

Eagle River Ladies Golf League Newsletter, May, 2022

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MAY SCHEDULE (contingent upon the course being ready for play)

Please remember to sign up for play by 3:00 PM on Sundays.

May 10th INDIVIDUAL TIN WHISTLE: Individual game. Score as follows: 1 point for net Bogey, 2 points for net Par, 3 points for net Birdie, 4 points for net Eagle. Highest score wins.

May 17th TEAM WALTZ (4 PERSON TEAM): Team game. Score one best ball on 1st hole, two best balls on 2nd hole, and 3 best balls on 3rd hole. Repeat through nine holes. (So, 1-2-3, 1-2-3...it's a waltz, get it?)

May 24th 4PM SHOTGUN SCRAMBLE: Team game. All players tee off, select best ball, and all hit from there; continue with best ball until ball is holed. One score for each team.

6:30 SPRING GENERAL MEETING: After the scramble. We will not have a group dinner this time, but you are welcome to order off the menu.

May 31st LOW GROSS/LOW NET: Individual game. 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. Also, *RINGER BEGINS TODAY>>>>*

MY 2 CENTS - Darla Ewer

Greetings and welcome to our 2022 season. League play will begin soon, weather permitting and we are keeping our fingers crossed for some warm and sunny days Up North!! Thank you to all who have renewed your membership already and a gentle reminder for those still needing to just do it! 😊 As of mid-April we have 45 paid members and a few of those are new! Thanks to all who are promoting our league and encouraging ladies to join us! Last year was our 50th Anniversary and the tradition of golf, fun and camaraderie still continues!

Last season the league voted to include the weekly games fee with the membership fee. SO this year you don't have to remember to bring \$\$ with you. You DO have to remember to sign up for the various games, so please don't forget that part. The Ringer was a big hit last year and we will be doing that again. It will start on May 31st and will conclude on August 30th. More details at the Spring meeting on May 24th so please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The Shoot Out will be returning and will also be explained. Also, instead of Most Accurate Approach Shot, this year we will have the Best Ball near Our Bass Bessie. Stay tuned for more info. 😊 Barb Kroschel and Karen Kolodziej will again be doing the weekly games with assistance from Sarah

Guenther with the score cards. Please do whatever you can to assist these ladies. We thank you for saving our league ~\$500 by doing this! You are much appreciated! Keep those positive thoughts of golf and fun in the sun coming! 🏌️👤

NEW MEMBERS

Leslie Kunde



Leslie has been playing golf regularly since retiring three years ago, but says it feels like forever! She will be playing 18 holes.

Leslie says, “I am originally from Washington State but my husband and I moved full time to AZ a few years back. Summers are a little warm in the desert so we are venturing back to my husband’s home state of WI to live the snowbird lifestyle. We closed on a house in Eagle River this past December and plan to be there mid May through October. We are very excited to get there.”

Her favorite course is Hulalalai on the big Island of Hawaii. “The black lava rock, lined with pristine green grass, back-dropped by the blue ocean is a feast for the eyes.”

Asked if she has a funny/amazing golf story (or an outright lie!) she said, “Not yet, maybe something amazing will happen at Eagle River!” 😊

Deb Zierk



“I’ve been playing golf only since 2016 and am very much a work in progress. I typically enjoy playing 9 holes but do like to stretch to 18 more and more.

“I’ve lived in Kenosha, WI for the past 32 years, although after spending several weeks in the south and southwestern parts of the country this winter, my husband and I are seriously thinking about becoming Snowbirds in the future. Playing golf year round would be fabulous. During most of the summer and fall months, we stay in our lake home in Land O Lakes on Big Portage Lake.

“My golf course repertoire is somewhat limited, but my favorite course in my home area is Thunderhawk Golf Course in Zion, IL and Plum Lake in Vilas County.

“I don’t have a particular story to tell while on the golf course but what may be a little different about me is that I’m easily distracted by birds on the golf course. I’m a bird watcher so while on any course, be it in Florida, Arizona or Wisconsin, I like to identify all the birds I see, which for me adds another fun dimension to the game.”

TIPS FROM TONY

Welcome back ladies! On behalf of my staff, we are eager to see all of you again, and to promote the Ladies League in any way we can. Don't hesitate to ask me or another staff member for any assistance as needed.

Handicapping Update

You must now sign up and pay for a handicap through your local course, not Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN), and when you do, you can post and view your scores and data from either your local state association, in this case, the WSGA or from GHIN. Your GHIN number will be the same as your WSGA number.

We are all finally tied into the World Handicap System (2 years late).

GHIN has set up an app for your phone for convenience as well as their website, GHIN.com. If you want to access your scores and data, and to be able to post on GHIN, you need complete a login profile on your computer or phone. You don't have to do this, but there are some nice features on the GHIN app, such as a new course map with yardages that you can use while playing.

As a reminder, everyone is deactivated on the WSGA website. Once your league administrator has a league membership roster compiled and collects dues, she will turn that roster over to me for reactivation, along with payment for each person. The WSGA raised the price of keeping a handicap by \$1. I will absorb this cost for 2022 and keep your fee at \$30. But I will have to raise the price to \$31 for 2023.

Riding Two to a Cart

I am asking you all to ensure that you double up on carts on your league nights whenever possible. Obviously, if you are a threesome, one lady will have her own cart. If you wind up on the first tee with an extra cart, no problem. Just put your bag on the other cart and leave the empty one down by the tee.

With fuel prices and labor costs very high, we must watch our costs in order to keep our green fees down. You may have noticed that while costs of everything are rising fast, we kept our prices the same as last year in every category.

Which brings me to the pro-shop. Golf gear and apparel, which was never inexpensive to begin with, continues to rise. We are carefully considering our prices and lowering our expectations on margins to keep our prices as reasonable as possible. And I know that not everyone is happy with all our apparel selections. It's the same situation everywhere I have worked in my 30-year career in golf.

But we rely on the designers at these companies and on the vendors to help us decide what is selling well at other clubs and what may be a good fit for us. Despite our small shop, we try to provide a good selection of high quality, name brand merchandise. Could you save a buck or two somewhere else or online? Probably. But please consider supporting the course by patronizing our pro-shop when you can.

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

During the February AT&T Tournament at Pebble Beach, a short documentary was shown about a hot new way to grip a putter. It is called “the claw”. At first, I was excited to learn a technique that might improve my putting. However, as the program unfolded, the narrative became too technical. When the instructor started talking about the ratio of the length of the golfer’s forearm to his/her upper arm, I could feel my eyes crossing.

Then I read “**How to Cheat at Putting**”, by Terry Rowles with Matthew Rudy; *Golf Digest*, February 2022, Pg.78. (I’ll make a copy available at the check-in table, if you are interested.) Rowles’ article made the description of the claw much easier to understand. According to the article, the point of a putting grip is to keep the putter’s face steady as we swing, and is not “one size fits all” because of differences in each person’s anatomy. Huh; who knew?

Rowles wrote about other techniques like the “saw” grip, arm-locking, and elbow-tucking as solutions to successful putting according to how your own body is constructed. So, basically, forget about measuring your arm lengths and doing the math; just go to the putting green and try a few different techniques. See if any of them feel right to you. And check out all the great teaching videos online, too.

RULES, RULES, & MORE RULES

Here’s a reminder about good manners on the links. A more comprehensive list is found in our “Operating Guidelines”.

- Fix ball marks on greens and divots on fairways. As we start a new season with the grass just emerging from dormancy, it is really important to take the extra moments to make these repairs.
- Lost balls – the rule is no more than 3 minutes for a search, so let’s help each other find them.
Into the woods, ladies!

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