

# HERON LAKES

## WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

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### President's Message

Welcome back to all who have started playing the 2021 season!

The Tuesday group got off to a great start on March 2nd, with a beautiful and fairly warm day. We started the first day with 18 players, including 3 new members. It was a perfect size group for a Scramble. On March 6th, the Saturday group kick-off was cool and blustery. There were 7 players, including 2 new members, who also played a Scramble. It was great fun to have a team game bringing us together to start off the season.

Even though there was plenty of tree damage lining the fairways from the recent winter storm, there were also signs of spring. Pink blossoms on the trees were especially noticeable on holes 13, 14 and 15. An added attraction for our viewing pleasure was a well trained border collie chasing the geese off the course. It's very entertaining to watch! I bet we'll see this black and white wonder often over the next several weeks.



As the weather continues to warm up and more of us are playing, please be sure to read through a new document called the Member Guide. It has great information for new players and good reminders for others, that will get us ready and organized for the golf season. Another great read you'll also find in the documents section of the website, is our recently updated Local Rules. It's especially important to acquaint yourselves with these at this time of year. It's helpful if we all do our part to stay informed.

I stopped by the golf shop for a current "Players Edition" of the USGA Rules of Golf and they didn't have any. Bill Hart emailed me that they will not be ordering them going forward. He directed me to download the free mobile App, USGA Rules of Golf. However, if you would like to have the hard copy for your golf bag please email me and I'll make sure you get a copy.

We have many new members this year! It's very exciting to see our club grow. If you see someone you don't know please stop and introduce yourself. This brings me to my next point. Please consider becoming a mentor to a new member. Contact Hollis Brown or Betty Schram.

The posting season started March 1st. Please remember to post all your scores even if playing Winter Rules. Posting hole by hole is preferred to ensure accuracy. It's super important to have an accurate handicap. If you plan to play in our season long Match Play Tournament, Spring and Fall Handicap Tournaments or Women's Inter-club Play (WIP), you need an up-to-date and accurate handicap. If you have any questions about your handicap please contact Luan Penner our Handicap Chairperson.

Happy Spring,  
Susan

### Important Dates For Your Calendar

Match Play Begins:	June 2
Spring Handicap Tournament:	June 8, 12, 15, 19
Club Championship:	August 3, 10
Memorial Tournament	July 24
Fall Handicap Tournament:	Sep 14, 18, 21, 25
Awards Luncheon	October 9

## 2020 Heron Lakes Women's Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Susan Seeley
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<b>Secretary/Membership</b>	Rochelle Gurule
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<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

<b>2019</b>
<b>OGA Women's Interclub Gross Champions</b>
<b>2018</b>
<b>OGA Women's Interclub Gross Champions</b>
<b>2017</b>
<b>OGA Women's Interclub Net Champions</b>
<b>2016</b>
<b>OGA Women's Interclub Gross Champions</b>
<b>2015</b>
<b>OGA Women's Interclub Champions</b>

## HLWGC SURVEY RESULTS

Linda Pelon - Heron Lakes Women's Club President Elect

Thank you all for your contributions to my survey requesting the top two reasons you love the game of golf and your number one pet peeve when playing with others. This was not a scientific survey, but a way of helping us to reflect on why we are passionate about this sport and to highlight some things that often bother others that we may not be aware of.

I was happy to get 41 responses! A few added an extra peeve so the numbers don't actually match but were important enough to include.



***"I love to play golf because it is a game that all ages can play together, from grandchildren through great-grandchildren. It enhances positive life characteristics such as patience, honesty, having a positive attitude, and integrity."***  
**\*MY FAVORITE RESPONSE**

WHY WE LOVE Playing	Total	PET PEEVES	Total
1 SOCIAL/Friendships/Meeting new people	23	1 SLOW PLAY/Not being ready/Long set up	15
2 Competition/Challenge/Skill Building	20	2 Negativity/bringing others down/anger	8
3 Being outdoors/Beauty/Wildlife	19	3 Talking too much/distracting others	5
4 Exercise	9	4 Not repairing divots	3
5 Thrill of a great shot or round	6	5 Self-critiquing and commenting to group often	3
6 Lifetime Sport	5	6 Poor bunker raking	2
		7 People telling me what I shot on a hole	2
Total	82	8 Cliques/Not mixing groups enough	2
		9 Cell phones	1
		10 Not moving your ball marker on another's line	1
		11 Laughing when you make a poor shot	1
		12 Casting shadow when I'm putting	1
		13 Whiffing my ball	1
		Total	45

SO LET'S ENJOY OUR FRIENDS AND PLAY READY GOLF!!

### There is Still Time Be A Mentor

Being a new member can be intimidating. Our new Mentor program helps new members feel comfortable while they are learning the ropes. Mentors will be assigned to play a round or two with an incoming member.

If you are interested, please contact Betty Schram for Tuesday play and Hollis Brown for Saturday play at the following numbers and emails:

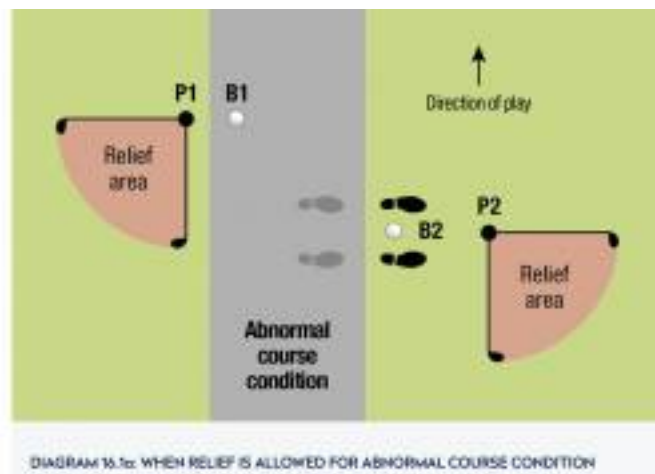
Hollis: (360)607-9116      [brownvan@nwnetcom.net](mailto:brownvan@nwnetcom.net)  
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## Brush Up on the Rules - Dropping the Ball

Adapted from OGA's Rule of the Month

Rule 14.3. Previously, a player was required to drop the ball from shoulder height and at arm's length away from the body while standing erect. All of the requirements pertaining to the posture of the player have been removed and the ball must simply be dropped from knee height of the player, measured when standing. This does not require the player to be standing when dropping the ball. It is just a measurement of the distance the ball must fall.

You can substitute a ball when you drop. Rule 6.3b. Previously, the player wasn't allowed to substitute a ball when dropping under certain Rules. Now a different ball may be used for every drop. Even when a dropped ball has come to rest outside the relief area and must be re-dropped.



Rule 14.3. The ball must hit the ground in the relief area and come to rest in the same relief area. The likelihood that a ball will roll far enough to require a re-drop has been greatly reduced by the fact that the drop is only from knee height.

Sometimes the drop area is steep and the ball will roll out of the area. Rule 14.3c(2). When a correctly dropped ball comes to rest outside the relief area, the player must drop a ball again in the same relief area. If the second dropped ball also comes to rest outside the relief area, the player is required to place a ball on the spot where the second drop hit the ground. The player may not continue to drop an unlimited number of times. This procedure is commonly referred to as the "drop, drop, place" procedure. One major change is that the player may change balls with each drop and even when placing the ball in this scenario.

Rules 17 and 19. While almost every relief area will be measured with one club-length, there are two exceptions and both come with one penalty stroke. The first is when a player takes lateral relief for a ball that is in a red penalty area, the reference point is where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area and the player is allowed to drop a ball within two club-lengths of that spot and not nearer the hole than that spot. The second is if a player has decided to treat his or her ball as unplayable and chooses the option to drop a ball within two club-lengths of the reference point but not nearer the hole. In this case, the reference point is the spot of the original ball.

## It's Time to Review the Local Rules

HLWGC has adopted local rules that are in effect when you play at our club. Two of the local rules are below.

Preferred lies will be in place - Except when you are within one club length of a tree, bush, bunker or penalty area, you may take free relief no more than six inches from the original lie.

Covid Bunker local rule - Treat disturbed or unraked areas in the bunker as ground under repair. The player may take free relief within one club length no closer to the hole, but must be in the bunker and the ball can be placed.

## Tuesday Day's Play

### March 2nd

The Scramble was a HUGE success. I personally was thrilled I had teammates to help me out. A great day to bond, enjoy the sunshine and get to play golf.

1st	Luan Penner	72
	Jan Wilson	
	Betty Schram	
2nd	Noemi Smith	74
	Hollis Brown	
	Stephanie Doane	
	Mary JoTurner	
3rd	Susan Seeley	76
	Penny Stephenson	
	Julianne Allen,	
	Judith Lascola	

### March 9th

The game was about having 9 good enough holes. The 9 holes you chose were NET scores using 2 par 3's, 5 par 4's, and 2 par 5's.

1st	Lee Kim	33
	Julianne Allen	
	Penney Stephenson	
2nd	Hollis Brown	34
	Betty Schram	
3rd	Lisa Schaller	36

4th	Pam Godfrey	37
	Marlane Tostenrude	
	Jill Kim	
	Stephanie Doane	
	Janet Elliott	

### March 16

The two person best ball was a fun way to build relationships.

#### A Group

1st	Loraine Fischer	67
	Betty Schram	
2nd	Noemi Smith	68
	Penney Stephenson,	
	Luan Penner	68
	Jill Kim	

#### B Group

1st	Koorye Fantazia	74
	Marlane Tostenrude	
	Stephanie Doane	74
	Jennifer King	

### March 23

The game was Putts and KP's.

#### Handicap 0-20

Hole#3	Grace Chien
Hole#7	Jill Kim
Hole#14	No One
Hole#16	Noemi Smith

#### Handicap 21-up

Hole#3	Marlane Tostenrude
Hole#7	No one
Hole#14	Jennifer King
Hole#16	No one

#### Putts-

1st	Jan Wilson	34
2nd	Janet Elliott	35
	Jill Kim	
	Hollis Brown	
3rd	Noemi Smith	36

### March 30

Our Country two step had some good dancers in the group.

1st	Noemi Smith	44
2nd	Donna Lee	48
	Jan Wilson	
	Julianne Allen	
3rd	Jill Kim	49
4th	Pam Godfrey	50
5th	Penney Stephenson	51
6th	Janet Elliot	52
	Hollis with	52

## HLWGC Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote the game of golf for women. We offer assistance and support to each member to obtain 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.

## Saturday Day's Play

### March 6

We played another game of Scramble on Saturday, definitely a low stress way to get the season started.

1st	Grace Chien Hiromi DePriest Lee Kim.	72
2nd	Jeanette Lopez Jill Kim Katie Carlos Hollis Brown	78

### March 13

Low Putts – Front 9 and Back 9

#### Front 9 low putts

1st	Laurel Bjornstad
2nd	Betty Schram
2nd	Jill Kim Julianne Allen

#### Back 9 low putts

1st	Lee Kim Koorye Fantazia
2nd	Julianne Allen



Marlane Tostenrude  
And Rosie Gehlen  
Long time friends

### March 20

Rained Out....

### March 27

We played a Net Game minus the highest scores on one Par 3,4, and 5.

1st	Kelsie Volk	51
2nd	Laurel Bjornstad	53
3rd	Donna Lee Hiromi DePriest Hollis Brown	56
4th	Jen Woods Patty Meyers	58
5th	Jill Kim	59



Kathi Garcin and Joan Heeter golfing in the desert

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

— Ben Hogan