

## **EAGLE RIVER LADIES GOLF LEAGUE**

### **JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER**

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### **JUNE SCHEDULE**

Remember to sign up for tee times before 4:00 PM on Sunday.

#### **RINGER BEGINS JUNE 1!**

RINGER is a season-long contest to play your best game for the summer by recording the lowest score you have on each hole week by week. The game will show your individual improvement on each hole. The first week, you record all of your scores on the nine holes that you played, and the following week, you record all of your scores for the other nine holes to equal an 18-hole round. After that, if you improve your score on a hole during league play, record the new lower score. At the end of the Ringer season, you will have recorded your lowest round.

A \$5 entry fee will be divided among the winners in several flights organized by handicap. The Ringer contest begins June 1, but players can enter at any time. It will end the last day of weekly games.

June 1-- Individual Low Gross, Low Net: Gross score and net score for each hole are recorded. Net score is determined by handicap. Number of dots on score card represent handicap for that hole.

June 8-- Partner Combined Scores

June 15-- Guest Scramble: Team game. All players tee off, select best ball, and all hit from there until ball is holed. One score for team.

June 22-- Individual Worst 3 Out: Throw out your 3 worst holes.

June 29-- Individual Tin Whistle: Score as follows: 1 point for Bogey, 2 points for Par, 3 points for Birdie, 4 points for Eagle. Highest score wins. (Sometimes called "Stableford" if a team game.)

### **MEMBERS INPUT**

Thanks to Mary Finlay for sharing these short shot tips she found in a golf magazine:

#### "Choke down on short shots

Those really short chips and pitches can often be a big challenge when it comes to getting your distance control right. Here is a wonderful opportunity to use physics: shorten the lever, and less power will be delivered. The lower you hold on the club the shorter your golf ball will travel. It's as simple as that!

Don't hesitate to hold the very bottom of the grip, and in extreme cases, come off of the grip and down to the shaft."

### "Heel up for chips

When you are hitting your basic chip shot, grip lower on the handle, narrow your stance and slightly lean your weight, club shaft and upper body forward toward the target. Many golfers will incorrectly fall back and try to lift the golf ball. This can cause you to hit the ground before the ball or even top it, but in either case contact will suffer. A great "trick" to avoid this is to get all set up and then pick up your back heel and keep it up throughout your stroke. This will help to avoid any inclination to fall back and try to lift the golf ball, helping to produce solid ball and turf contact. While this may be used as a drill, if you find it makes a big difference in contact, you may want to consider adding it to your on-course play."

## **RULES-RULES-AND MORE RULES**

Starting in mid-May we changed our old "Most Accurate Drive " contest to "Most Accurate Approach Shot". Barbara sent out the rules of play last month, so this is just a reminder of how to play it:

**MOST ACCURATE APPROACH SHOT:** Free, with gifts donated by league members. On Hole #1 or Hole #10 (depending upon playing Front or Back Nine), measure the distance of the ball from the hole for any shot from the fairway, rough, or bunker that is on the green or fringe. Record your name and distance if closer than the previous golfer. Closest to the hole is the most accurate approach shot. Obviously if the ball is holed out, it would be the most accurate approach shot, and the player also qualifies for the Chip-In Pot.

## **TONY'S TEE TIME TIPS**

### **Handicapping**

I thought I would take the opportunity to clarify a few things about handicapping and some issues that we have been experiencing as we all learn the new World Handicap System (WHS) together.

*"My course or "playing" handicap has gone down."* This is because WHS takes only 8 of your best scores instead of the previous 10 to calculate your index. Essentially, you don't have to shoot as many low scores to get a lower handicap. Also, the Net Double Bogey system that replaces the old Equitable Stroke Control results in lower "peaks" in your scoring record.

*"I don't see my 9-hole score posted right away."* The WHS store your 9-hole score until it can be paired with another 9-hole score, but unfortunately, you can't see the score in storage. Also, your index calculations and 9-hole combinations happen every day at midnight, so you won't see an immediate impact after posting your score.

*“Should I be posting Hole by Hole scores?”* To control extraordinarily high scores, the WHS has implemented “Net Double Bogey.” The maximum score for each hole is limited to:

**Par of the Hole + 2 strokes + Any handicap strokes the player receives on that hole**

If you’re not sure how to implement this, you can simply enter your scores hole by hole and the WHS will make any applicable adjustments for you. Remember though, this adjustment is made as you sit in front of the handicap computer, not on the golf course.

*“How long before I can get a valid index?”* You need to post at least 54 holes to calculate a valid index.

*“What is GHIN vs. WSGA?”* GHIN is just another golf association that provides a USGA recognized handicap index, just like the WSGA. They are two means to the same end. You should not belong to both. If you are a GHIN member in Arizona, for example, you should be posting your Eagle River GC scores as “away” scores on your GHIN website. If you are a WSGA member who winters in Florida, you would post your Florida scores as “away” scores on the WSGA website. You should never have two handicaps going.

*“Sometimes, I play by myself. Should I post those scores?”* No. You must have a score that can be verified by another person.

*“The Ladies League conducted a scramble tournament recently. Should I post the team score?”* You want to post any format where you play your own ball into the hole, such as in the case of a Better Ball of Partners. Both players play their own ball into the hole and the best score is taken. This is an acceptable score. This is not the case in a scramble event.

*“We are playing St Germain GC this weekend. What is my handicap there?”* You want to first find your index. Then, you apply that index to the handicap table for the tees you will be playing. These will be posted near the handicap desk at St. Germain GC just as we have them posted here at ERGC. Your index will be then converted.

*“I belong to an executive style course in Florida. It does not come up when I search courses in WSGA.”*

A course under 3000 yards for 18 hole or 1500 for 9 holes are not rated by USGA rating teams. Also, if an executive course never arranges to be rated, then they will not appear when you search for them. These are not acceptable scores for posting.

I am always available to answer any questions you may have and to assist you in properly posting your scores.

**-Anthony Sable, PGA**

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