

# HERON LAKES

## WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

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### President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to all returning members and a special welcome to all new members for the 2021 golf season! Your board and the golf committee have been hard at work to get this season scheduled and ready to open. Please make an opportunity to thank them for all their volunteer efforts.

I'm writing this as everything is melting from the ice and snow storm we just had. Hopefully by March 2nd and 6th the ground will be at least a little drier so we can all feel comfortable coming out to play. Kudos to several of you who have been playing as often as possible over the last couple of months. Personally, I waited until I spent two weeks on the beautiful island of Maui to bring out the sticks.

It's time to establish your new digital GHIN profile with password, if you haven't already. This is how you will access [GHIN.com](https://www.ghin.com) and the GHIN Mobile



App. Go to [OGA.org](http://OGA.org) to get set up. Please remember that we start the active posting season of our scores on March 1st in the Pacific Northwest. We must post ALL scores, even when playing Winter Rules. Please use the hole-by-hole option for posting accuracy and post the day of play whenever possible. This is also a great time to familiarize yourselves with the rules we use the most and to get an up-to-date rule book to keep in your golf bag. Our member volunteers, Joan Heeter (rules) and Hollis Brown and Betty Schram (day's play captains), are also helpful resources.

Our club will continue to sign up weekly through Golf Genius BUT we will not be paying green fees until we get to the course on the day of play. You will pay the \$3 for the game of the day at that time as well. Please remember that if you are playing with the Tuesday or Saturday groups you are in the game and must pay the \$3. Heron Lakes knows they will be collecting that for us.

Our monthly newsletter can also be found on the Heron Lakes website in the Women's Club section. The website has been updated recently. There's lots of great information here, from our season schedule to club documents, minutes of meetings, Member Guide as well as several years of monthly newsletters. It's a good read and a good way to get to know your club a little better.

With that, I wish everyone a wonderful 2021 golf season. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Happy Golfing,

Susan Seeley  
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### Say Hello to New Members

Please welcome our new members (some joined at the end of last season)

Lyn Bonyhadi  
Cate Burnstead  
Hiromi Depriest  
Stephanie Doane  
Judith LaScola

Jocelyn Lindquist  
Jeanette Lopez  
Patty Myers Lisa  
Schaller Jan Wilson

## 2020 Heron Lakes Women's Club Officers

<b>President</b>	Susan Seeley
<b>President Elect</b>	Linda Pelon
<b>Secretary/Membership</b>	Rochelle Gurule
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gail Knoll
<b>Tuesday VP</b>	Betty Schram
<b>Saturday VP</b>	Hollis Brown
<b>Tournament Chair</b>	Janet Elliot
<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**

## Meet Our New President

Susan Seeley is no stranger to the Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club. She has played with our group two different times. She first played from 1990 to 1995. She rejoined in 2016. In between playing with HLWGC Susan was a member at Pumpkin Ridge from 1996 to 2013.

Susan says she likes the diversity of the Heron Lakes group and she already knew several members when she decided to join. Veda Younger was the player who first invited her. When she rejoined in 2016 she was looking for a Tuesday group. She thought it

was a real bonus that Heron Lakes has two 18 hole courses.

Susan didn't grow up playing golf. Her early life was spent working hard on a cattle ranch. When her family moved into town she took up sports including tennis, basketball and waterskiing. She moved to Portland in 1977 where eventually met her husband and took up snow skiing and golf. She started playing golf regularly in 1987.

Susan's goal as the 2021 President is to continue the good work of her predecessors and to "hopefully leave it just a little better than I found it.

## Calling All Mentors

Our VP Captains, Betty Schram (Tuesday) and Hollis Brown(Saturday), are seeking volunteers to mentor new members. We want to continue to demonstrate our mission of encouragement, empathy, friendship and inclusion.

Betty and Hollis are asking that the mentors be assigned to play a round or two with an incoming member to make them feel more comfortable asking questions and learning the ropes. The mentor could provide gentle reminders of local rules and etiquette during the round. The mentor can also make sure new members have been provided a USGA Players Edition of the Rules of Golf if they haven't received one from Hollis, Betty, or Luan. In addition, new members should be encouraged to go to the Heron Lakes website and click on the Women's Club, scroll to HLWGC Documents to familiarize themselves with the Member Guide, Local and Standing Rules, and the

latest Newsletter. There is a wealth of information there.

Please consider helping our captains and our club continue to be a welcoming, fun and friendly organization!

Thank You in advance. If you are interested, you can reach out to Betty Schram for Tuesday and Hollis Brown for Saturday play at the following numbers and emails:

Hollis: (360)  
607-9116 [brownvan@nwnetcom.net](mailto:brownvan@nwnetcom.net)  
Betty: (360) 607-5518 [Bschrarn@bhhsnw.com](mailto:Bschrarn@bhhsnw.com)

Linda Pelon,  
President Elect

## HLWGC Mission Statement

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.

## Looking Forward to Tournament Play

We will have three tournaments during the 2021 season. The Spring and Fall Handicap tournaments are strictly handicap competitions. Players will be flighted by handicap and payouts will be paid out throughout the flights. As a player you will choose two of the four days scheduled to compete. The Club Championship is strictly a gross competition but it also will be flighted and paid out throughout the flights. This tournament will be played on consecutive Tuesdays. None of these tournaments will have a cost to enter. There will be a day's play cost of \$3.00 as on normal Tuesday and Saturday play days.

These are the dates:

Spring Handicap Tournament: June 8, 12, 15, and 19

Club Championship: August 3 and 10

Fall Handicap Tournament: September 14, 18, 21, 25

An email will be sent to all members in the future to sign up for these competitions.

If you have any questions please email Janet Elliott: [janete.elliott@gmail.com](mailto:janete.elliott@gmail.com).

Janet Elliott,  
Tournament Chair

## Handicapping - Net Double Bogey

As we begin another golf season at Heron Lakes Golf Course, please remember to adjust your score for Net Double Bogey before posting if you do **not** post hole-by-hole. The purpose of Net Double Bogey is to set a maximum allowable score for handicap purposes. This keeps an exceptionally bad hole from changing your handicap too much. This procedure is applied after the round and before the score is posted.

Net Double Bogey = Par of the hole + 2 (double bogey) + any handicap strokes you are allowed on the hole.

If you use the GHIN Mobile App's hole-by-hole feature (also found on [ghin.com](http://ghin.com) and the posting computer at the golf course) the appropriate adjustments will be made for you.

Luan Penner, Tuesday Handicap Chair

From the Rules of Handicapping Rule 1.3.

A player is expected to:

Act with integrity by following the Rules of Handicapping and to refrain from using, or circumventing, the Rules of Handicapping for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage,

Attempt to make the best score possible at each hole,

Submit acceptable scores for handicap purposes as soon as possible after the round is completed and before midnight local time,

Submit acceptable scores to provide reasonable evidence of their demonstrated ability,

Play by the Rules of Golf, and Certify the scores of fellow players."