



# 2018 Heron Cup Event Series: *The Road to Bandon*

## Tournament 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 have an up-to-date USGA Handicap Index® (for example, GHIN)

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 in each event based 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 5 point-leaders at the completion of the series. The player with the highest aggregate point total at the completion of the series will have their name engraved on the *Heron Cup* trophy and win the 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, as follows:

**Bogey** – 3 points | **Par** – 5 points | **Birdie** – 10 points | **Ace** – 20 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 115. As a 12.6 handicap, he receives an additional 13 points bringing his total to 128. His score results in a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish, also earning 100 points. John will have 228 points added to his aggregate series total.

### HERON CUP INVITATIONAL

All players will be invited to participate in the championship finale, but qualifying players do not have to pay green fees. 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](http://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

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

| Heron Cup Series Event Schedule                           |
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| <b>5/20/18</b> - Season Opener (HL Great Blue)            |
| <b>6/10/18</b> - June Classic (HL Greenback)              |
| <b>7/08/18</b> - Star Spangled Shootout (HL Great Blue)   |
| <b>8/12/18</b> - Summer Championship (HL Greenback)       |
| <b>9/09/18</b> - Par 3 Challenge (Colwood Golf Center)    |
| <b>9/23/18</b> - *Heron Cup Invitational (HL Great Blue)* |
| <b>Green Fees: Heron Lakes - \$45   Colwood - \$24</b>    |
| *No green fee for Heron Cup Invitational*                 |

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

### Awards – Season Points Leaders

| Rank                        | Venue                    | Prize Package Details                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b> | Bandon Dunes Golf Resort | Foursome of golf, 1-night lodging and gas card |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b> | Silvies Valley Ranch     | Foursome of golf, 1-night lodging and gas card |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b> | Skamania Lodge           | Foursome of golf and 1-night lodging           |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b> | Wine Valley Golf Club    | Foursome of golf                               |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Place</b> | Collins Lake Resort      | 1-night lodging                                |

### Awards – Individual Events

Top Gross & Net finishers (25-30% of field) in each monthly event will also be awarded prizes including the following:

- Golf at Chambers Bay
- Golf at Colwood
- Space Age Gas Cards
- Hole-in-One contests every event, with top prizes up to \$10,000
- Golf at Heron Lakes
- El Gaucho Gift Cards
- Adidas Golf Shoes
- Golf at Stone Creek
- HUB Gift Cards & Merc.
- Golf Ball Dozens

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

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