesday Captains or Tournament Chairmen within 30 days, the prize reverts to the Club Treasury.

**Guests.** Any member may bring a guest, if space is available. A member with a guest is eligible to be in the individual game (the guest is not). The member and guest may play anywhere in the field, provided that any member has priority over any guest if space is not otherwise available for the member in the field. A guest is limited to two plays per year prior to joining the club.

## **Major Tournament Eligibility**

In order to encourage participation in the Club weekly events, eligibility for three of the ten Major Monthly Tournaments requires participation in five prior Club events during the year, with two-day tournaments counting as two days. In addition, credit is given for OGA sponsored events. (It is the player's responsibility to report play in any OGA sponsored events to the Club's Handicap Chairman). The three Majors with the eligibility requirement are the Two-man Best Ball, the Club Championship, and the Turkey Shoot.

Exceptions to the FIVE PLAY RULE may only be granted for good cause, upon application in person or in writing to the Board of Directors. Eligible applications will be accepted first for all major tournaments. ***Contact the course on the Friday before the tournament for your starting time or check club website.***

**Five play rule and exceptions will be followed strictly.**

## **Handicaps and Scorecards**

The Handicap Committee, appointed by officers of our golf club, is responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System. Our Committee includes a Handicap Chairman who has been certified by the Oregon Golf Association. We are obligated and committed to ensure the integrity of each Handicap Index we issue. In the interest of fairness, and because we are compelled by our license with the OGA / USGA, we will provide education as well as uphold the rules of the Handicap System. While this sounds very serious, these regulations are required so our club can assure equity in our games.

***The Handicap Committee has set forth the following policies and procedures for all members carrying USGA Handicap Indexes:***

- Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.
- All acceptable rounds must be posted for peer review, including 9 hole scores.
- Scores must be posted within 3 days of the round being played.
- Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) must be applied to all scores for posting purposes. (See below for an explanation of how to adjust your score using ESC.)
- The Rules of Golf and the Club's Local Rules must be followed.

***Scorecards for Club play should be turned into the Wednesday/Saturday Captain or Tournament Chair. These rounds will be posted for you by the Handicap Chairman. All postable scores for rounds played outside Club play must be posted using the following method(s): Random audits will be performed.***

- Posting computer at our golf course
- Posting computer at any golf course when playing away

- [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com) or mobile application

**Winter Rules:** Our Committee has adopted temporary Local Rules that may be put into effect for dealing with winter course conditions (see “Local Rules” on the Club’s page on the course website). During the season when scores are being posted for handicap purposes, scores must be posted even if winter rules are in effect.

***Disciplinary actions for failure to post or manipulating Handicap Index:***

1. First failure to post or manipulation of your score will result in a verbal warning.
2. Second failure will result in a written warning.
3. Third failure will result in the appropriate penalty round issued for scores not posted.
4. After your fourth failure to post your score or continued manipulation of your scores, further disciplinary action will be taken as the Handicap Chair / Committee deems fair and equitable.

A player must earn a Handicap Index. No player has an inherent right to a Handicap Index without providing full evidence of ability to our club’s Handicap Committee. The Committee has the ultimate authority and obligation to adjust or withdraw a Handicap Index if it deems it necessary to do so.

***OGA Season Dates, Handicap Revisions, Active / Inactive Season:***

- Handicap Indexes will be updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, as per the USGA National Revision Schedule.
- OGA active handicapping season begins March 1<sup>st</sup>. Last day to post a score is November 30<sup>th</sup>. Last official Handicap Index update of the season is December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- No local scores can be posted during the off-season, which is December 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of February. However, rounds played in sun-belt states must be posted in a timely fashion.

**Score Posting Responsibilities**

The Oregon Golf Association and the Heron Lakes Golf Club firmly believes that the responsibility of score posting should be on the **INDIVIDUAL GOLFER** for rounds not played with the Club, not the Pro Shop Staff or the Handicap Committee. For a golfer with an OGA/USGA Handicap Index, posting a score immediately after play should be an automatic duty to be carried out effortlessly.

A handicapping computer will be readily available in the Pro Shop for posting scores. Scores posted on the handicapping computer will be sent to the GHIN handicapping service. These score may take several days before they are posted to your GHIN profile.

Golfers may also elect to post scores via the Internet by using the [www.GHIN.com](http://www.GHIN.com) website or GHIN mobile application. Scores posted via the internet are immediately posted to your GHIN profile.

Scores for tournament play shall be posted on the player’s behalf. These scores shall be posted as Tournament Scores and shall be denoted in your GHIN profile with a “T”.

## **Fundamental Player Responsibilities:**

- Know and apply the rules of golf
- Know your current OGA/USGA Handicap Index
- Convert your OGA/USGA Handicap Index to a Course Handicap against the slope of the set of tees you are playing

## **Adjust Your Scores For:**

- Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)
- Holes not played
- Incomplete holes
- Conceded strokes

**POST EVERY SCORE IN LEGAL SEASON NO MATTER WHERE YOU PLAY!**

**KNOW WHAT MAKES A SCORE UNACCEPTABLE FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES!**

## **Scores to Post**

To post an 18-hole score, the player must play at least 13 holes in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf. To post a 9-hole score, the player must play 7 to 12 holes, and at least 7 holes must be played in accordance with the principle of the Rules of Golf.

## **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)**

The downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap. ESC is used only when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds the player's maximum number based on the table below.<sup>[1]</sup>

<b>Course Handicap</b>	<b>Maximum per Hole Score</b>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 to 19	7
20 to 29	8
30 to 39	9
40 or more	10

Additional information on ESC can be found at : <http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Rule-04/>

## Holes not Played

If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player must post a nine-hole score. In either case, scores for unplayed holes must be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes.

Example: A player with a Course Handicap of 13 stops playing after 16 holes because of darkness. Hole 17 is a par 3 and is the number 18 handicap-stroke hole. The player will record 3 (par) for an X-3 on hole 17. Hole 18 is a par 4 and is the number 12 handicap-stroke hole. The player will record 4 (par) plus 1 handicap strokes for an X-5 on hole 18.

## Incomplete Holes / Conceded Strokes

If a player does not finish a hole or is conceded a stroke, record the most likely score for handicap purposes. A most likely score is the number of strokes already taken, plus in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that point more than half the time. The most likely score should have an "X" preceding the number.

For example, player A is just off the green in two strokes, and player A's partner just holed out for a two; therefore, player A decides to pick up. Player A determines the most likely score would have been to chip on and two putt; therefore, player A will record an X-5 on the scorecard (two strokes already taken plus three more strokes to complete the hole). Player A does not automatically put down the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) maximum.

## Temporary Handicaps:

If you do not have 20 scores posted, your handicap will be listed as temporary. Temporary handicaps may be adjusted at the discretion of the Tournament Chairmen to ensure that player's handicap is most representative of his ability.

Please do not hesitate to direct any questions or concerns to **Tad Weigel**, Handicap Chairman – [tad.weigel@comcast.net](mailto:tad.weigel@comcast.net).

## Heron Lakes Golf Club 2016 Tournament Schedule

February 20	Two Man Scramble
March 19	Match Play (OR vs. WA)
April 23	Two Man Best Ball
May 21	Memorial Classic (tbd)
June 11-12	Member Guest Format (tbd**)
July 9-10	2 Man Best Ball*
August 20-21	The Club Championship*
September 17	Two Man 3 X 6
October 22	Red, White & Blue
November 20	The Turkey Shoot*

\*To be eligible for the (\*) tournaments, you must have participated in at least 5 weekly or major tournaments starting January 1, 2016 (two-day tourneys count as two plays).

\*\* Team may consist of two members or a member with a guest.



The Club is limited in the number of players for all Major Tournaments. The first eligible entries received by the Club will be accepted for play in that tournament. Contact the course or check the website [heronlakesgolf.com](http://heronlakesgolf.com) on the Friday before the tournament for your tee time.

Tournament Coordinators:

- Nick Miesle (503) 819-4531
- Derek Call (360) 773-6512

Contact for questions.

## Heron Lakes Golf Club — Weekly and Tournament Schedule 2016

### February

- 3 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 6 Sat \*Individual Play - Great Blue *Tim*
- 10 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 13 Sat \*Individual Play – Greenback *Lorne*
- 17 Wed Individual Play - Greenback
- 20 Sat \*Major - Two Man Scramble - Great Blue
- 24 Wed Individual Play - Greenback
- 27 Sat \*Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*

### March

- 2 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 5 Sat \*Individual Play – Greenback *Bert*
- 9 Wed Individual Play - Greenback
- 12 Sat \*Individual Play – Great Blue *Lorne*
- 16 Wed Major - 2 Net Shamble, Blue, White, Red
- 19 Sat \*Major – Match Play OR v. WA - Great Blue
- 23 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 26 Sat \*Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*

### April

- 2 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Bert*
- 6 Wed Individual Play - Greenback
- 9 Sat TEAM Play – Great Blue *Lorne*
- 13 Wed Individual Play - Greenback
- 16 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*
- 20 Wed Major – 4 Man Stableford
- 23 Sat Major - Two Man Best Ball - Greenback
- 27 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 30 Sat Individual Play – Great Blue *Bert*

### May

- 4 Wed Individual Play - Greenback

- 7 Sat Individual Play – Great Blue *Lorne*
- 11 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 14 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*
- 18 Wed **Major – 4 Man 2 Net Payball Each Hole**
- 21 Sat **Major - Memorial Classic – Great Blue**
- 25 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 28 Sat **TEAM Play** – Greenback *Bert*

## June

- 1 Wed Individual Play - Greenback
- 4 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Lorne*
- 8 Wed Individual Play - Greenback
- 11 Sat **Major - Member/Guest - Great Blue +**
- 12 Sun **Major - Member/Guest – Greenback +**
- 15 Wed **Major – 4 Man Scramble**
- 18 Sat **TEAM Play** - Greenback *Eric*
- 19 Sun **Father’s Day Tournament Greenback - Tim**
- 22 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 25 Sat Individual Play – Great Blue *Bert*

## July

- 2 Sat **TEAM Play** – Greenback *Lorne*
- 6 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 9 Sat **Major – Two Man Best Ball – Greenback**
- 10 Sun **Major – Two Man Best Ball – Great Blue**
- 13 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 16 Sat Individual Play – Great Blue *Eric*
- 20 Wed **Major – 4 Man One – Two Net**
- 23 Sat Individual Play -Greenback *Bert*
- 27 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 30 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Lorne*

## August

- 3 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 6 Sat **TEAM Play** – Greenback *Eric*
- 10 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 13 Sat Individual Play – Great Blue *Bert*
- 17 Wed **Individual Net Championship**
- 20 Sat **Major – Club Championship – Greenback**
- 21 Sun **Major – Club Championship – Great Blue**
- 24 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 27 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Lorne*

## September

- 3 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*
- 7 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 10 Sat **TEAM Play** – Great Blue *Bert*
- 14 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 17 Sat **Major – Two Man 3x6 – Great Blue**
- 21 Wed **Major – TBA**
- 24 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Lorne*
- 28 Wed Individual Play – Greenback

## October

- 1 Sat \*Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*
- 5 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 8 Sat \*Individual Play – Great Blue *Bert*
- 12 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 15 Sat \*Individual Play – Greenback *Lorne*
- 19 Wed **Major –4 Man Scramble**
- 22 Sat \***Major – Red White & Blue – Greenback**
- 26 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 29 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*

## November

- 2 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 5 Sat \*Individual Play – Greenback *Bert*
- 9 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 12 Sat \*Individual Play – Great Blue *Lorne*
- 16 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 19 Sat Individual Play – Greenback *Eric*
- 20 Sun **\*\*Major – Turkey Shoot – Great Blue**
- 23 Wed Individual Play – Greenback
- 26 Sat Individual Play-Greenback *Bert*

**	Shotgun Start @ 8:05am
*	1st tee time starts @ 8:03am
+	Team may consist of 2 members or a member/guest.
Regular Sat Group	Apr to Sept - 21 tee times (7:00 am - 10:00 am)
Sat Group	Feb, Mar, Oct, & Nov - 11 tee times (8:03am - 9:33am)
Wed Group	First tee time @ 8:30am/11 tee times
Jun/Jul/Aug Majors	2 Day 25 tee times/100 players (6:51am-10:36 am)
Feb/Mar/Oct Majors	15 tee times (7:54 am - 10:00 am)



### Benefits of an OGA Membership

When you join an OGA Member Club, you get far more than just a USGA Handicap Index. You can feel proud knowing that you have joined an alliance committed to safeguarding the integrity of the game, promoting fair play, preserving the game's traditions and enhancing the playing environment for golfers.

In addition to GHIN (the USGA Handicap Index® computation service we provide), golfers who are members of OGA Member Clubs will receive numerous valuable benefits including!

- **A free membership in the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.** You'll be joining more than 500 clubs and 175,000 golfers in the region in support of the game of golf. You'll also be able to participate (where eligible) to play in any of the regional championships conducted by the PNGA.
- **A free subscription to Pacific Northwest Golfer** magazine mailed directly to your home four times a year (plus an added fifth emailed version). It's the premiere golf/lifestyle magazine for golfers in the Pacific Northwest including news and information about Oregon golf.

In addition, your membership now includes donations made in your name to Oregon Junior Golf Fund, Inc. and the Evans Caddie Scholarship Fund.

Don't forget, you're joining an organization with a core mission to enhancing the game on all levels for all golfers. Here are some of the other services your membership helps fund:

- Handicap and Rules Seminars
- Rating & Measuring Golf Courses
- Supporting turfgrass research.
- Conducting state championships such as the Oregon Amateur

In the coming months, we hope to add even more value to your membership. For instance:

You'll have an opportunity to participate in [OGA Tour](#) events (including competitive individual and team events as well as casual play, non-competitive outings at resorts, private clubs and daily fee facilities in our region).

You'll receive additional benefits through our association with potential corporate partners.

When you support the game of golf in the region, the value is priceless. Our annual fee of only \$30 (just \$2.50 per month) is incorporated into the dues you pay an OGA Member Club.

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