

# HERON LAKES

## WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

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### President's Message

Hello Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club Members

Congratulations to all the women who competed in the two week Fall Handicap Tournament. We had beautiful weather for the second Tuesday round of the tournament and one of our biggest turnouts of the season. A big thank you to Janet Elliott for organizing and managing this event. I want to give special recognition to our top finishers - Katie Carlos, Jen Woods, Deborah Gillis, and Hollis Brown.

2020 has been a year of changes to our daily lives. It is the activities that we can continue to do that I am so thankful for. Golf is a fun way to meet women with similar interests and enjoyment of the game. What are you grateful for in your life? It's especially important that you are kind to yourself and appreciate the gifts you have as individuals. It's been a challenging year and I'm glad so many have been able to join us for play at Heron Lakes.

The Fall Handicap Tournament is our final tournament of the year, but Tuesday and



Saturday play will continue through October. So far, fall is looking like good golf weather. As you get out to play a few more times this season, take time to enjoy the surroundings and experience of being in such a beautiful place as Heron Lakes.

Thank you for your generous donations to First Tee. The generosity of our club in gifting cash and gear has been remarkable.

Happy Golfing!

Robyn Pierce  
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## HLWGC Mission Statement

HLWGC President Robyn Pierce, along with Hollis Brown and Mary Kinnick developed a Mission Statement for the Club. Their goal was to draft a statement that would describe our group and let others know what we are about. Robyn is working to add the statement to our website.

The new Mission Statement is below.

*Our mission is to promote the game of golf for women. We offer assistance and support to each member to attain her goals, while learning the rules and etiquette of golf in a constructive and cooperative environment. It is our desire to provide an experience that encourages friendship, empathy and inclusion for women from diverse backgrounds by treating each other with respect and dignity.*

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

—Ben Hogan

## 2020 Heron Lakes Women's Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Robyn Pierce
<b>President Elect</b>	Susan Seeley
<b>Secretary/Membership</b>	Rochelle Gurule
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gail Knoll
<b>Tuesday VP</b>	Betty Schram
<b>Saturday VP</b>	Hollis Brown
<b>Tuesday Handicap</b>	Luan Penner
<b>Saturday Handicap</b>	Valerie Spirit
<b>Rules</b>	Joan Heeter
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Cheryl Ford, Carolyn Young, Marlane Tostenrude

## 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**

## Stroke Allocation 2020: "But it's the "hardest" hole!"

Gretchen Yoder

OGA manager of Handicapping & Course Rating

It never fails. Every time we step onto the golf course to work our Course Rating duties, we get similar questions. What are we doing there? When will the changes take place? Why isn't HOLE NO. X the number 1 handicap? It's the hardest hole!

The first two questions are pretty easy to answer. Let's focus on the third question.

There are two misconceptions about the Stroke Index Allocation (SIA), the first being that the No. 1-ranked hole is the "hardest" hole on the course. The purpose of the ranking of the holes is to determine where the higher-handicapped player deserves the assistance of an extra stroke in order to tie, or halve, a hole with the low handicapper.

relative to the set of tees, the level of golfer, the landing zones where each player hits and more. On occasion, there may be a hole where the higher-handicapped golfer has less difficulty due to their landing zones being nice wide fairways, but the low handicapper may have a landing zone where they must lay up to not hit through the corner on a dogleg, or they have a narrow landing zone with close-in bunkers, water, trees etc. In that case, the hole might be relatively less difficult for the Bogey golfer than the Scratch.

The No. 1-allocated hole should not necessarily be the "hardest" hole on the course. Often that hole is one where the relative difficulty is the same or similar for low- and high-handicapped golfers.

Front 9										
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
YARDS	339	353	335	147	469	156	339	520	352	3010
PAR	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	5	4	36
STROKE INDEX	7	5	3	13	15	17	1	9	11	
SCORE	6	5	5	4	9	6	5	7	6	53
ADJ. SCORE	6	5	5	4	8	5	5	7	6	51

That stroke should be assigned on the hole where the relative difficulty of the hole is more difficult for the higher-handicapped golfer than the relative difficulty for the lower-handicapped golfer. Did you notice that the word "hardest" was not mentioned?

When someone tells us about the hardest hole, we often ask back: Hardest for whom? The difficulty of a hole is

The second misconception of Stroke Index Allocation, formerly known as handicapping of the holes, is that it is part of the Course Rating process. It has never been the job of the Oregon Golf Association. It should have been calculated by the golf course/clubs by entering hole-by-hole scores for several hundred rounds of golf into a special program. That program analyzed the scores for low vs. high handicapped golfers to see where the

**(Stroke Allocation con't)**

biggest discrepancy between the groups of scores occurred.

That program still exists, and if a golf course would like to use it, OGA can get you access. Courses using USGA Tournament Management/Golf Genis to run their events can use the allocation program in that app to compare multiple rounds of golf and hole-by-hole scores.

The allocation of strokes should be re-run occasionally to update for course conditions, yardages, obstacle changes, equipment upgrades and differences in ability levels of the golfers who play the course.

For the first time, the USGA has come up with a method using Course Rating information to provide the SIA without the need of collecting and entering hole-by-hole scores. Instead of using hundreds of scores, it uses the same information for Scratch and Bogey golfers that is necessary to calculate the Course Rating. Bogey Rating and Slope for each course and set of tees.

Whichever system is used - hundreds of scores or the Course Rating Program- the basis is still the same:

- Rank the holes in order of relative difficulty 1-18
- Assess the odds to one nine (typically the front) and evens to the back, unless it is determined

that the back nine is statistically much more difficult

- Avoid assigning low numbered strokes to the end of each nine (nothing worse than having to "give" stroke on the last hole!)
- WHS has introduced the concept of Triads, where each group of three holes is considered a triad. The lowest stroke index (1 or 2) on either nine should be in the middle triad (fourth,, fifth or sixth hole).
- We all know that there is a lot of emotion tied to the SIA. If we keep the emotion out of it and go by the numbers, the system works.
- With the WHS allowing the golfer to post hole-by-hole scores, and scores being adjusted for Net Double Bogey, it was necessary to add the SIA for every golf course. Having SIA listed in the GHIN program, the system will automatically correct for a score that is beyond Net Double Bogey. In the example below, the person with a 21 Course Handicap shot a nine on the fifth hole. Since they can only post an eight, the necessary adjustment was made and the correct score will be posted in GHIN.

Contact Gretchen Yoder with Questions at [gretchen@oga.org](mailto:gretchen@oga.org)

**First Tee Donations Are Close to Goal**

The HLWGC has already raised more than \$800 for The First Tee.

In early September, Susan Seeley and Betty Schram made a trip to the Children's course to drop off donations from the Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club and to see the construction at the course. They were impressed by the new facility and came away with a goal of buying a paver from HLWGC.

Our goal is to raise \$1,000. With a donation of that amount, the First Tee will engrave HLWGC on a large paver in the breezeway of the new facility. Funds raised

from the "paver" program support the capital campaign and new building that ultimately benefit the children.

The First Tee is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing golfing opportunities to youth and families. The outreach programs are dedicated to nurturing disadvantaged children ages 7 to 17.

You can bring checks with you on Tuesday or Saturday, or send your tax deductible donations Gail Knoll at 28729 SW Meadows Loop, Wilsonville, OR 97070. Please make checks payable to HLWGC and designate First Tee on the memo line.

## Tuesday Day's Play

Between the smoke and Fall handicap Tournament this was only time we were able to play our usual format.

### September 1

The gross scores-handicap=net score-3 net scores=game net score.

#### Division A

1st	Joan Hetter	62
	Janet Elliott	62
	Julianne Allen	62
4th	Luan Penner	64
	Noemi Smith	64
	Betty Schram	64
	Jill Kim	64

#### Division B

1st	Deborah Gillis	59
2nd	Penney Stephenson	60
3rd	Cheryl Ford	63

#### Division C

1st	Maggie Atols	56
2nd	Julie Sanders	62
3rd	Linda Pelon	64
	Laurel Bjornstad	64

## Fall Handicap Tournament Results

We had less than ideal conditions for the first half the of fall Tournament. After not being able to play because of smoke, we finally got out on a very wet course with a lot of heavy grass on the fairways and water in some bunkers. Fortunately, the second half of the Tournament had beautiful weather.

Thanks to Janet Elliott for her work putting this year's Tournaments together. It is a lot of effort and Janet always does a great job.

### Overall

1st	Katie Carlos	-10
2nd	Jen Woods	-7
3rd	Hollis Brown	-2
	Deborah Gillis	-2
5th	Donna Lee	E

### C Flight

1st	Deborah Gillis	-2
2nd	Laurel Bjornstad	+5
3rd	Mary Kinnick	+7
	Robyn Pierce	+7
5th	Linda Pelon	+8

### A Flight

1st	Jen Woods	-7
2nd	Janet Elliott	+1
3rd	Kathy Inskeep	+2
4th	Grace Chien	+6
5th	Joan Heeter	+7

### D Flight

1st	Katie Carlos	-10
2nd	Donna Lee	E
3rd	Ann Reno	+6
4th	Jennifer King	+21
5th	Kathi Garcin	+33

### B Flight

1st	Hollis Brown	-2
2nd	Penny Stephenson	+4
3rd	Carolyn Young	+7
	Loraine Fischer	+7
5th	Pam Wilson	+10

