

Minutes from Spring Luncheon Meeting

Meeting was held on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at Fontenot's Restaurant. 33 Members of the Pole Creek Ladies Golf League and our Golf Course Manager, Mary Moynihan, were in attendance. The meeting was called to order at 11:45am by President Diane Bishop. She welcomed everyone and thanked Cindy and Linda for hosting us. Additionally, she mentioned that an updated volunteer signup sheet will be posted tomorrow in the Ladies Locker Room at Pole Creek and sent the current version around to complete a few 'open' slots (and to check for accuracy).

Lori Myers and Mary Brooks, Tournament Co-Chairs presented a few details about this year's league. GolfGenius will continue to be our sign-up online tool. Signup is allowed until 6pm Monday (prior to Thursday's game) and will automatically 'lock out' at 6pm. Pairing are made by the Pro and the co-chairs on Tuesday morning. Those pairings and tee times are then sent out to all players via GolfGenius email. IF YOU MUST CANCEL, please do it as early as possible. Changes within this automated system are complicated and create re-work for the Pro and Tournament Team. You must text/call Mary Brooks (303.494.3031) ASAP. Lori Myers is the backup for this (970.531.0006). Check out how easy it is to sign up for play using the GolfGenius via our website here: <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/members/weekly-sign-up/> If you haven't signed into this 'protected members only page', the password into our Members Only pages is polecreek! (all one word, lower case, and exclamation point). Once in, go to weekly sign up and you'll find instructions.

Regarding Thursday play: please arrive AT LEAST 40 minutes before first tee times and check in FIRST (before unloading clubs, discussing your golf game, etc) so the team can check you in and then have some time to warm up prior to golf. The same hold true for putt/chip in pots. Arriving at the last minute (and 30 minutes prior is actually last minute) makes it difficult for those who volunteer to do the check ins. Thank you, in advance, for your help. It's huge to those who are sitting there waiting for your arrival (this comment by Susan Odneal).

Scoring: Keep gross score only on the scorecard. If you are X-ing out of a hole, you are out of the game. But note that a score for every hole must be posted for all players. Please review these, and other details on scoring on our website, <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/scorekeeping-posting-scores/> .

NOTE: Tournament chairs will be inputting all hole-by-hole scores into GolfGenius, which in turn posts them automatically into your GHIN. You do not need to post your own score for Thursday play. Each player should keep their own scorecard (shots and putts/chip ins) to check scoring on the official scorecard. One person should be assigned scorekeeper of the game, another for putts/chipins. All players are invited to sign off on the scorekeeper card, post game, to ensure that the scoring is correct. Two signatures, at a minimum, are required.

Sign up soon for June 13th game "King for a Day" which includes one men's league player on each team of 3 ladies' league players. We need to recruit men to participate and knowing how many players we will have makes that happen more easily.

July 4th is currently open for play on GolfGenius. Sign up if you can make it!

Take time to learn the new rules of golf (which you can find here <https://www.coloradogolf.org/rules-videos-2/> and here <http://www.usga.org/rules-hub.html>.) Note that Pole Creek will follow the **Optional Local Rule E-5**: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>. There are links to the USGA rules on our website as well in the Resources section.

Winter rules are in effect currently, per Craig and JT. They will make decisions regarding when this rule will be lifted. Play ready golf. Be prepared to hit and move forward during the game. It should take you no more than 40 seconds to play your shot when it's your turn. New rules reduce the time looking for lost balls to 3 minutes. And note that we will play by USGA Rule 5.7 regarding stopping play; resuming play which you can find here <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/resources/local-rules/>

And while many use their mobile phones for golf apps, please continue to mute the sound and not take phone calls during our Thursday play.

Susan Odneal reminded everyone about finding 'anything about our league' on the polecreekladies.com website. Password, for the protected section, remains polecreek! (don't forget the exclamation point...and all lower case). Roster is updated as needed and is the FIRST link on the "Members" page (located just ABOVE the photos of our board and membership). Helen Brown, Jennifer Croft and Susan all work on the website. Anything you can't find? Send a note to Susan (susan.odneal@yahoo.com). Something in error? Send a note to Susan. We look to all members to help keep this website helpful and accurate. Finally, you can expect a "Winners" email to come either late in the day Thursday OR Friday AM. It will come from Susan Odneal and will have a link to the webpage that hosts our weekly winners.

Julie Richards gave the Treasurer's Report for Madelyne. The report is posted on the bulletin board in the Ladies Locker room. Bottom line, we have \$5,277 in our bank account.

Deb Kohlwey reported about our Colorado Golf Association connection. She, along with Lori Myers, attended the March meeting and encourages all members to attend next year. If you have a GHIN, you're a member. They have presentations and sessions for all interests. Also, go to coloradogolf.com and learn about upcoming clinics and tournaments in Colorado. If you're interested in participating in a tournament, please let Deb know.

Julie Richards reappeared, this time representing Janet Conneely, Handicap Chair. We all have handicaps to "make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete equitably". That means ALL scores are posted, for all rounds of golf no matter where it is played. Not just good rounds or bad rounds...ALL rounds.

Sue Seemann leads the Match Play Tournament. Shortly, we will have the pairings with two flights. Flight 1 has 13 golfers and Flight 2 has 12. Great turnout this year! Pairings will be posted in the Ladies Locker Room. Match Play rules are now posted on the website and can be found here: <http://polecreekladiesgolf.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/2019-Match-Play-Tournament-Rules.pdf> If you're participating, take a few minutes to review this document PRIOR to playing your first round.

Helen Brown introduced two of our four new members. Jeanne Nicoulin and Alexandra (Bunny) Potts were in attendance. Jamie Dooley and Vanessa Reiter will also be a part of our group this year but couldn't make it today. Welcome to all and we look forward to having you as a part of our group!

Dar Klancke reported on Putt/Chip In Pots. She reiterated what the Tournament Chairs requested: Get checked in EARLY and stop by the table to identify your participation (so they can go warm up, too). \$1 entry fee for each special pot (one for putts, one for chip ins). Write legibly. Check OUT promptly, post game, so that all are accounted for. IF you don't record your numbers, you are out of the pots.

Kate LaBelle talked about the upcoming 2nd Annual Ladies Invitational on June 20th. Sign up due no later than June 13th. You can choose your own 4-some or will become part of a team. Cost is the same as last year, \$20 for the event (prizes and lunch included) and, if applicable, \$60 greens fee. Any woman golfer is invited to participate so encourage your golfing buddies from Grand Elk/Granby Ranch/Grand Lake or wherever to join in the fun! Gigi Dominguez and Kate are event coordinators. Any questions, please see them.

Pat Riddell covered Rules briefly. There's a Rules Clinic on July 11th following our golf game. Plan to come and bring your questions! There are lots of resources online to review and learn more (check out coloradogolf.org, USGA.org) and our website will very shortly have more information specifically focused on our course and our league play. Stay tuned for that. Pace of play is a key focus. And be careful to watch where your ball crosses the margin, not just where it landed in the penalty area. Always use your driver (longest club but not your putter) to take relief.

Cindy Moynahan showed how to use the Ringers Book. Same as always...Each player handles their own entries. Use your first round as your baseline (for each of the 9's) and record it in the binder (located in the Ladies Locker Room on the shelf). Then, as you improve your scoring for EACH hole, record your 'ringer' and date it. It can be updated as the season progresses. At the end of our golf season, add up your 'ringer totals' for the three 9 holes at Pole Creek and you have your Ringer Scoring. Prizes are awarded at the end of the season for best ringer scoring.

Susie Noel got everyone excited to play in the Solheim Cup, our 2nd Annual on June 27th. Sign up ASAP online and then let Susie Noel (Event Sponsor), Pat Wischmann (USA Captain) or Mary Byerrum (Europe Captain) know that you're "IN". \$2 extra is all that it takes! Prize to the winning team members (USA vs. Europe) is \$7/per person. Bragging rights are totally acceptable and expected. Team Europe won last year (by a very slim margin) so it's time for Team USA to do their thing (guess what team I was on...). Teams will be announced June 20th and each team's opponents on June 27th just prior to tee time. Don't miss this opportunity to compete in this alternating shot team format. And wear your team's colors (USA is red/white/blue and Europe is blue/yellow) on June 27th!

The meeting ended with a big thank you from Diane to all who volunteer to help make our league such a fun, organized group. Without volunteers, we wouldn't have a league! The meeting ended at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Odneal

Secretary, Pole Creek Ladies Golf League

