

Pole Creek Ladies Golf, Spring Meeting May 26, 2021

Lori Myers- "It's great to be together without masks!"

Introduction of the Board. Introduction of all of the members, and new members present.

Lori attended the CGA Women's Summit - Covering things like rules, handicap, keeping mind quiet, and Golf Genius and a Roundtable Discussion with Club President's, Tournament Chairs and CGA staff. The Roundtable discussion included:

- Improving inclusion/ diversity in CGA (e.g., 72% of golfers are male, 28% female)
- CGA GHIN fee of \$35. A question brought up was if golfers belonged to 2 clubs, why do they need to pay the \$35 fee at both clubs? The answer is it is a USGA requirement and therefore, they must pay the fee for each club they belong to even though they only have 1 GHIN #.
- CGA goal of increasing membership from the current 6,000 members to 6,500 by 2023.
- To use Golf Genius at Pole Creek, you need to use your browser, not your phone app. The phone app is only available with a premium subscription which Pole Creek does not subscribe to because it is not cost effective.
- Lori posed the question to the Roundtable of how to improve player retention in ladies club? Other club representatives provided many good suggestions that they use in their club such as: using a point system for winnings, some creative new game ideas, creating flights internally so more players at different levels of play can win, mixing up what ability levels play together each week, increasing the winnings to 30-40% of the field, providing a mentorship program for new players have a season long mentor that they play with at least 2 times in the season and can ask questions, a Legacy Program for older members who have played with the club for at least 10 years and aren't playing at the level they used to. The Legacy players still pay dues but have the option to pick up and not be in the game. Some clubs have 3 or 4 different tee box combos that clearly separate the different flights of players.
- Kris Ramer suggested we have a 9-hole option.
- Mary Brooks suggested we have a Booby prize for last place.

The "Two Club"- Anyone can join in the fun, but it's optional. The first time you get a TWO on a par 3, (to get into the club) you pay \$1 to each person in your foursome who is a member of the Two Club. Once you are a member and you get a TWO, you receive \$1 from the other players in the Two Club.

The bulletin board will be updating more. Send pictures to Stacy Hoffer, to post, of your hole in ones, or other exciting news. The far-right side of the BB will be for Mary's postings of club or golf news, the rest is for our PCLG membership.

Helen Brown – New Member Committee We have 5 new members this year, and 7 members who returned from last year's new member roster.

The committee is planning a fun luncheon with all new members, to introduce course etiquette and league play, including meeting with JT and Mary.

Rose Reed- Treasurer

We have 50 members this year, had 52 last year.

In the bank - \$8842, of which \$35 of our registration goes to prize money, \$35 goes to GHIN. Expenses include the website and prizes. Some people paid twice on the hole in one insurance, so \$5 is to be given back to those people. Rose may be giving you money!!

Linda Moore and Cindy Moynahan- Tournament Chairs

If you haven't done so, especially new people, sign up for Golf Genius.

Sign up by 6pm Monday for play on Thursdays. Try your best to not cancel. We will still be playing with Tee times this year, but will revisit this again at the end of the year. It does make play faster. 3 shotgun start events will be included this year, to add to the socialization and fun.

On your scorecard, only mark gross scores. Golf Genius does the rest. The first person to arrive at the course should pick up the scorecard in the entryway of the Pole Creek building. Then designate someone to keep score. Someone also should keep track of chip-ins and putts on a separate scorecard. At the end of the round total and confirm scoring before you leave the club. All players sign the official scorecard to verify scoring. Leave the scorecard in the basket. The person who kept the putts/chip ins will text or email chip-in and putt numbers before leaving the course to Darlene Klancke (970-596-2616) for the players participating.

We're reminded to keep a good pace of play, be on time.

You can still call to check into the pro shop if you'd like.

There are no winter rules this year, because the course is in such good shape. Bad spots will be marked out by the staff.

If you pick-up, you can be out of the competition, but take your 'most likely score' (net double bogey). Less than 14 holes, your total will not count. Please put an X on the hole you quit the competition.

Today, we voted you can still be in the chip-in competition even if you're out of the main competition.

Match play schedule will be posted on the bulletin board, and the first round must be played by July 2. Rules for match play are on our website.

Club changes- GPS on carts (not all carts), rakes now in bunkers, join together in carts. No singles anymore unless everyone else is walking. And there's a charge for second rider.

Madelyne Stevens-Handicaps

World Handicap system new in 2020. No real changes in 2021. Course handicap index adjusts for the course you are playing. **Strongly suggest posting hole by hole score on GHIN website** (for play NOT on Thursdays because that is done for you). The software will adjust correctly. Please remember to post score on same day as handicaps are adjusted daily. Do NOT post on Thursdays, will be done for you.

If you don't finish a round but play at least 14 holes, post your 'net par' for the remaining holes (par plus your pops (handicap strokes)). Same process for 9 holes (if you play at least 7).

If you don't finish one hole (pick up after hitting it too many times) put an X on your scorecard for that hole. Continue to score for the rest of the round. The 'most likely score' should be used for that hole and this cannot exceed your maximum which is net double bogey. Your score can be posted. If you do that during Thursday league play, it will be calculated for you and you'll be out of the competition for that day.

Any questions? Contact Madelyne Stevens or Janet Conneely. They are happy to help.

Andrea Singleton- Rules

Local Rules we can adopt, per meeting with committee and JT:

Out of bounds or lost ball from the tee can be done with a two stroke penalty. Come back to the edge of the fairway where you think the ball crossed and add two club lengths, drop between the two club area. You cannot use this if you hit a provisional ball. The provisional ball and the lost ball option both result in the same number of strokes, the ball would be lying 3.

We can do a local rule to allow substitution of a ball on Meadow 5 and Ranch 7 HOWEVER you must play the entire hole with that ball.

Andy has copies of the USGA Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf if anyone needs one.

Meadow 5, where to play if the ball goes in the creek? If it enters the creek after the bridge and flight of the ball crosses green grass before it enter the creek, you play from where it crossed the penalty area, no closer to the hole. It does not have to land on grass before going into the creek. It is always "line of flight".

USGA rules regarding rakes are in effect this year.

Right now there are no painted red penalty areas or many red stakes on the course. All creek banks will be penalty areas.

Ranch 7 in front of tee box currently is dry and MAY not have to be marked as a penalty area. If the creek rises, this will change (or if Craig decides it should be marked) and it will have paint markings before the start of that grassy area making the second shot option the tee box or drop zone. You cannot use a tee on the drop zone (you can at the tee box). Creek is always a penalty.

There presently is a bad area on the approach to Ranch 5 on the right side. JT is going to talk with Craig about roping it off so there won't be a penalty to move out of this bad spot. Andy will know later this week. If on the course, there's a question about how to play and it cannot be decided by all, play two balls and before the scorecard is turned in, JT and/or a rules committee member should decide the correct play. (JT is the best option to consult on this).

Course is in great shape. No winter rules.

Also noted, if you substitute a ball, you must finish the hole with that ball, and be sure to announce when you take a provisional, before you hit it.

Don't desert your ball during inclement weather where you're considering a stop in play. JT or the Committee are the ones to make that call. (Like during a bad storm.) Call the pro shop if concerned about this during play.

Gigi Dominguez- Invitational June 24. Registration Deadline June 17.

Gigi wanted to thank Susan Odneal for helping her with the promotional pamphlet. Invite any friend from here or elsewhere. If you do have someone coming to golf with you, contact Gigi as soon as possible. She will be forming the teams. We will be allowed 12 foursomes for this Scramble, and will not need handicaps. Individuals who are playing need to let Gigi know soon, and she will form teams of these singles. Because of staff shortages, we will do tee times. Plan on having lunch with your group, and lunch choices will be of three options, including an alcoholic drink if you'd like. Good prizes will be awarded, and 4 contest holes, 2 front, and 2 back, will be decided.

Prices. Non-members \$89, Locals card rate without membership \$64, and Members can play for \$25.

We have PR brochures available if you have a place to distribute them, and notices on bulletin board.

Mary Byerrum- Solheim Cup (Go Europe)

We have some new excitement with new captains and assistants. Team Europe -Mary Byerrum, Captain, Rose Reed, Asst. Captain. Team USA, Stacy Hoffer, Captain, Kris Ramer, Asst. Captain.

Registration will be through Golf Genius. Register to play by July 1 to allow captains time to create pairings and matchups...and PLEASE if you sign up, plan on playing.

You may see some changes, but they are trying to keep team assignments the same every year, and you'll have a "TEAM FOR LIFE". Mary likes us to have "continuity and smack talk" and team spirit. Register for her pairings and matchups, and PLEASE, if you sign up, plan on playing.

Maggy Helm-Publicity

Results are published in the newspaper, space permitting, on Wed or Friday's news. Please send good photos to Maggy, and if we're lucky they are posted also. Especially of our great hole in one golfers. She puts 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, chip-ins, and lowest putts.

Dar Klancke-Putts/Chip Ins

44 participants. This year putts and chip ins will be scored and paid out in a point system. Points awarded: 3 points for 1st place (including ties), 2pts for 2nd, 1 point for 3rd. Chips all receive 3 points. Points/person will be recorded and tracked weekly, money paid out at the end of the year. Total pot will be divided equally between putts and chip ins. Golfers awarded mathematically, fair and equitably. Person recording for the group must TEXT OR EMAIL DAR BEFORE LEAVING THE COURSE. We've had people 'forget' and then tracking them down isn't pleasant.

Miscellaneous-

Ringers competition- Golf Genius calculates all

Birdies are tabulated only on League day. Don't forget to circle hole on your score cards.

Luncheon at end of season- Plans will be announced closer to the date (August 26). We are looking for someone to be a backup to Beth Daniel since she may be unavailable in August.

Website-let Helen or Susan O know if there are changes or corrections. Please make sure roster information is correct (request from Maggy for newspaper results and correct spellings).

Handicap listing for all members is on bulletin board and will be updated frequently. That's why it's important to post your scores the day you play, because handicaps are adjusted daily by GHIN.

Thank you to all for attending.

Submitted by Darlene Klancke (for Susan Odneal)