



Fairway Divots

Summer 2015

From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

Once again, the weather is the story. We had hoped that starting two weeks later would help, but this year the rain is something else. I just have to consider it part of golf.

Hope the changes in the local rules have been working for everyone. We will be asking for feedback in the Fall.

The new Google Group "Play Golf with HVWGC" is up and running. So far 17 members have joined. The purpose of this group is to help members find other members to play with outside of league play. For more information, look at the "Play Golf Group" page on the website.

Our total membership now stands at 191. Even more exciting is the number of women we have learning to golf or to be better golfers. The Learning League has 13 members, the Advanced Beginners League has 22 members and the Intermediate League has 8 members.

Linda Soper, President



UPCOMING EVENTS

Bring-A-Friend
Sunday, September 13
Reddeman Farms
18-hole scramble

Championship round
Sunday, September 20
Reddeman Farms

End-of-Season Banquet
Tuesday, October 6
Stonebridge Golf Course

Welcome New Members

Janet Allen
Christine Anderson
Ann Andrusiak
Sondra Auerbach
Chelsea Baumgardner
Karen Bishop-Stone
Jill Brown
Ashley Butzin
Connie Cole
MacKinzie Cole
Carrie Dawson
Laura Dettinger
Sarah Dudgeon
Christine Faeth
Barbara Gottschalk
Kristen Gregory

Joan Harder
Nia Harrison
Susan Hastings
Debbie Herman
Janet Hollister
Lynn Hytzel-Visil
Ann Iatrow
Carmen Ismail
Sandy Kahn
Pil Lee
Jenny Ann Montante
Judy Moyer
Linda Napier
Azie Pirooz
Jenny Pollack
Wilma Purcell

Sandy Reagan
Cathy Savoie
Lynda Schwartz
Katie Short
Chris Sibert
Julie Smigielski
Renee Smith
Amy Spence
Nia Spongberg
Jennifer Swaney
Jean Torrance
Virginia Tramontin
Linda Ushiro
Christina Vaughn
Julie Ziegler

Handicaps

We all have those days on the course when it just doesn't go well. However, all scores should be posted, the good and the bad (providing you played by the Rules of Golf). Even knowing the bad score probably will not be used in the calculation of your handicap index, it has to be posted.

The GAM handicap system calculates our indexes using the best 10 of the most recent 20 scores in your score history. If for example, you were to post two new 18-hole scores in the posting period, your 19th and 20th oldest scores would then drop off the list of those eligible for calculation of your index. The 10 best scores then used to calculate the new index are designated with an * and highlighted in blue in your score history.

You may even have a pretty good score one day, and post it thinking that will help bring your index down a little, only to find out by looking at your trend, that your index didn't change at all. It could be one of two things: either you had 10 better scores being used in the calculation, or possibly the 20 th score (from way back when) that became obsolete when replaced with the new good score -- may have been even better.

Many of you have commented that your handicap seemed too low. that you seldom played to your handicap. You're really not supposed to very often. The USGA tells us that the average golfer should play to their handicap or better only 25% of the time. (I always hope that after three crummy rounds in a row, that the next one will be good because of supposedly playing to my handicap 1 out of 4 times.) For our newer members that haven't posted 20 scores yet, GAM can still provide a handicap index for a golfer with as few as five 18-hole scores. Specifically, they use the best 1 of 5 scores, best 2 of 8, best 3 of 9, etc.

Remember that indexes are updated the 1st and 15th of each month. Keep posting all your scores!

—Cindy Hill, Handicap Chair

Leslie Park Monday

As we open our 2015 season, we welcomed **seven** new golfers to the Leslie Park Monday league. Our new members are Janet Canter, Linda Ushiro, Denise Landis, Karen Bishop-Stone, Sarah Dudgeon, Jenny Pollack and Judy Moyer. We've got a wonderful group of people on the league and we've figured out how to get in front of the men's league this year and are finishing our rounds before 9 p.m.

Prizes to date have been awarded to Lisa Cope -- low putts and Diane Geherin for closest to the pin.

Janet Canter holds the record so far with an Individual Low Gross of 39 and Individual Low net score of 30. Lois Herline & Gayle Moyer hold our team records for Low Team net (66) and Janet Canter and Linda Ushiro hold our team record for Low Team Gross of 90. Janet Canter leads the way on our birdie count with four birdies to date! Several other ladies have birdied holes as well -- Nicole Thomas, Lisa Cope, Denise Landis and Jenny Pollack.

In terms of our standings, Janet Canter leads the individual standings with Karen O'Sullivan, Linda Ushiro, Diane Geherin, Denise Landis, Linda Soper and Lisa Cope close behind them. Team Janet Canter and Linda Ushiro lead the team standings with team Diane Geherin and Denise Landis coming in close behind them.

—Karen O'Sullivan and Raye Holden, League Chairs

Pine View Intermediate

The Pine View Intermediate League made its 2015 debut in freezing April temperatures with 4 players (Sondra, Chelsea, Nia S., and Chris). At some point, one has to wonder just how many layers one can wear and still swing. The Pine View Intermediate League now is 8 members strong, with the addition of Nia H., Barb, Mary, and Nancy.

We've had two very memorable evenings:

- 1) May 18th on the back 9, the skies opened and we were completely drenched getting back to the clubhouse. A couple of us went back out to finish, dripping wet and eaten alive by the mosquitos. Nia S. shot a 45, the lowest score of anyone in our league to date. (Who else remembers Caddyshack?)
- 2) 2) About half of our league members are building a handicap, so we aren't considered a competitive league. June 8th we had our first ever competition: lowest putts. Nia S. won, accumulating 17 putts on the front 9. Yeah Nia!

We're a small group but having a lot of fun. BTW: Subs for our league play for free -- come join us!

—Sondra Auerbach, Pine View Intermediate League Chair

Hudson Mills

This year our little league has grown to 14 members. We welcomed 5 new players, new to Hudson Mills and new to HVWGC; Julie Smigielski, Connie and MacKinzie Cole, Lynda Schwartz and Ashley Butzin.

We were all anxious to start the new season and get back together, but were rained out our first night of play. But the weather is looking up for us and hope it continues as we already have our 2 rain-outs in.

Erin Cole took Lowest Putts this year, having only 17 putts and Connie Cole took Closest to the Pin. Our only two birdies this season were made by Julie Smigielski and Nancy Lindner. Ann Williams is leading the Individual, closely followed by a 3-way tie, Georgia Alder, Sarah Otto and MacKinzie Cole, the rest of the league close behind. Sarah Otto and Meg Emlaw lead the Team with 17 points. Lots of golf left. Most importantly, all of us having a grand time, meeting at Aubree's in Dexter for drinks and dinner following golf.

For those who have never played Hudson Mills, it was a long course, but this season the tees have been moved forward, and we are yet to know if they will remain or be put back to their original position. It is a pretty course with a feeling of really being in the country, wildlife abounding. We are all keeping an eye on our resident Sand Hill Crane family, this year there is only one baby and they seem to have become an added course hazard as they like to accompany us on the course. Maybe we should get free relief. ... and what most courses seem to lack and important to us women, flush toilets on the course.

—Georgia Alder, League Chair

Pine View Learning League

Everyone is having fun and improving each week. We had some laughing-out-loud fun one Tuesday-- so wet one of the gals said it was like "chopping lettuce". I just had to agree with her.

—Patti L. Stanley, League Chair

Stonebridge

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have ended up this year with only 16 players. While it is fun to all get done a little earlier and therefore having more time to eat, drink, and be merry afterwards, we are hopeful several of the "regular" suspects return next year so we are back up to 20.

Julie Ziegler has joined in for the fun on Wednesday nights, and we're glad to have her join us.

Low Putts was won by Linda Barthel with 12 on the front nine.

Closest to the Pin was scheduled for June 17. The night started off with me "mistakenly" putting the closest to the pin marker in the wrong cart so when we all arrived at hole #4 we didn't have a marker. Turns out it didn't matter because NONE of the 16 of us hit the green anyway. Looks like we won't know who our winner is until next week on the back nine...

At the midpoint of the season, the Individual standings are Mary Parker and Karen Shoner are tied leading the pack with Julie Ziegler, in third.

The team standings are lead by Mary Parker and Julie Ziegler in first, Robin Baun and Mary King in second, and Ann Bauer and Karen Shoner in third.

Similar to last year our honorary member, super sub Rosie Cook, has joined us for every week so far.

Entering the second half of the season, with only eight teams, we have now played every other team once. We look forward to finishing the rest of the season with lower handicaps and scores.

—Nancy Ribits, League Chair

Huron Hills Advanced Beginners

The Huron Hills Advanced Beginners league grew from 16 to 22 players this year! Our 12 returning members welcomed 10 new members to the league. The returning members stayed in touch and gathered together for dinner, drinks, and good times during our off season, as well.

We have had 3 excellent and educational clinics with the Huron Hills Course Pro on Driving, Fairway Irons, and Chipping. Additionally, the Pro has been working with us individually on the course on all aspects of our game, which we find to be most beneficial in developing our golf skills on this league.

We continue to get acquainted with the new players after playing over dinner and drinks, and show them how to have fun on the course, while learning, improving, and making new friends. The Huron Hills Golf Gals continue our legacy of good golf fun!

—Rhonda Montoya, League Chair

Leslie Park Tuesday

Well, we are seven weeks into the season and already have had three rainouts! That being said, we have already had two league cookouts overlooking the beautiful first and third holes outside the Leslie Park clubhouse. With all the rain the course is beautiful and challenging. I won't give the individual and team standings since we have played so little, but the best scores to date are below:

Individual Low Gross was a 42 shot by Angie Sanch, which corresponds to her Individual Low Net of 32.

Low Team Gross is the team of Angie Sanch and Marianne Lyon with a combined 101. Low Team net status is shared by the teams of Angie Sanch and Marianne Lyon and Cheryl Saam and Natalie Grantham with combined net scores of 75.

The Low Putts contest was won by Darlene Slaughter. Closest to the Pin was won by Deb Ziolkowski.

Hopefully the rain will ease up the rest of the season, but rest assured whatever the weather the girls will have fun!



—Marla Smith, League Chair

Caldwell

The Caldwell league has 17 returning members and 4 new members. We welcomed Laura Dettinger, Linda Napier, Darlene Slaughter and Pattie Stanley to our group. This year is proving to have a lot of changes at the top of the standing. We have our low handicap team of Lisa Hebert and Deb Lickert leading the pack with Sarah Doll and Sue Hendricks in 2nd followed by Diane Geherin and Carol Grimmette just a few points behind in 3rd place. Laura Dettinger is new this year to the league playing with a "bye person" and she is close in 4th place. The individual standing is so tight that we have to wait for the final night of play to see who stays in the top 3. At this time tied with 11 points is Lisa Hebert and Sue Hendricks followed by Deb Lickert with 10.5 and Laura Dettinger with 10. On our heels is Pam Hasselbach with 9.5 follow by Sue Bolhouse, Carol Grimmette and Diane Geherin with 7.5 points-- then everyone else is within 2 points of each other. What a year and we have only played 6 weeks!

Deb Lickert won the "low putts" contest with a record of just 14 putts. Laura Dettinger and Deb Lickert both have scored two birdies each. Pam Hasselbach is holding the low net record with a 31. With no surprise Deb Lickert has recorded the lowest round of 42 and with her partner Lisa Hebert they have low gross team with just 88 strokes. Low team net of 71 is Sarah Doll and Sue Hendricks.

Every week is a new adventure at Pine View. This week brings more construction to our area with a double mini roundabout being built on Textile at Hitchingham and again at Textile and Stony Creek. These roads are our south route into Pine View which only leaves one way into Pine View during construction which is the busy Huron St off I-94. It will add a least 1½ extra miles for everyone that comes from the West East or South (like me). Yuck! But if we can hit and find that little golf ball-- we can find our way on time to the golf course.

—Sue Hendricks, League Chair

Eagle Crest

The Eagle Crest league welcomed five new members this spring: Sue Jester and Lisa Southwick, Kim Gattiss and Marla Weed, and Lynn Hutzl-Visel. And after a years' absence Sheri Affolder and Kathy Miller returned to Eagle Crest. We have a wonderful group of 20 golfers this year that enjoy playing the beautiful course each Thursday, and each other's company week-in and week-out.

The golfers have been playing well and the competition is very close to this point of the season. Brenda Farrell and Karen O'Sullivan have been in first place most of the season, followed closely by Sue Jester/ Lisa Southwick and Kirsty Haboian/Cindy Hill. It's even closer in the individual standings, the top six golfers only separated by 2 points: Karen O'Sullivan, Sue Jester, Kim Gattiss, Lisa Southwick, Brenda Farrell, and Cindy Hill.

Their best round of the season produced a spectacular net score of 31 for four of our golfers: Karen O'Sullivan, Kirsty Haboian, and subs Nancy Ribits and Cynthia Radcliffe. Low gross score to-date belongs to Cindy Hill with a 38. Two of our teams had fantastic nights that gave the duos team net scores of 66, Brenda Farrell/Karen O'Sullivan and Sheri Affolder/Kathy Miller. Our low team gross score was shot by Kirsty Haboian and Cindy Hill with an 84. Eagle Crest's low putts contest winner was Karen O'Sullivan with 16 putts.

With the competition so close, it'll be exciting to see what unfolds the second half of the season.

—Cindy Hill, League Chair

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