

RLGA NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

April 13-

Opening Day

April 30-

Match Play Signup
Deadline

May 25-

Charity Day

June 1-

Charity Day Rain Date

June 8-

9/18 Combined Fun
Invitational Tournament

July 13 & 20-

Presidents' Cup

Aug 25-

RLGA hosting SCWGA

Oct 26-

Last day of league play

Nov 9-

Awards Luncheon

Co-Presidents' Corner

We are implementing a new way to communicate regularly with the RLGA members—a newsletter! We hope to send one out a few times a year with important news as well as tips, fun topics and event photos. Let us know if there's anything you'd like to see included.

We have been excited to start the year as new co-presidents. Please read about the 9 Hole New Member Mentor program, Ready Golf initiative, tee time news, a note from RGC PGA pro, Frank Sergiovanni and more.

We have several new members in both leagues this year—so welcome to all! We're looking forward to getting out on the course and seeing all of you—both new and returning members.

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READY GOLF

Good pace of play is a shared responsibility and increases everyone's enjoyment of the game. The biggest way to improve our league pace of play is to play **Ready Golf**. As a group, we are going to work hard on educating each other that **Ready Golf is not Rushed Golf**! We will be sending tips periodically with the tee time signup email as well as include some in each newsletter. Full ready golf details are on our [website](#). More to come, but let's start with:

On the Tee

- **Hit when ready:** if the group ahead is clear. Short hitters go first.
- **On deck:** the next player should be next to the tee box—club, ball and tee in hand.
- **Be Prepared:** always have an extra ball ready and a tee and marker in your pocket.
- **Watch Everyone's shot:** all players should assist each other in finding balls in the rough and woods.
- **Get off quickly:** stow your clubs and start planning the clubs you'll need for your next shot. Move to the fairway quickly.
- **Keep pace:** with the group ahead. There should never be an open hole in front of you.

Tee Time News

Golf has become extremely popular since 2020 due to Covid and the Ridgefield golf course tee times are in high demand. Because of this increased activity, we were notified that our 2.5 hours of allowable league play (60 players in threesomes) will be enforced this year.

The tee time sign-up process has not changed, you will still need to respond to the Golf Genius sign up email by the deadline indicated, and will go on a waitlist to play if you respond after the deadline. In the rare instance that more players sign up by the deadline than we have spots, we will be utilizing a waitlist system for that situation as well, prioritized by signup response time.



In Memorium—Ann Powers

Longtime member Ann Powers passed away in January after a brief battle with cancer. She was a bright light in our league, on the golf course and in the pro shop. She will be greatly missed by all. A memorial fund was created by her league friends and kindly funded by past and present league members. You will notice some course improvements that will remind us of our dear friend: Dogwood tree #6 tee, sign and improvements to hole #5, and the annual golf scholarship will be given in her name this year.

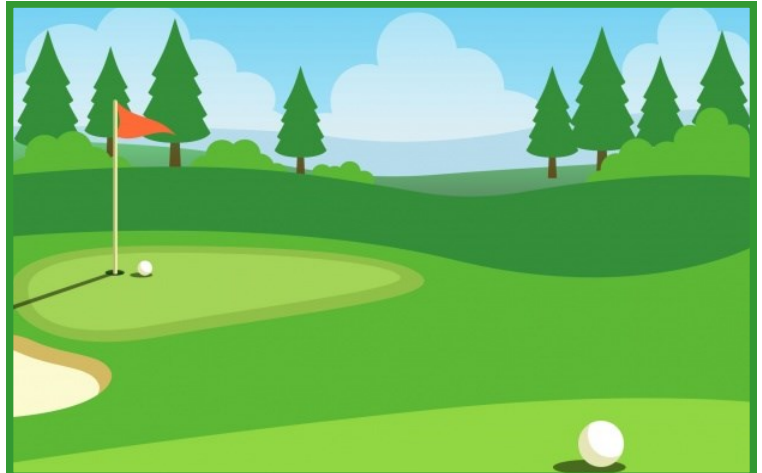
New Members!

As of March 24th, we have three new 18 hole members: Michele Cordoza, Noreen Kiely and Margaret Morrissey as well seven new 9 hole members: Michele Ford, Karen Haitoff, Alice Hayes, Sy Lynch, Kathy Maher, Jane Singhal and Mary Vincent. Welcome, Ladies!

RLGA players have always helped new members but this year we have formalized it into an official program for the 9 hole league. The new 9 hole members this year have each been matched to a current member as their Mentor. The Mentor will play with the new member for the first week or two and then be available all season long to answer any questions - tee time process, scorecards, weekly contests, etc.

New members in the 18 hole league tend to be more seasoned players, but still will be matched to play with an unofficial mentor for the first week or so.

A big welcome to our new members and many thanks to the mentors for graciously helping out.



From the Pro

Ladies,

I hope this note finds you well, and that all your families are safe and healthy.

2020 was an unusual year on so many levels. Once the golf course was fully operational, (around mid May), we saw an unprecedented amount of play right through October.

There is every indication that we will be just as busy in 2021. The course will open sometime in early April, with opening day being announced on our website ridgefieldgdc.com. Once you get out on the course, you will notice many more trees missing, as well as some new asphalt cart paths. We hope to receive our new fleet of golf carts equipped with GPS sometime in mid to late April. Thursday morning Lady Clinics will begin as soon as the weather allows. If anyone needs assistance with anything prior to opening day, please email me.

Looking forward to seeing everyone,

Frank

RLGA Match Play Tournaments

Lucy/Ethel—individual, single elimination ladder tournament against other members of your league, either the 9 hole or the 18 hole league.

Thelma/Louise—two member team, single elimination match play against other teams from your league, either 9 or 18. If you don't have a partner, we will find you one!

Deadline is **April 30th** to sign up. Players need an established handicap and new members need to have played 2 rounds in the league to be eligible. Please contact Janet Nelson jknelson@snet.net or Elizabeth Yohan eliza2523@comcast.net for more information.