

Riverbend Ladies Golf Association 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held October 24th, 2024 at Amante Pizza and Pasta in Kent and was called to order by Club Captain Barb Emmitt-Gaydos. Club members present: Barb Emmitt-Gaydos, Stephanie Ticknor, Carol Logan, Jana Connell, Leann Harris, Vitoria Schubert, Keri Tiersma, Dannette Proszek, June Secreto, Jerri Proszek, Anne Tuttle, Shelly Anderson, Jane Simpson, Judy Griffin

The first order of business was swearing in of board members for 2024-'25:

Club Captain - Barb Emmitt-Gaydos

Treasurer - Carol Logan

Trustee - Anne Tuttle

Secretary - Jane Simpson

Jeannie Walker will be sworn in as co-captain at a later date.

Barb announced that Riverbend and the City of Kent have selected a vendor for the on-site restaurant - Pacifica Bar and Grill. Details are still being worked out and the hope is that the restaurant will be open for the beginning of the golf season.

Board Reports:

Co-Captain/Competitions - Jeannie Walker

"Competitions went well with the exception of the fairways and putts. Next year's competitions aren't set yet and I will look at replacing either the fairways and putts or the lowest putts so we don't have two so similar unless anyone objects to that and wants to keep them as is."

There was no objection to replacing Fairways and Putts.

Treasurer - Jerri Proszek

See attached budget document.

"We started the year with \$2,136.92 in the Bank"

There was a carry-over in the amount of \$1,154.00 in the RLGA account at Riverbend (this money was earmarked to pay the Competitions of \$1,190.00) which gave us a total of \$3,290.92 in funds. Our year end projection will be close to \$3,800.00 based on the actual amount of money in the RLGA account. I should get a report from Melanie (accountant) by the end of the year.

At the end of December, I will begin the transition of data and the process of Treasurer to Carol Logan. I will provide any assistance needed throughout 2025."

The club recognized Jerri for her work as treasurer and for over 20 years in various positions of leadership within the club.

Trustee - Vicki Hutsko

The tournament schedules for all three organizations were sent out when they became available and then two or three emails were sent out each month to remind everyone of upcoming events. I also put all the tournaments dates and signup due dates on the RLGA calendar.

Most players paid using Zelle but several used checks.

20 different RLGA members participated in these tournaments.

GSWPGA had 7 tournaments. 26 RLGA members participated in six of the seven tournaments. 11 members played in the tournament held at Riverbend.

WSWPLA also held 7 tournaments. RLGA members signed up for 3 of the events with a total of 6 players signed up for these tournaments. No one attended the two tournaments in Eastern Washington or the two far north events (the Swinomish and Gallery courses)

TWGA held 6 tournaments. RLGA golfers signed up for five of the tournaments with a total of seven players signing up.

The GSWPGA end of the year banquet is on November 13. Awards will be given out including for team. For those who don't know Riverbend took first place in the gross in team, yeah ladies!! If interested, you sign up and pay for the meal through Vicki.

A reminder that the GSWPGA City Championship will be held at Riverbend in August of 2025. Precise dates have not been set yet. It was suggested that we hold a 50/50 raffle at one of our tournaments prior to the City Championship in order to raise additional funds.

Vicki was recognized by the Club for her more than 10 years as Trustee.

Membership - Carol Logan

This year's membership was 119 regular members, 6 associate members. This is a slight drop in membership from last year - 124 regular, 15 associate. The Member Social participation was also down from last year - 24 this year, 44 last year. Some ideas that were proposed to increase participation were coordinating with the Men's Club, "fantasy golf", adjusting date.

Shelly Anderson will be taking over as Membership Chair in 2025

Tournaments - Stephanie Ticknor

There has been some negative feedback about the Blind Draw tournament in that some participants don't like not knowing who they will be paired with.

Moving the Club Championship to the first weekend in September was discussed and supported by the attendees.

Tournament fees are \$25 + greens fee. Making the distinction between greens fee and tournament fee more prominent in the publicity was recommended by the attendees.

Live scoring for tournaments was discussed. With the current tournament participation, there is no benefit to live scoring. Can revisit if tournament participation increases.

There was also discussion about how to engage new members in tournament participation. There was general agreement that a meeting in March - either in person or via online platform- that helped new members understand how tournaments and competitions work and the benefits could be useful.

Handicap - Lori Deglow

Enrolled Handicaps:

- As of October 1st, Riverbend had 125 active handicaps (6 are associates and not members of RLGA)

Communications:

- Provided a message & flyer for start of active season (WA)
- Provided summer message on posting scores, inclusive of all weekly rounds
- Will provide message for end of active season (WA)
- Provided 1 on 1 help via email and in person to new members in learning GHIN app, understanding adjustment for scores above net double bogey, and other posting requirements

Key messages to new and existing members:

- You must post every round played at Riverbend or elsewhere, unless played under one of the few exceptions (scramble format, 3 clubs & putter format, teaching round, etc)
- Post scores on day played, or as soon as possible
- You must post your adjusted score, where you cannot post greater than net double bogey for any single hole
 - o It is strongly recommended to post hole by hole in the GHIN app, where adjustments are made on your behalf. Otherwise, you need to check every hole individual and adjust downward any score that is higher than net double bogey, based on your course handicap on that day (by hole)
- Contact your Handicap Chair if you have any questions!

Maintenance of scores:

- Updated erroneous postings as requested by members (incorrect tee or score entered, duplicate scores, etc)

Monitoring:

- As has done previously, any scorecard submitted for an award (such as weekly competitions) will be verified as to whether the score was posted in GHIN, to help ensure all players are educated on posting requirements and required adjustment of scores.
- WAGolf, in association with the USGA has just gone live with their new Handicap Review Report for all Handicap Chairs. This tool will review all posted scores for each player, will flag abnormally high or low scores relative the players average, and provide suggested Handicap adjustments for review by Handicap Chair/Committee. There are details the show the Handicap index trend over time, average scoring differential between general vs competition rounds, and display all scores, notating which are flagged high or low. This tool is to help identify any player that may need an Handicap adjustment if concurred by a review, and after conversation with player. The use of this tool for RLGA will be evaluated and communicated before the 2025 active season.

Most improved player:

- GHIN reports will only pick up a starting Handicap Index if player has been activated, therefore as the start date for most improved player is the first day of active season (or March 1st), be sure to rejoin RLGA by that date to be eligible for this recognition. Additionally, as with qualifying to play in the 36 holes Championship, only Players with (4) completed RLGA events qualify for this award, so be sure to participate in tournaments or weekly competitions!

Player Recognition - Leann Harris

BIRDIE RACE:

1st place with 20 birdies: **HAILEY BROOKS!** (\$35 awarded to her Riverbend account)

2nd place with 14 birdies: ADRIENNE BAILEY (\$25 awarded to her Riverbend account)

CHIP IN RACE:

1st place with 4 chip ins: **JENNY SANZGIRI !** (\$35 awarded to her Riverbend account)

2 -way tie for 2nd place with 3 chip ins each: YOOME MUM and LYNNE CRANDALL
(\$20 awarded to each of their Riverbend accounts)

EAGLE RACE:

2- way tie with 1 Eagle each: **DI CHOW** and **JEANNIE DAILEY !**

(\$35 awarded to each of their Riverbend accounts)

MOST ROUNDS PLAYED:

1st place with 26 rounds: **LEANN HARRIS** (\$25 awarded to her Riverbend account)

2-way tie with 17 rounds each: Cindy Anderson and Gina Leroy
(\$15 awarded to each of their Riverbend accounts)

LOW NET AVERAGE:

With a low net average of 73.2, **CAROL RYAN** is our winner! (\$35 awarded to her Riverbend account)

and.....

OUR MOST IMPROVED PLAYER of 2024: SARAH LESTOCK!

Sarah's starting handicap was 15.4 and her ending handicap is 9.1.

That is a 1.299 improvement factor!!

(\$35 awarded to her River bend account)

Other Business

Jane Simpson has offered to maintain bulletin boards at the course. She will be soliciting photos of 2025 members to post in the pro shop. Club Champion and Low Net plaques will be posted in the display case in the breezeway.

Victoria Schubert volunteered to assume Player Advocate duties for 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by Barb.