

Heron Lakes Women's Club Member Guide

Welcome to Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club!

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.

HLWGC INFO: Heron Lakes website is <https://portlandparksgolf.com/> Click on Heron Lakes – Clubs – Women's Club and you will find the Women's Club information as well as enrollment form. We use a site called Golf Genius to send out our invitations to play as well as to prepare the pairings, games, scorecards, posting, emails etc. Another way we are informed by the club is through our newsletter, emailed monthly between March and October. We welcome players who are members of other clubs. When you join HLWGC, you will pay another OGA fee. However, you are eligible for a \$20 rebate from OGA. To get the Multi Membership rebate go to the OGA website and use their "Contact us" form to ask for the rebate form.

PLAY DAYS: Our women's club plays on Saturday morning and Tuesday morning starting the first of March and ending the end of October. You can play both days or one or the other. The Vice President for those days will send out an invite via Golf Genius for you to sign up. You either click playing or not playing. Pay green fees and the \$3 for the day's game at the course when you arrive. All members must pay the \$3.00 for the game if they sign up for the day's play. The cut off to sign up for Tuesday is Sunday at noon. The cut off for Saturday is Thursday at 5:00 pm. The day before day's play you will get another email that will have the tee times and pairings along with the game being played. If you need to cancel play, text or email the VP or go back to the HLWGC Signup Confirmation email and click on "not playing".

USGA RULES: You can access the Rules of Golf at www.usga.org/rules or download the Official Rules of Golf mobile app. Be familiar with red and yellow stake penalties, dropping with free relief from cart path, OB or white stake rules. Our rules chairman is a great resource if needed.

We do abide by the rules and putt everything out. You will be appointed a mentor for the first few times out on the course. We are here to support and guide you. During day's play, but not during tournament play, players can point out rule infractions before the player hits to avoid penalty strokes. This should always be done in a constructive and kind demeanor. If you question a rule, you can ask your group. If still unsure, play 2 balls to finish the hole from there. When you finish the round, the rules chairman will make the decision on the score.

PACE OF PLAY: You must keep up with the group ahead of you. When they are done with their second shot then you can hit. It is advised to take a golf cart if you are not conditioned to play 18 holes walking.

SCORING: You will use Golf Genius or a scorecard for each round.

- **Scorecard:** Write your name and date on the scorecard. You will keep one other player's score on your scorecard, and they will keep yours. One player in the group will keep a Master Scorecard with everyone's score. At the end of round, you will sign the card you scored as well as the master scorecard and turn into VP.
- **Golf Genius:** You will set up your account with Golf Genius. Each round you will be assigned your own Player GGID. After signing in with the GGID, you can act as a marker and enter score for other players and certify score after the round.

Announce scores once everyone has completed the hole and prior to teeing off at the next tee box. Should you disagree with the player's announced score, go back through the shots and work it out with respect to one another. When you keep the other player's score, you are responsible for the accuracy of that score. When the round is complete you will meet with your group and go over hole-by-hole scores and attest each other's scores.

READY GOLF: Playing ready golf helps you keep up with the group ahead of you. Ready golf applies everywhere - on the tee, in the fairway and on the green. By playing ready golf in a safe manner, you can keep your round moving and have more fun on the course.

- **ON THE TEE:** If you are ready - tee off first. One exception - if a player got a birdie on the previous hole, she may have the honor.
- **IN THE FAIRWAY:** Always play safe. While waiting to hit, players should get their numbers, check the wind, grab their club and be ready for their shot.
- **ON THE GREEN:** If your ball is within a short distance of hole, it's your choice to mark or finish, but finishing does improve pace of play. Keep your clubs on the back of the green or near the next tee. When two players have puttied out, they may head to the next tee and tee off.

GOLF ETIQUETTE:

- Please mark your ball (on the green) by putting a flat marker right behind or right next to the ball. If your ball needs to be moved due to interfering with another player's putting line, you mark the ball first, lift the ball, then measure away from the putting line using a fixed object nearby as the guide.
- On the green avoid stepping on the line between someone's ball and the hole. This line is the path their ball will take, and any footprints or disturbances can affect the ball's roll.
- When someone is putting, stand still and avoid any sudden movements. Even subtle shifts in weight can distract the golfer.
- Refrain from talking or making any noise when someone is preparing to hit the ball. Too much talking, music, or excess profanity are all breaches of etiquette.
- Replace all divots or fill them with sand. Repair ball marks on the green.
- Golf pull carts and riding carts should never be left in front of the green. Keep all pull carts off greens.
- Rake bunkers after completing bunker shot.
- Do not take pull carts between the edge of the green and the edge of the bunker in order to preserve the course.
- Always be courteous to fellow players. Encourage good play and camaraderie. Your actions do affect others in the group. We all come out to have a good time on the golf course so keep a positive attitude and support others.

TOURNAMENTS: Tournament Chair will send out email through Golf Genius for you to sign up for tournaments.

- Spring Handicap Tournament – 2 day
- Club Championship – 2 day
- Fall Handicap Tournament – 2 day
- Memorial Tournament – 1 day tournament remembering past players

The Spring and Fall Handicap Tournaments are 2 days of combined play. You have 4 options to choose from for these 2-day events - 2 Saturdays and 2 Tuesdays. You can play after the field on the 2 days you are not in the tournament.

The Club Championship is played over two days in August and a player must complete 6, 18-hole rounds with the HLWGC in the current season to be eligible.

The season payouts occur at the end of the golf season unless stipulated differently. Winnings are all paid out as money on the books that can be used for green fees or merchandise in pro shop. The club pays out gross and net in tournaments including the Club Championship. This allows for multiple ways to win.

END OF SEASON LUNCHEON AND AWARDS: The end of season banquet is our opportunity to come together and celebrate completing our season of golf. We announce awards, have a club meeting, vote for our Board Officers and enjoy lunch. In addition, we raise funds for our charity The First Tee Greater Portland chapter.

19TH HOLE: Our members gather socially at the clubhouse after the round. It's a great place to verify your scores. Members have a great time getting to know each other, sharing their golf stories, and celebrating their golf rounds.

NEW MEMBERS: Thank you for choosing to join our club. We think you will find encouragement and support for each other. We are an eclectic mix of players and love that diversity.

Please let your VP of days play know of any situations you feel are challenging or that you need help with. If you want to grow as a golfer, this is a great group to belong to.

Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club Committee

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