

HERON LAKES

WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB



President's Message

Hello from the statewide lock down in California. My journey began as a warm winter escape from the winter rains in Portland. That was before the Coronavirus became a reality. Under the shelter in place requirements in CA and the local county, all golf courses are closed.

I hope that all our members are safe and healthy and continuing to practice social distancing to the best of your abilities. As we begin the 2020 season, Heron Lakes is here to provide an outlet during these stressful times and course management has made a number of changes to allow for your safe play. Those changes include online scheduling, sign-up and payment, removal of sand rakes, and adjustment of cups for putting out. There are several other changes at Heron Lakes, please review the list on the website before visiting. Most importantly, be sure to follow best practices including maintaining a safe physical distance to protect yourself while enjoying golf.

It's so great to see that several of our golfers were out playing the course in March. Hopefully, April will provide warmer temps and brighter days for



more of you to get out on the course. I wish I was there with you enjoying golf and the wildlife on our lovely course.

Good luck to everyone for the 2020 season at Heron Lakes Golf Course. If any member has a concern during the year, please feel free to contact me via email or cell phone.

Happy Golfing!

Robyn Pierce

Heron Lakes Golf and COVID-19

Heron Lakes will be Open on April 1st. Here is what they are doing to keep us all safe.

- Removed all rakes in bunkers. Use your foot to smooth the bunker after your shot
- Raised the cup depth by using a bracket so the ball can be picked out easily without touching the flagstick
- Flagstick stays in the cup at all times.
- Pay online for golf using golf genius when you sign up. If you need a cart call in to pay for the cart.
- Food to go maybe available.
- No gathering indoors and no game until the social distancing has been lifted.
- No exchange of scorecards but keep opponents score on your card. All cards will be turned in together after the quarantine is lifted.

Several people have been playing under these conditions and they have enjoyed being outdoors and playing with fellow golfers. They keep the 6 feet or farther distance throughout the round.

Please hold onto all scorecards as we will need them. The course needs to be re-rated and the accumulation of Ladies Club scores on each individual hole will give us a better analysis than what has been done in the past. The goal is to have them all entered into the golf genius system by end of year and those accumulated scores on each hole will give us the important information the OGA needs to re-rate the course from our tee boxes.

2020 Heron Lakes Women's Club Officers

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OGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019

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

USGA Rules and COVID-19

Because we are now living with the novel coronavirus, golf has taken on a new look. Below is an excerpt from the USGA:

"The USGA stands with our entire golf community during this time. We all love the game for the escape it provides, and it is our great hope that we will all be able to play it, watch it and enjoy it together soon. We continue to urge everyone to follow the guidelines from health and governmental officials to keep you and those around you safe, and to minimize any possible exposure to coronavirus. This is especially true on a golf course, where golfers, workers and owners should heighten their level of awareness on exposure to surfaces like flagsticks, golf balls, bunker rakes, tees, carts and scorecards. We all need to do our part to respect expert advice and make the right decisions to protect each other.

It is not the intended purpose of the below guidance to either encourage or discourage anyone from playing the game, but rather, in our governance role, to help golf course operators, committees and golfers better understand how the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping apply to the various questions we have received.

From the perspective of the Rules of Handicapping, the most frequent questions received are primarily related to the acceptability of scores for posting to a player's scoring record. In particular, relating to

modifying the hole and not requiring the player to "hole out" as required under the Rules of Golf.

These are founded in a desire to minimize the possibility of exposing golfers to coronavirus and have included leaving the hole liner raised above the putting surface or placing various objects into the hole so the ball can be more easily removed. In these specific cases, provided guidance from health and governmental officials is being followed, a temporary measure is in place within the United States to accept scores played under these conditions for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines, even though the player has not holed out.

This temporary measure is now in effect within the United States until advised otherwise by the USGA."

If you have any questions on the new World Handicap System, please feel free to contact your Handicap Committee:

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Valerie Spirit

There is also information posted on the OGA website www.oga.org

Rules and Handicapping Guidance During COVID-19 Era

March 20,2020 / Liberty Corner, N.J.

Tuesday Results for April

March 10, 2020

Best Net Nine

	HCP	Nine	
Fischer, Loraine	17	30	3rd
Desch, Mary	17	28	2nd
Penner, Luan	18	35	
Chien, Grace	19	30	3rd
Wilson, Pam	23	25	1st
Kinnick, Mary	28	37	

March 3,2020

Putts

	HCP	Putts	
Schram, Betty	12	31	1st
Elliott, Janet	12	34	2nd
Desch, Mary	17	34	2nd
Fischer, Loraine	17	39	
Penner, Luan	18	35	
Weddle, Wendy	23	36	

Saturday Results for April

March 13th

Two groups and no game.

Laurel Bjornstad
Koorye Fantazia
Hollis Brown
Katie Carlos guest

Noemi Smith
Betty Schram
Jill Kim
Lee Kim.

World Handicap System

Please don't wait, post your score immediately after playing! Your Handicap Index will be updated overnight and your score will be included in the daily Playing Conditions Calculation.

Many of you have already had the opportunity to post scores using the updated GHIN mobile app. The change from ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive on that particular hole) for posting purposes will take some time to get used to, but the hole-by-hole posting on the mobile app and/or the golf course computers will apply the net double bogey adjustments automatically.



**The most
important
shot in golf
is the next
one.**

—Ben Hogan

**Stay Safe Everyone
We Care About You**

