

RLGA

Spring 2024 Newsletter



Co-Presidents' Corner

Hello RLGA players - our season is now in full swing and many thanks go to our many committee chairs and especially our tee time schedulers Robyn Peters and Jane Singhal. Here is a quick snapshot of things going on;

1. Tuesday play (first tee time now at 7am)
2. Special events such as Charity Day and the upcoming Mix and Mingle
3. The first 9 and Dine was great - keep a lookout for upcoming dates
4. SCWGA (Ridgefield hosting on Monday June 3)
5. Match play singles (Lucy vs Ethel) and doubles (Thelma and Louise) ladder tournaments

We look forward to the President's Cup in July - be sure to hold the dates for both rounds and the rain date.

We need to stay diligent on keeping pace of play moving. Thanks to everyone for doing your part. Also, a reminder about late cancellations - if you cancel after the tee sheet has gone out on Sunday you 1) need to notify your tee time chair (Robyn or Jane), 2) call the pro shop to notify them, AND 3) pay your late cancel fee (to the RGC which you can do at the pro shop) before Wednesday - or you won't be invited to play the following week. If you pay later in the week you might be waitlisted.

The USGA handicap rules now require posting of rounds on the day they are played, and 9 hole rounds are included as well as rounds where you may not have finished playing due to weather or other reasons. Instructions for posting hole by hole scores for holes played in a partial round are on the USGA handicap website. Any round you play with the league on Tuesday will be entered for you. It is your responsibility to post any T&L or L/E ladder rounds and any other rounds you play on any PGA course. It is not optional whether to post your score if you had an especially good or bad round - all rounds should be posted.

As we head into summer we hope everyone can fit golf in between vacation trips and time with family and friends. As always let your Presidents know if you have suggestions to improve our league!

Regards,

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Important Dates

April 23- Opening Day Scramble

April 30- Match Play Signup Deadline

May 14- Charity Day

May 21-Charity Day Rain Date

TBD - RLGA hosting SCWGA

June 4- Mix and Mingle Tournament

Rain Date 7/30

July 16 & 23- Presidents' Cup

Oct 29- Last day of league play

Nov 5- Awards Luncheon

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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.

Mix and Mingle Tournament

On June 4th, 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 30th 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 Camille Fennel cfennel@aol.com or Chris Coffey ccoffey18@gmail.com for more information.

Membership!

We had 100 returning players register for 2024 (43 are 18 holers, 57 are 9 holers). Three players moved from 9 hole to 18 hole and two players moved from 18 hole to 9 hole. The # registered is in line with our goal for 2024. To minimize waitlisting on days of play, no new members were added, and registration was closed.

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.