

HERON LAKES

WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB



President's Message

As we move into September and the continued fight against COVID-19, please know how thankful we all are to be able to get together to play golf in the Heron Lake's Women's Club. All members are important.

I'm thankful for the group of volunteers that organize weekly play and tournaments and keep getting us out on the golf course. It's truly a treasured experience for me during this challenging time. Please be sure to pass on your thanks to Betty, Hollis, Janet, Rochelle, Susan, Joan, Luan, Valerie, Cheryl, Carolyn and Marlene. These wonderful ladies schedule us to play, think up fun games, coordinate with the course, plan and organize tournaments, interpret rules, write newsletters, and help us all to have some a good time. My thanks to them all for the services and good will they provide to our club.

I'd also like to thank Tom who gets us all up to the tee and out on the course. He's cheerful, friendly and helpful. I may be missing others; please thank them for their help.



A reminder on keeping your score, there are many wonderful tools to assist you. Talk to the pro shop or look on Amazon for ideas. I like the string of beads someone gave to me years ago.

We've had a couple of days when Pace of Play was a problem. It is important to keep up to the group in front of you. It can be challenging and frustrating when we tee off one group after another, only to find we are a hole or even two holes behind. A ball in a hazard or other problems can cause delays. Remember, you only have 3 minutes to look for lost balls. Be prepared to play "ready golf." Please do your best to pick up your place to catch up with the group ahead. One good strategy is to have the first 2 players that putt out move to the next tee and hit.

Thanks to all those donating items and equipment to First Tee. It's a good organization that supports kids learning to golf.

It's been a good season and I've appreciated the opportunity to play golf. Thanks to all those members that get out and play each week.

Happy Golfing!

Robyn Pierce
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Fall Handicap Tournament Sign Up

Our annual Fall Handicap Tournament is just around the corner. Janet Elliott is the tournament chair and requests that you sign up by September 11. You may choose two of the following dates: September 22, 26, 29 or October 2.

Please signup by sending an email to Janet at janete.elliott@gmail.com



2020 Heron Lakes Women's Club Officers

President	Robyn Pierce
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Saturday Handicap	Valerie Spirit
Rules	Joan Heeter
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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

Annual Awards Will Support First Tee

Just because there is not an Annual Awards Luncheon this year doesn't mean we can't still support the First Tee Organization. You still have time to support the First Tee by making a financial contribution. Make checks to HLWGC with First Tee written on the subject line and hand to Robyn, Betty, Hollis, Gail or Susan. Checks can also be mailed to Gail. Thanks to everyone who donated

items to First Tee. The receipt for to fill out and use for your tax returns is attached at the end of the newsletter.

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.

Here is a note of thanks from Susan Seeley

Dear Ladies Group,
Thank you so very much for all the wonderful donations you brought to the course over the last couple of weeks. Betty and I took 9 golf bags, several sets of clubs, cute animal head covers, drivers, fairway woods, hybrids, putters, wedges, shoes, golf balls (new and used), bags of clothes, and other golf related items to the Children's Course Wednesday morning!! Your generosity is impressive and very much appreciated!

Marti Loeb, Executive Director of the First Tee Program of Great Portland was extremely grateful for the donations and is looking forward to getting your donations into the hands of the kids enrolled in the fall programs.

Again, my sincere thanks,
Susan Seeley



(L to R). Betty Schram and Susan Seeley touring the construction site at the Children's Course in Gladstone.

Hellos

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members for 2020. Please make sure you introduce your self to our new members.

Maggie Atols
Lyn Bonyhadi
Shelly Brummer
Katherine Carlos

Kathi Garcin
Elizabeth Schmick
Reta Smith
Jean Stephenson

MaryJo Turner
Lisa Wright (Returning)

Goodbye

We would also like say a sad good bye to Tracy Bardell. Tracey has been a member of HLWGC since 1990. She is an eight time champion/co-champion. She has held several positions of leadership within the club from President to Saturday Captain and

was instrumental in starting the Memorial Tournament to remember all of our members who have passed. She is moving to New Mexico and will be missed. Good luck Tracy on your next adventure.

A Primer on the Rules of Golf - Part 3

Women's Club President, Robyn Pierce has asked that the newsletter include some reminders on the Rules of Golf. Golf rules can be complicated and have seen some major changes recently. An understanding of the rules can avoid conflicts with other players and insure a level playing field.

If you have a question about rules or have seen times when players aren't sure about a certain rules, please let me know and I will include the answer in a future newsletter. Send suggestions to Carolyn Young, cyoungski@gmail.com.

No way back from Out of Bounds (OB)

Out of bounds is usually marked by white stakes. This is the case on the right side of Greenback hole number 1. What do you do when you hit the ball out of bounds on the first hole? Tee it up and hit it again, adding a penalty of one stroke. If you aren't sure if the ball is out of bounds, play a provisional and declare it. If your original

ball is subsequently found in bounds within three minutes of the time your search began, you must continue with the original ball.

Some courses have local rules for out of bounds, so it is a good idea to check.

Cart Paths

Hitting a ball on a cart path happens all the time. You can take relief from a cart path and other immovable obstructions such as a road, path with an artificial surface, a wall, or a fixed bench.

You are entitled to relief from a cart path if it impacts your stance, swing, or the lie of your ball. Here's what to do. First, determine your nearest point of relief by finding the point closest to the hole where the cart path no longer interferes with your stance, swing, or lie of the ball. The nearest point of relief can be to the right, left, or behind the cart path but cannot be closer to the hole than the ball's original position. Once you find your

nearest point or relief, mark the spot with a tee. Then mark off one club length, no closer to the hole. Drop the ball from knee height within the one club length. Remember, you can't influence how the ball will come to rest (such as by spinning the ball) and your ball can't touch your body or equipment before it hits the ground.

Anytime you need to take relief, it's a good idea to inform the other members of your group about what you're doing and allow them to observe the proceedings.

A group picture
from July's
Memorial
Tournament.
Everyone had on a
hat once owned by
former member
Val Holzer.



Five Ways Golfers Can Care for the Course

As golfers, we should always be doing our part to help care for the courses we play on, but contributing to course care is especially important this year. Many golf course superintendents have been operating with reduced budgets and fewer staff members due to the COVID-19 pandemic. They have been forced to focus on critical tasks, like mowing, and have postponed or eliminated many other important maintenance practices. Courses will be playing catch-up for a while and doing what we can to help keep them in good shape will help maintenance teams focus on the most important tasks. A little extra effort on our part might also make a big impact on playing conditions because some of the routine repairs we've come to expect from the maintenance staff may not happen for a while. Here are five ways golfers can help care for the course during this challenging season:

Repair ball marks

Repairing ball marks is something we should always be doing. Unfortunately, maintenance staffs often spend a significant amount of time each year fixing unrepaired ball marks so they don't negatively impact playability and aesthetics for weeks to come. This year, the last thing maintenance teams need to be doing is a job we can easily do ourselves. If you repair your ball mark and a couple of others with the proper technique, you'll be doing everyone a favor.

Repair your divots

Repairing our divots correctly is another easy way to make a difference this year. Maintenance teams may not have the resources to fix unrepaired divots, and the scars can be lasting. Improperly repaired divots can take months to heal – if they ever fully heal at all. This leaves the risk of a bad lie in the fairway for our fellow golfers. Repairing our divots correctly, along with a few others for good measure, will go a long way toward keeping fairways smooth this year.

Follow cart rules

We all know that golf carts can damage a course if they aren't used properly, if traffic gets heavy, or if weather conditions aren't conducive to cart traffic. This year there is added pressure with the single-rider cart policies enacted at many courses. Don't be surprised to see more cart restrictions this season as courses try to limit the damage. Following the rules and keeping carts on paths as much as possible will make a difference. If you're able to walk more often this year, that certainly won't hurt either.

Smooth the sand

Bunker conditions may be a little rougher than what many of us have become accustomed to. Many courses have removed rakes to reduce touchpoints and maintenance teams may not have the same amount of time to spend on bunkers as they have in the past. A bad lie in a bunker is not the end of the world, but if we can do our best to smooth footprints and other disturbances with a club or our feet it will reduce the number of tough spots out there this year. It's not the ideal way to smooth bunker sand but doing the best you can will help.

Adjust our expectations

Many golf courses in the U.S. have started this season behind schedule. Due to staffing and budget challenges, important practices like aeration and topdressing had to be scaled back or postponed. Heights of cut were raised to reduce mowing requirements and countless detail-oriented tasks had to be skipped entirely. One of the best ways to help golf courses through this difficult time is by being understanding if we find course conditioning or presentation is different than what we're used to. There's a good reason behind it, and this year has reminded us all that just being out there playing the game we love is something to celebrate.

[USGA.com](https://www.usga.com) MAY 1, 2020. By George Waters, USGA Green Section

New Classified Section Coming to Newsletter

We've had a request to start a classified section in the newsletter and we're going to give it a try. There are two rules for placing something in the classified. 1. you must be a member of HLWGC 2. The item must be related to golf.

If you have something you want to sell, send the information to Carolyn Young. cyoungski@gmail.com

2020 Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club Championship

Congratulations to Joan Heeter is the 2020 Heron Lakes Women's Golf Champion. She shot R1 78 and R2 81 for 159 total. Kathy Inskeep was the Club Net Champion.

A Flight

Club	Joan Heeter	78	81	159
1st	Jill Kim	84	82	166
2nd	Susan Seeley	85	84	169
3rd	Janet Elliott	81	89	170
4th	Tracy Bardell	86	85	171
5th	Julianne Allen	95	96	191

C Flight

1st	Hollis Brown	94	89	183
2nd	Pam Wilson	99	89	188
3rd	Carolyn Young	95	97	192
4th	Deborah Gillis	99	98	197
5th	Wendy Weddle	105	94	199

B Flight

Net, 1st	Kathy Inskeep	85	86	171
2nd	Grace Chien	89	92	181
3rd	Camille Fournier	95	99	183
4th	Luan Penner	95	90	185
5th	Loraine Fischer	91	98	189

D Flight

1st	Linda Pelon	105	98	203
2nd	Gail Knoll	113	95	208
3rd	Mary Kinnick	104	108	212
4th	Robyn Pierce	103	112	215
5th	Donna Lee	109	116	225

Saturday Day's Play

August 8

Low net on the par 4's.

1st	Lee Kim	41
2nd	Linda Pelon	42
3rd	Hollis Brown	43
4th	Rochelle Gurule	45
	Noemi Smith	45

August 15

Low net

1st	Koorye Fantazia	67
2nd	Jill Kim	71
3rd	Katie Carlos	78
	Linda Pelon	78

August 29

We played N.O.S.E.

1st	Grace Chien	37
2nd	Elizabeth Schmick	38
	Rochelle Gurule	38
4th	Noemi Smith	40
5th	Linda Pelon	42

August 22

Low Net

1st	Koorye Fantazia	70
2nd	Grace Chien	71
3rd	Carolyn Sites	74
4th	Julie Sanders	79

Tuesday Day's Play

August 18

Game was Net Score Waltz

1st	Joan Heeter Maggie Atols, Luan Penner Penney Stephenson	128
2nd	Koorye Fantazia Julianne Allen Lee Kim Wendy Weddle	129
3rd	Reta Smith Freida Talbot Luan Penner Penney Stephenson	134

August 25

Best 9 holes

Flight A

1st	Luan Penner	31
2nd	Janet Elliott	32
3rd	Jill Kim Noemi Smith	33

Flight B

1st	Marlane Tostenrude	30
2nd	Jan Rothert Carolyn Young	31
4th	Pam Wilson Penney Stephenson	31

Flight C

1st	Maggie Atols	25
2nd	Ann Reno	27
3rd	Jennifer King	31

Bridge Closure Begins Next Week

The nine-day closure of the northbound span of the I-5 Interstate Bridge begins **next week, September 12-20**, when crews will replace mechanical parts that help lift and lower the bridge.

On the morning of **Saturday, September 12**, crews will begin the work to move northbound traffic onto the southbound span of the bridge and install the zipper barrier. By the afternoon of Saturday, September 12, I-5 traffic in both directions will be sharing the three lanes on the southbound span of the bridge.

