



# 2019 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 10 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 active 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, and scores will be posted after play.

- **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 KP hole-contests.
- **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** – 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 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 qualifying players will be invited to play in this season finale and will not be required 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*. Like all of the regular season events at Heron Lakes, 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** - Women will play the **yellow tees**; by default, men will play the **black tees** (6600yds); men who are 50+ years old or who have a 14+ course handicap may opt to play the **blue tees** (6200yds); men who are 65+ years old or are 50+ years old **AND** have a 14+ course handicap may opt to play the **white tees** (5800yds). USGA Handicap Rule 3-5 will be used for net scoring whenever there is play from different sets of tees.
- **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.
- **Maximum Score** - Players may pick up their ball on a hole once they have reached a score of double par, without being disqualified from the competition. For instance a maximum score of 8 will be taken on a par4.
- **Native Grass** - Penalty area | **Drop Zones** - Tee box of the yellow stones, no closer to the hole than the stone.
- **Range Finders** - Permitted in accordance with the policies set by the USGA and OGA.
- **Caddies & Spectators** - spectators are allowed to observe, provided that they do not act as a 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
5/19/19 - Season Opener (HL Great Blue)
6/23/19 - June Classic (HL Greenback)
7/21/19 - Star Spangled Shootout (HL Great Blue)
8/25/19 - Summer Championship (HL Greenback)
9/15/19 - Par 3 Challenge (Colwood Golf Center)
9/29/19 - Heron Cup Invitational (HL Great Blue)*
*Must have played in at least 3 regular season events and accrued at least 300 points

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

### Awards – Season Points Leaders

Rank	Venue	Prize Package Details
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bandon Dunes Golf Resort	Foursome of golf, 1-night lodging and gas card
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Silvies Valley Ranch	Foursome of golf, 1-night lodging and gas card
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	TBD	TBD
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	TBD	TBD
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	TBD	TBD
6 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Heron Lakes Golf Club	Gift Certificates; values dependent on field size

### Awards – Individual Events

Top Gross & Net finishers in each monthly event will also be awarded prizes including:

- Golf at Chambers Bay
- Golf at Stone Creek
- Golf at Heron Lakes
- El Gaucho Gift Cards
- HUB Gift Cards
- Space Age Gas Cards
- Adidas Golf Shoes
- Stanford's Gift Cards
- Golf Ball Dozens
- HIO prize up to \$5k

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

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