

RLGA

Spring 2023 Newsletter



Co-Presidents' Corner

The golf course opened on April 5th. Our opening league play was Tuesday, April 18th with first tee time at 7:30am. It was a cool 41 degrees and light rain but everyone made it thru. For 2023, we are returning to the requirement that you please arrive at the course 30 minutes before your tee time as we sometimes have to rearrange things at the last minute. Do not sign up to play if you are not committed.

Ready Golf will once again be a focus as we work to improve our playing time.

Please visit <https://www.rlga.net/ready-golf> for a refresher.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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Important Dates

April 18- Opening Day

April 28- Match Play Signup Deadline

May 16- Charity Day

May 23- Charity Day Rain Date

June 5- RLGA hosting SCWGA

June 13- Mix and Mingle Tournament

August 8 & 15- Presidents' Cup

Oct 31- Last day of league play

Nov 7- Awards Luncheon

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.

Mix and Mingle Tournament

On June 13th, we will be having a shotgun 18 hole tournament that pairs 9 hole players with 18 hole players in teams.

It's a great way to meet members from the other league and we end with a luncheon, which is always a perk!



RLGA Match Play

We have both individual (Lucy/Ethel) and team (Thelma/Louise) single elimination ladder tournaments against other members of your league, either the 9 hole or the 18 hole league.

Deadline is April 28th to sign up. Players need an established handicap and new members need to have played 2 rounds in the league by June to be eligible. Please contact Janet Nelson jknelson@snet.net or Elizabeth Yohan eliza2523@comcast.net for more information.

New Members!

We have 18 new 9 hole members this year:

Beth Meagher, Dawn Peterson, Deb Linke, Deone Matichak, Diana Brady, Diane Reilly, Georgia Carrington, Jill Castle, Kathy Fabiani, Kathy Ryan, Lindy Olszewski, Mary Pat McConnell, Michele Smith, Randi Davis, Rose Stanley, Sharon Dunphy, Sheri Lussier and Stacey Schibli.

There are also 2 new 18 hole members: Linda DePrima and Mary Pat Cieri

This brings our 2023 total to 113 members. The breakdown is 45 in the 18 hole league and 68 in the 9 hole league. We have currently closed registration at this point to ensure that all members have a chance to play on Tuesdays.

Please say hello to our new members out on the course!

RLGA Players - new this year (for league play only as this is not a PGA rule):

To keep pace of play moving we have put a new local RLGA rule in place that applies only to league play (Tuesdays and ladder tournament matches) and only at Ridgefield Golf Course.

You can find this on the RLGA.net website in the tab "RLGA Rules" and then "Local Rules".

If your ball lands in an area in the FAIRWAY that you feel is compromised (including a divot), you may roll it out of the compromised area (or divot) with your CLUB to the nearest point of relief AND no closer to the hole.