

HERON LAKES

WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB



President's Message

Hello and Happy Spring to All.

Welcome home to our members who've recently returned from the south and a big welcome to all of our new members. I was told we have 20 new members so far this year. We are happy that our group is growing. As I have asked and I will ask again, for all to please read the Member Guide. It's so important that we are all reading the same information so we can be helpful to one another. This will ultimately help our club be more welcoming and it will help it run more smoothly.

I've continually been out of town for most of the season. My mom finally got her new hip and now I'm moving her to Assisted Living. Since I haven't been playing I've had to try to keep up by watching who's coming to play and of course I've been interested in the Day Play results. The games our captains are choosing look like lots of fun as well as keeping us engaged and challenged to improve.



Please be sure to say "thank you" to Betty and Hollis for their hard work and dedication to our group. They have the difficult job of keeping track of everything that goes into making our play days happen as smoothly as possible. It's tricky to make pairings so that games run well with the wide range of skill levels in our group. Please read their instructions so you know what's going on and then do what they ask of you. I will be eternally grateful if we would all do this on a weekly basis.

We have our season long Match Play Tournament starting the first of June. Good luck to all who've signed up! We also have our Spring Tournament on June 15, 19, 22 and finishing on June 26th. Janet Elliott is our Tournament Chairwoman. It will be a busy month for her with both tournaments starting. Please be patient with the process, we have tournaments on Golf Genius for the first time this year.

That's it for now! Hit 'em long and straight,
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



Kathi Inskeep after a birdie chip in on #1

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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

Freedom in Golf



A while back, club member Jill Kim recommended a book to read when I was struggling with my game (more than usual.) The Book is titled "Extraordinary Golf, The Art of the Possible" by Fred Shoemaker.

I was struck by something the author said in the forward that has stayed with me and I have chosen to share his thoughts with you this month. Here are his answers to the question: What is the meaning of the freedom in golf?

"It means that when you step up to a shot, if you think of formulas, checklists, or swing keys, you're not free. If you think that looking good and not being embarrassed are most important, you're not free. If your actions are shaped by fear or even hope, you're not free. Freedom is stepping up to a

shot as if you were the very first golfer, unburdened by past history, with a future full of possibilities. Freedom is thinking, 'what shot would I hit if it were just up to me?' Which it is.

A person who can play this way is, in my opinion, the only person who is playing real golf. Everything else is golf with an asterisk, a footnote, a disclaimer. What about score? Although most people believe that getting the 'right' swing and hitting the 'right' shots will lead to the best scores. That has not been my experience. The freedom that I am describing is the basis for truly excellent, exceptional, extraordinary golf. As in any other endeavor, whether work or play, the more freedom, enjoyment, and enthusiasm you experience, the better the performance."

Linda Pelon
Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club President Elect

Spring Handicap

Don't forget to sign up for the Spring Handicap by June 8. This tournament is covered by your HLWGC Membership fee - there is no extra cost.

The tournament is handicapped and there will be many prizes. Contact Janet Elliott.

Notes from Saturday Day's Play

Saturday turnouts have been really good, with a new record of 24 players on May 29th. We had 5 tee times reserved for Saturday at the beginning of the year, but with the strong participation, the Golf Shop has increased that to 6 tee times, and potentially 7, if needed.

Thank you everyone for focusing on pace of play. Our rounds have been very close to the 4 hours and 22 minutes allowed on the Greenback.

The Heron Lakes scores cards are now updated with our new hole by hole stroke index allocation. If you are using a HL score card, you can now take your Course or Playing Handicap for the day and dot your cards. You will be able to determine your Max score

on any hole. Let me know if you need instruction on dotting your holes. It adds to your understanding of the game of golf.

Take time to read the rules of golf. The question I hear the most is how to take relief from a cart path. Here is a video on the USGA website that should help.

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/videos/2018/09/12/2019-rules-of-golf-explained-nearest-point-of-complete-relief-2.html> There is Still Time Be A Mentor

Hollis Brown
Saturday Vice President

Match Play Rule Reminders

Now that Match Play is underway, it is good to brush up on a couple of rules. The goal is simple - the lowest net score wins the hole and the player who wins the most holes wins the match.

Order of Play

Ready golf doesn't apply in Match Play. In match play, the order of play is extremely important. At the first tee, the player listed higher on the bracket in each match has the first tee honor. After that, the player who is farther away from the hole always plays first in each match until the hole is completed. On the next tee the winner of the first hole tees off first, or if the hole is tied, the play is in the order of the previous hole.

One of the fun and key aspects of match play is the opportunity to react to the shot of your opponent. Whether she hits a good or a poor shot might make a difference in how you wish to play your next stroke. That is why match play rules requires the player who is farthest away from the hole to play next. If you violate this rule, your opponent can recall your stroke and make you play it again.

Putts and holes may be conceded

Don't give away a difficult putt for a win, but when your opponent's ball is a few inches from the hole it is OK to concede. When you have a bad hole and you reach the point that there is no way you could win the hole, it is time to concede. Conceding a hole helps the match move quickly.

OGA Monthly Rules Questions: True / False

1. A ball may be replaced on the putting green by rolling it to the original spot with a club.
2. Soft and muddy ground is considered an abnormal course condition and the player may take free relief.
3. A provisional ball may be played in case the original ball is out of bounds or lost anywhere on the course.
4. A player's ball lies outside of a large area of ground under repair (GUR). A tree branch from a tree planted within the ground under repair extends beyond the lines defining the GUR. If the player has interference from any part of the branch, he or she may take free relief.
5. A hole created by a worm is considered an animal hole and thus, an abnormal course condition from which free relief is allowed.
6. An area of small trees has been declared a no play zone by the Committee. The area must also be defined as either a penalty area or an abnormal course condition.
7. When the Rules refer to a ball at rest or a ball in motion, this means a ball that is in play. Therefore, an abandoned ball or an errant ball from the range is a movable obstruction.
8. For a ball to be considered embedded it must be in its own pitch-mark made as a result of the previous stroke and part of the ball must be below the level of the ground.
9. If a player finds his or her ball after a four minute search and plays it, he or she has played a wrong ball.
10. The nearest point of complete relief is the reference point for taking penalty relief where the ball last crossed the edge of a penalty area.

OGA Monthly Rules Questions: Answers

1. **False.** Definition of Replace and Interpretation Replace/1. This ball has not been replaced properly and if the player makes a stroke at the ball, he or she gets one penalty stroke. To replace a ball properly, it must be set down and let go of with the intent for it to be in play.
2. **False.** Definitions of Abnormal Course Condition & Temporary Water. A correct answer may require you to search several definitions. Abnormal Course Conditions includes four defined terms; Animal Hole, Ground Under Repair, Immovable Obstruction and Temporary Water. The definition of Temporary Water specifically mentions that soft muddy ground is not considered an Abnormal Course Condition unless water remains present and visible either before or after the player takes his or her stance.
3. **False.** Definition of Provisional Ball. If the player believes that the original ball is either out of bounds or lost on the course outside of a penalty area, a provisional ball may be played. A provision ball may not be played simply because the player believes the ball is lost inside of a penalty area.
4. **True.** Definition of Ground Under Repair. According to the definition, any growing thing that is planted within an area of GUR is part of the GUR. This is true even if the growing thing (tree branch) extends above and beyond the edge of the defined area, but excludes roots.
5. **False.** Definitions of Abnormal Course Condition, Animal, Animal Hole and Loose Impediments. This question illustrates how the definitions interweave with other definitions and the Rules. While it is true that a worm is an animal and that the Rules provide free relief from animal holes, any hole that is dug by an animal that also fits the definition of a loose impediment, such as a worm, is not considered an animal hole and free relief is not available.
6. **True.** Definition of No Play Zone. Every no play zone must either be within a penalty area, which provides the player relief under a one stroke penalty or an abnormal course condition from which free relief is available. Additionally, the player may choose to proceed under the unplayable ball Rule but must not play the ball as it lies.
7. **True.** Definition of In Play and Interpretation Movable Obstruction/1. While this seems rudimentary, it is important to understand that the Rules are only concerned with balls that are in play by definition. For instance, an abandoned ball left on the putting green is treated much differently than a ball in play if it is hit with another ball that has been played from the putting green. See Rule 11.1b Exception 2.
8. **True.** Definition of Embedded Ball. This definition is repeated in Rule 16 almost word for word. Rule 16.3a describes not only when a ball is embedded but also the proper procedure for taking relief.
9. **True.** Definitions of Wrong Ball and Lost. A wrong ball can include the player's original ball when it is out of bounds, has become lost or has been lifted from the course and not put back into play. In the case presented, since the player's ball was not found within the three minutes allowed for searching, it has become lost according to the definitions and thus a wrong ball.
10. **False.** Definition of Nearest Point of Complete Relief and Interpretation Nearest Point of Complete Relief/1. The nearest point of complete relief is the reference point for taking free relief from an abnormal course condition, dangerous animal condition, wrong green or a no play zone. This point must be strictly interpreted. For example, a player is not allowed to choose what side of the cart path they wish to take relief. Instead, the nearest point of complete relief, as defined, must be determined and a ball dropped within one club-length of that spot but not nearer the hole and where there is no interference from the cart path.

Tuesday Day's Play

May 4, 2021

1st	Mary Desch	121
	Kelsie Volk	
	Linda Pelon	
	Lory Hefele	
2nd	Camille Fournier	122
	Julianne Allen	
	Hollis Brown	
	Freida Talbot	
3rd	Janet Elliott	123
	Laurel Bjornstad	
	Wendy Weddle	
4th	Debbie Niedert	127
	Jocelyn Lindquist	
	Koorye Fantazia	
	Penney Stephenson	

May 11, 2021

The Game was Mutt and Jeff.
The net scores on Par 3's and 5's

A Flight

1st	BJ Marsh	30
2nd	Janet Elliott	31
	Jill Kim	31
3rd	Noemi Smith	32
	Denise Aldridge	
	Julianne Allen	

B Flight

1st	Jan Wilson	30
2nd	Kelsie Volk	31
3rd	Jan Rothert	32
4th	Lee Kim	32

C Flight

1st	Stephanie Doane	27
	Lowest in FIELD!!!	
2nd	Mary Kinnick	30
3rd	Gail Knoll	32
4th	Koorye Fantazia	34

May 18, 2021

Putting

A Flight

1st	BJ. Marsh	30 putts.
2nd	Noemi. Smith	31 Putts.
3rd	Betty. Schram	33 putts.

B Flight

1st	Wendy Weddle	31 putts
2nd	Lee Kim	33 putts.
3rd	Laurel Bjornstad	34 putts

C Flight

1st	Linda Pelon	35 putts
2nd	Jennifer King	36 putts
3rd	Julie Sander	38 putts.

KP Hole 3

0-19.	BJ Marsh
20 up.	Donna Lee

KP Hole 7

0-19	BJ Marsh
20 up.	Penney Stephenson

KP Hole 14

0-19.	No one!
20 up	Lee Kim

KP Hole 16

0-19	Noemi Smith
20 up	Bev Scott

MAY 25, 2021

Great Blue with lots of rain.
Scores on holes 1-15

A Flight Gross

1st	Patty Myers	66
2nd	Betty Schram	71

A Flight Net

1st	Jill Kim	59
2nd	Julianne Allen	60
	Kelsie Volk	60

B Flight Gross

1st	Hollis Brown	81
2nd	P. Stephenson	83

B Flight NET

1st	Lee Kim	62
2nd	Sharon Branning	64
	New member!!	



Saturday Day's Play

May 8, 2021

"Mutt and Jeff" - Low net on the part 3's and the par 5's

1st	Donna Lee	27
	Patty Myers	27
	Kelsie Volk	27
4th	Rochelle Gurule	28
5th	Linda Pelon	30
6th	Jeanette Lopez	31
	Marcia Knutson	31
	Hiromi DePriest	31

Low net for the day

Jeanette Lopez 68
Rochelle Gurule 68

Low Gross for the day

Patty Myers 80

May 15, 2021

Stroke play low net 18 holes

1st	Laurel Bjornstad	68
2nd	Penny Wolsky	69
	Hiromi DePriest	69
4th	Noemi Smith	72
5th	Lee Kim	73
6th	Betty Schram	74

May 22, 2021

Great Blue. Game was stroke play low net holes 1 - 15.

1st	Kelsie Volk	57
	Linda Pelon	57
	Jill Kim	57

4th	Lory Hefe	59
	Koorye Fantazia	59
	Donna Lee	59

May 29, 2021

Front 9 Net

1st	Laurel Bjornstad	32
2nd	Elaine Von Wald	33
	Cindy Lindstrom	33
	Linda Pelon	33

Back 9 Net

1st	Lee Kim	30
2nd	Elaine Von Wald	32
3rd	Hiromi DePriest	35
	Julianne Allen	35

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.

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

— Ben Hogan

**There are no absolutes in golf. Golf is
such an individual game, and no two
people swing alike.**

— Kathy Whitworth

