

### 1.0 Monthly Newsletter

A monthly newsletter shall be published during the golf season containing a report from the President on the state of the Club, President-Elect on assigned topics, Vice Presidents on day's play results and related activities, Committee Chairs on Handicapping, Rules, and Tournaments, Secretary on membership and Treasurer on finances. Contributors shall meet the newsletter editor's established deadlines.

### 2.0 Membership Web Link

Our membership web link shall be published and contain information about the following, in language that new members and new players are able to understand:

- List of officers for the current season
- Club Champions – past through current
- Tuesday and Saturday Days Play Schedules
- How to Sign Up for Days Play
- Club Bylaws
- Standing Rules
- Local Rules
- Tournament Schedule
- Tournament Eligibility (within Standing Rules)

### 3.0 Hole-in-One Award

The Hole-in-One Award shall be a \$100.00 to be awarded to a member scoring a hole-in-one during a complete 18-hole competition on a regular play day and/or Club Tournaments with the Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club (HLWGC) on the Greenback or Great Blue Golf Course. The award will not be considered valid on a temporary green.

### 4.0 Tournaments

- 4.1 Eligibility for the Spring, Fall, and Ringer Tournaments require a member to have a current established handicap index. The **Ringer Tournament** includes regular day's play and tournaments (including the Memorial Best Ball Tournament) on the **Greenback golf course**.
- 4.2 Eligibility for the Club Championship requires a member to have a current established handicap index and to have played 6 complete 18-hole rounds with the HLWGC in the current season, which may include tournaments.
- 4.3 The Tournament chairs shall share responsibility for planning and conducting the **Memorial Best Ball Tournament**, a tournament designed to bring all Club members (Tuesday and Saturday) together to meet new friends and have fun.
- 4.4 The Club Championship Tournament is a two day tournament held on consecutive Saturday/Tuesday or Tuesday/Saturday.
- 4.5 Spring and Fall Handicap Tournaments are two day tournaments to be ideally held 2 consecutive Tuesdays and 2 consecutive Saturdays. Participants must sign up in advance for chosen days. Players can choose any two out of four days to play that works best for their schedule.
- 4.6 Ringer tournament is one tournament and includes play on the Greenback golf course on either a Tuesday or Saturday.
- 4.7 In the event of a tie for the Club Champion, there will be a three-hole play-off immediately following completion of play. After 3 holes, if there is still a tie, a hole-by-hole play-off will determine the winner. The winner of the Club Championship will be invited to play in the 2017 and 2018 OGA Tournament of Champions only if she handicaps at Heron Lakes, as the OGA recognizes members of a club only if they handicap with said club.

- 4.8 In the event of a tie for the Champion of the Spring and Fall Handicap Tournaments, the winner shall be decided by the score of the last nine holes, if still tied, then the last six holes, the last three holes, and finally, the last hole. One-half, one-third, one-sixth, one-eighteenth handicaps shall be used.
- 4.9 Tournament awards will be given at the Annual Meeting/Banquet.
- 4.10 The Tournament Awards for 2016 will be determined by the Golf Committee and adhered to by the Tournament Chairs.

## 5.0 Handicap Policy

- 5.1 The Handicap Committee, appointed by officers of our golf club, is responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System. Our Committee includes Valerie Spirit (Saturday Handicaps) and Luan Penner (Tuesday Handicaps), who have 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. These regulations are required so our club can assure equity in our games.
- 5.2 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 by the individual 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.
  - The principles of the Rules of Golf must be followed.
- 5.3 All acceptable scores must be posted using the following methods (If an error is made in posting a score, contact your Handicap Chairman by email):
- Posting computer at our golf course.
  - Posting computer at any golf course when playing away.
  - Posting on-line at [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com)
- 5.4 The Tournament Committee has determined that the following events will be posted as tournament Scores by the Handicap Committee:
- The Spring Handicap Tournaments
  - The Club Championship Tournaments
  - The Fall Handicap Tournaments
- 5.5 The Rules Committee has adopted temporary Local Rules for dealing with unpleasant course conditions. When we are in active season, scores still must be posted if using Preferred Lies (Winter Rules).

## 5.6 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. Rounds played in sun-belt states must be posted in a timely fashion.

## 5.7 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 necessary. Disciplinary Actions for failure to post or player manipulating their Handicap Index:

- First failure to post or manipulation of your score will result in a verbal warning.
- Second failure will result in a written warning.
- Third failure will result in the appropriate penalty round issued for scores not posted.
- Fourth failure will result in further disciplinary action to be taken as the Handicap Committee deems fair and equitable.

## 6.0 **Guests**

Guests can play with HLWGC for three (3) days before becoming a member. The guest can play in the day's game with a current handicap index.

## 7.0 **The Days Play**

Members in good standing are required to participate.

## 8.0 **Oregon Golf Association Director**

The OGA Director shall be appointed by the President at the first board meeting of the year. The OGA Director will maintain communication between the OGA and the Club and will attend all OGA meetings.

## 9.0 **Other Appointments for 2017**

- 9.1 Publicity/Newsletter – Betty Schram
- 9.2 OGA Women's Interclub Play – Janet Elliott
- 9.3 Home & Home Exchange – Janet Elliott
- 9.4 OGA Director – Janet Elliott