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# HERON LAKES

## WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

An abundance of rain stalled our Fall Tournament so we won't know the winner till the final round is played this week. Let's hope that sunshine prevails for the rest of our season even if mornings are a little cooler. It seems that it's always easier to add another layer of clothing for warmth rather than trying to run between raindrops!

Please remember that our Annual Meeting and Luncheon is October 19 at Colwood Golf Course. Mail your checks to our Treasurer, Wendy Weddle as soon as possible so that we can get our final lunch count into the restaurant. If you have a raffle item to donate contact Robyn Pierce who is in charge of our luncheon this year. Also, giving money to The First Tee is always appreciated – forms will be provided at the luncheon.



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As the final days of our golf season pass by, I want to thank everyone for all their work on our behalf this season. In particular I want to THANK those who do days' play every week: Janet Elliott on Tuesdays and Hollis Brown on Saturdays. These members have to keep track of pairings, come up with weekly games, cope with last minute no-shows, pay out money each week and do it all with smiles on their faces. Please say "thank you" to them for all their work!

Denise Aldridge and Betty Schram also get a big THANK YOU for doing all the same jobs as Janet and Hollis, but do it all for our Tournaments throughout this past season. Please keep in mind that our club runs on volunteer labor and that all help will be appreciated as we go into 2020. If you haven't taken on a job for the club, give some serious thought about helping the next time you are asked.

Thank you to Valerie Spirit for giving us a heads-up about the New Handicap System coming into usage the first of 2020. When you get a chance you can familiarize yourself with the change:

[https://www.oga.org/world-handicap-system?utm\\_source=OGA%20Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Sept.%2024](https://www.oga.org/world-handicap-system?utm_source=OGA%20Newsletter&utm_medium=Sept.%2024)

Hope to see you all on October 19 at Colwood Golf Course.

Happy Golfing!  
Beverly Bollinger  
2019 President

## Annual Awards Luncheon

*Set for October 19, 2019*

All members are encouraged to sign up for the Fall Awards Banquet and annual meeting to be held at Colwood Golf Course on Saturday, October 19. The day begins with a complimentary warm-up bucket of balls, followed by 9 holes of golf with tee times starting at 9:30am.

Our luncheon and annual business meeting will begin at 11:30am. Please arrive early for golf, to allow time on the range with an included warm-up bucket of balls. Come prepared to bid on baskets of goodies. All proceeds are donated to The First Tee.

The cost for the banquet is \$21.00 and \$36.00 with golf.

Colwood Golf Center is located at 7313 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland, OR 97218

# Leadership

## Board of Directors

President	Beverly Bollinger
President Elect	Robyn Pierce
Sec/Membership	Vacate
Treasurer	Wendy Weddle

## Other Positions

Saturday VP	Hollis Brown
Tuesday VP	Janet Elliott
Tournaments	Betty Schram Denise Aldridge
Newsletter	Cheryl Ford Carolyn Young Marlane Tostenrude
Tues Handicap	Luan Penner
Sat Handicap	Valerie Spirit
Rules	Joan Heeter

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**OGA Women's Interclub Gross Champions**

**2018**

**OGA Women's Interclub Gross Champions**

**2017**

**OGA Women's Interclub Net Champions**

**2016**

**OGA Women's Interclub Gross Champions**

**2015**

**OGA Women's Interclub Champions**

# Tuesday Results for September

## September 3

Hurdles

### Flight A

1st	Janet Elliott	-1
2nd	Mary Desch	+2
3rd	Susan Seeley	+3
4th	Noemi Smith	+4
	Lee Kim	+4

### Flight B

1st	Penny Wolsky	-5
2nd	Pam Wilson	0
3rd	Luan Penner	+2
4th	Wendy Weddle	+4
	Cathryn Todd	+4
	Marty Andrews	+4

### Flight C

1st	Donna Lee	-5
2nd	Carol Skiles	-4
	Gail Knoll	-4
4th	Robyn Pierce	-3
	Stephanie More	-3
6th	Frieda Talbot	-1
	Linda Pelon	-1

## September 10

Rain out

# 2019 Fall Handicap Results

**OVERALL WINNER-KOORYE FANTAZIA - 142**

### Flight A:

1st	Joan Heeter	146
2nd	Loraine Fischer	147
3rd	Tracy Bardell	149
4th	Betty Schram	152

### Flight B:

1st	Carolyn Sites	146
2nd	Lee Kim	147
3rd	Mary Desch	149
	Hollis Brown	149

### Flight C:

1st	Rochelle Gurule	149
2nd	Gail Knoll	154
	Pam Wilson	154
4th	Linda Pelon	156

# 2019 OGA WIP Final Results

Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club has won the 2019 OGA Women's Interclub Play Gross Championship. . This is the third crown and the second in a row to go along with the 2015 Overall Interclub Championship and the 2017 Net Championship. This is the 5th trophy the team has brought home.

Great job ladies. Amazing consistency over the past 5 years.



(L to R) Joan Heeter, Camille Fournier, Janet Elliott, Denise Aldridge and Mimi Smith. Not pictured: Betty Schram.

## A Sneak Peek - World Handicap System

There are several items to keep in mind as we prepare for the new World Handicap System set to debut in 2020. Below is a sneak peek of what's to come.

1) The minimum number of scores to establish a Handicap Index will be three 18-hole rounds made up of any combination of 9 or 18-hole scores. A new player establishing a Handicap Index will use PAR + 5 as their maximum score per hole.

- Current system requires five 18-hole rounds (or 10 nine-hole scores combined)

2) For a full scoring record of 20 scores, the system will take the 8 lowest score differentials to calculate the Handicap Index.

- Current system takes 10 lowest score differentials

3) When abnormal playing conditions cause scores to be unusually high or low on a given day, a Playing Conditions Calculation, or PCC, will adjust score differentials to better reflect the player's actual performance.

- Current system has no comparable adjustment

4) Net Double Bogey (or Double Bogey Plus) will be used when a player's actual score or most likely score exceeds a maximum number derived using the following formula. All players, no matter their Course Handicap, will use Net Double Bogey:  $\text{Net Double Bogey} = \text{Par} + 2 \pm \text{Handicap strokes received or given on a hole}$

- Current system uses Equitable Stroke Control & can change according to the Course Handicap range in which the player falls

5) The Maximum Handicap Index for men and women will be 54.0. This will encourage more novice golfers to get a Handicap Index.

- Current system has a max of 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women

6) Under the World Handicap System, a Handicap Index will update daily. This feature should encourage golfers to post their scores immediately following their round.

- Current system updates Indexes on the 1st and 15th of each month



Blue Heron eyeing Bev Bollinger on the 13th



# Rules: Penalty Areas

Areas of the course formally known as water hazards and lateral water hazards are now referred to as penalty areas. While there are still two colors differentiating the type of penalty area, the Committee in charge of the course or competition has greater liberty to use red markings to provide the player with an extra relief option. Additionally, the Committee may now mark any area of the

course as a penalty area, such as extreme rough where a ball is often difficult to play.

One note of caution -- in the past, both water hazards and bunkers were clumped together under the definition of hazards. Penalty areas and bunkers now have separate Rules regarding play and relief options. The word "hazard" doesn't exist in the new Rules.

## Questions: True/False

1. If a ball lies partially in the general area of the course and partially in a penalty area, the ball is treated as in the penalty area.
2. A player must not ground his or her club before making a stroke in a penalty area.
3. Loose impediments that are in the same penalty area as the ball must not be moved.
4. For a ball that hasn't been found, the player must have knowledge or virtual certainty that the ball is in the penalty area before using the relief procedures provided under Rule 17.
5. When a ball is in either a red or yellow penalty area the player may, under the stroke-and-distance option, play from where the previous stroke was made.
6. The back-on-a-line relief option may be used for yellow or red penalty areas and allows a player to select their own reference point for relief.
7. The lateral relief option consisting of dropping a ball within two club-lengths of where the original ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area may allow the player to drop on the putting green side of a yellow penalty area.
8. Both the back-on-a-line and the lateral relief options prohibit the player from dropping in and playing from the same penalty area.
9. If the player has interference from an animal hole when playing a ball inside a penalty area, he or she may take free relief but must drop the ball in a relief area inside the penalty area.
10. A ball embedded in the ground in a penalty area may be lifted, cleaned and dropped in a relief area, with no penalty, but must be dropped in the same penalty area

Answers on the next page.

## Answers:

1. True. Rules 2.2c and 17.1a. If any part of the ball touches a penalty area, it is treated as lying in the penalty area. This is true no matter which part of the course the rest of the ball lies in.
2. False. Rule 17.1b. The new Rules allow a player to do some things in a penalty area that were previously prohibited, and grounding the club and taking practice swings in a penalty area are two actions that are now permitted.
3. False. Rule 15.1a. As stated above in answer #2, a player may do everything allowed in the general area of the course including removing loose impediments. The player should use caution when doing so near the ball as causing the ball to move when removing the loose impediment will result in a penalty.
4. True. Rule 17.1c. In order for a player to proceed with relief from a penalty area, the player must have knowledge or virtual certainty that the ball is in the penalty area. Virtual certainty is defined as 95% likely that the ball is in the penalty area. If the player doesn't have knowledge or virtual certainty that the ball is in the penalty area, the ball is considered lost and the player must play under stroke and distance from where the previous stroke was made.
5. True. Rule 17.1d(1). A player may, at any time, play from where the previous stroke was made. This option comes with a one-stroke penalty and Rule 14 explains how the ball must be put into play.
6. True. Rule 17.1d(2). This option gives the player the opportunity to select the distance which he or she will play from, keeping the hole in line with where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area and backing up on this line as far as the player wishes. A reference point is then selected and the player must drop within one club-length of this spot, but not closer to the hole. This option allows the player's relief area to be in any area of the course except the same penalty area from which relief is being taken.
7. False. Rule 17.1d(3). The option allowing a player to drop within two club-lengths of where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area is available only when the ball is in a red penalty area.
8. True. Rule 17.1d(2) and (3). Both of these options require the player to take relief outside the penalty area. After dropping a ball outside the penalty area, the player may play the ball, without further penalty, even if the penalty area interferes with the player's stance or swing.
9. False. Rule 16.1a(2) When a ball is in a penalty area, the player is not allowed relief for an abnormal course condition including an animal hole, temporary water or an immovable obstruction.
10. False. Rule 16.3a(1). Similar to answer #9. When a ball is embedded in a penalty area, the player must play it as it lies or take penalty relief under Rule 17. Free relief for an embedded ball is not available.