

Pole Creek Ladies Golf Membership Spring Meeting

Wednesday, May 30, 2023

Fontenot's Restaurant

Meeting was called to order at 11:40am by President Madelyne Stevens. Board members were introduced. She announced we had 50 members of our league. A review of the key 'issues' to keep in mind during our season are 1) pace of play to keep the groups moving at a good pace, walkers move on before everyone is done putting and if rules aren't clear, play a second ball and get resolution post-round from JT 2) post EVERY score (except Thursdays when it is done for you), no matter what day you play, no matter where and post the same day as you play as USGA re-calculates handicaps every night (this keeps your handicap current and equitable for all players), do NOT cherry pick which get posted and which do not and 3) let's have some extra fun this season with Madelyne committing to stay for lunch most Thursdays and looking for others to join her in this tradition. She then shared that she and other members took part in the CGA Summit and learned about many available resources online at CGA.com. Check it out.

Finally, she addressed questions about the "2 Club". Lori Myers further explained that when you make your first '2' (on a par 3), you pay your playing partners \$1 each. Thereafter, whenever you make a 2, your partners will pay you \$1 each. You are a lifelong member of the 2 club...no additional fee every paid, no matter who you're playing (if they also take part in the club). This can be at any club, not just Pole Creek.

Madelyne then recognized our 2022 Club Champion, Deb Kohlwey, who passed away unexpectedly in the winter. We all toasted Deb. We're looking for ways to recognize her as a part of our club and club champion so share ideas with Madelyne and we'll further discuss this later in the season. Madelyne will check in with JT and Jesse to see what the parameters might be for something on the course.

Sue Brooks introduced our new members, Barbara Bollier, Jan Kyster and Chantil Finklea (in attendance with Andy Singleton who introduced her to the group). We welcome any and all who are interested in joining our league.

Susan Odneal, Secretary asked all to check the roster to be sure the info is up to date. Additionally, she is looking for a corresponding secretary to help with the weekly emails to the group. Mary Byerrum suggested that the Tournament Chairs send the email out, since they create the initial email (that then would be distributed by the secretary). Great idea! Susan will get with Pat Wischmann to help develop a list for her to use each week. Kerri Lambert has been helping Susan and will now not need to do this job. (Guess we will find something else for Kerri to help with!).

Treasurers Report was given by Madelyne in Pam Buderus' absence. We have \$3700 in the bank account along with the dues collected. We're currently paying CGA for GHINs and thus the accounting is in flux. \$400 has been added to the prize fund this year as part of the utilization of the cash in the account. A report to the members will occur later in the season.

Tournament Chair report by Mary Byerrum. Please take some time to get familiar with GolfGenius. This is our primary tool for managing weekly games. If need help, contact Mary or Pat Wischmann (Asst Tournament Chair). If you want to play, use GolfGenius. If you need to cancel, use GolfGenius. Game

schedule is on the website “2023 League Schedule”. Individual games will be flighted. The number of flights depends on how many people sign up. Sign up on GolfGenius before 6pm Monday. Be sure to click on SAVE and WAIT for the save process before moving on. Additionally, if you don’t get a confirmation email from GolfGenius of your selections/cancellations, it did not happen. Go back and be sure to save and wait. The system locks out signups and cancels after 6pm Monday so TEXT Mary 303.324.8834 or Pat 303.913.2547 if you must cancel. Do not call the Pro Shop for last-minute cancellations. Let Mary or Pat know.

Tee times again this season. Invitational and Solheim Cup are shotgun starts. We hope to work in a few social events too. She didn’t bring up pace of play as Madelyne covered it, but do keep up with the group ahead of you.

Two changes this year: Prizes will be awarded in dollars not points. For most games it will be \$7, \$4, \$2 for first/second/third places. We will pay out as the LPGA does, if there is a tie for first, they will split first and second place dollars. Same with second place tie, they will split second and third place dollars. We will use USGA tie breaker methodology built into GolfGenius to resolve most ties where we’re playing 18 holes. It will look at last 9, 6,3,1 holes (comparing scores for each starting with last 9 holes on down) to determine winner. For games where we count less than 18 holes, ties may still exist. For the Club Championship, we will have a playoff between the tied players to determine Club Champion (Flight 1). For others, we will utilize the USGA tiebreaker method, looking at last 18, 9, 6, 3, 1 in that order since it’s a two-day tournament).

A question about what to do when one or more in your group want to stop playing (due to weather or other circumstances) in a team game was asked. Mary responded that each person makes the decision for themselves. Those that remain to play will either become a team with ‘blind draw’ players added to the team or other equitable solution will be found. That said, do what you personally feel is best and the tournament chairs will sort it out after play.

Linda Moore addressed Match Play. We have 10 in Flight 1 and 8 in Flight 2. Schedule is posted in ladies’ room. She encouraged all to participate as it’s fun!

Susan Odneal asked for any volunteers for website helper(s). And asked all who use the site, if they see anything incorrect or incomplete to let her know. The more eyes on it, the better it will be.

Julie Richards spoke for Jeanne Anne MacDonald regarding Luncheon for maintenance team in July. Jeanne Anne will have an envelope for donations about two weeks prior. The crew so appreciates this and any and all donations are welcome.

Birdies/Hole in One was also covered by Julie for Jeanne Anne. Circle all birdies on the scorecard to make it easier to ‘see’. Thursday birdies are only counted in our league for prizes. Hole In One is acknowledged from anywhere! Let Jeanne Anne know if you have one. Only our Thursday league Hole in Ones are part of our “insurance” where we all gather after the round to celebrate in the clubhouse. Word will spread during the round, so after it happens, plan to stop in and celebrate with the winner.

Lori Myers reported on Handicap Committee report. Chair: Janet Conneely, Committee members: Madelyne Stevens, Lori Myers, Vanessa Reiter, Laurie McPhee, Stacy Hoffer. To make our League play fair and equitable and be compliant with GHIN: Post your score hole by hole on the day of play (GHIN will make the adjustments for you). Use the GHIN app, it’s free and easy to use.

Post **ALL** scores, so you have an accurate handicap. Do not cherry pick which scores to post. Golf is a game of honor. Many clubs monitor score posting to ensure accurate handicaps and a fair playing field.

Ladies ask, what is my “max” on a hole, if they are contemplating picking up. It is Net Double Bogey = Double Bogey + the strokes you get on that hole. Use the GHIN app /Handicap Calculator to determine this or ask someone on the committee. (Your “max” with 2020 WHS is very different than with the old handicap system.) If you use the GHIN app to log in your hole-by-hole round, it will do all the calculations for you.

To determine the strokes given in match play on the course combo you are playing, use the GHIN app /Handicap Calculator. Or ask anyone on our committee for help with the calculation.

Rules committee was presented by Mary Brooks. She co-chairs the committee with Pat Riddell. Other members are Julie Richards, Wendy Khort, Mary Byerrum, Susie Noel. Mary handed out “cheat sheet” cards for your golf bag (top rules with brief explanation) and challenged everyone to learn those rules before playing your next round! She asked that everyone download the USGA app as the rules are no longer printed. The app is called USGA RULES OF GOLF. It has the rules book and video explanations to help make it easier to understand.

Nancy Carmack reported on Putt/Chip In Pot. She does this weekly and depends on everyone reporting the putts/chip ins to her promptly. Whoever keeps the record for the group is responsible for texting it to her at 256.479.5280. For putts, the total dollars in the pot are divided by the number of weeks that putts are recorded (this determines the weekly pot). League pays 1-2-3 places, plus ties. 3pts for 1st, 2pts for 2nd, 1pt for 3rd. The weekly pot is then divided by the total points awarded for that week to determine the dollar amount to be paid for each point earned. Point dollars can vary week/week depending on the difficulty in pin placement on play day. Chip Ins are awarded by the total dollars in the chip in pot divided by the number of chip ins made during the season to determine the dollar amount paid per chip in.

She shared a few reminders...If you ‘pick up’ and opt out of the game, you are out of the putt/chip in pot for that week. If any part of your ball is touching the putting surface, it’s a putt. Conversely, if no part of your ball is touching the putting surface, it’s a chip. Any club can be used for a chip (even a putter).

Gigi Dominguez reported on the Invitational. It’s June 22nd (Cindy Moynahan’s bday), a 4 women scramble. Sign up via Gigi so she knows if you are part of a team and if not, she’ll pair you. Invite others to join in the fun! We have a 48-player maximum so sign up with your team (or individually) soon. \$30 covers lunch and prizes. For those without a golf pass, \$69 greens fee. Playing Meadow-Ranch with lots of prizes (top 6 teams and on-course contests, too).

Solheim Cup is July 13th and was presented by Kris Ramer. The captains are Stacy Hoffer and Rose Reed. Be sure to sign up early so the pairings can be evaluated. If you commit to play, please make every effort to be there. Changing pairings is very difficult and time consuming.

Club Championship Luncheon (and end of season meeting) will be at the home of Pat Wischmann and Wendy Kohrt. Event co-chaired by Janet Conneely and Katie Simpson.

Kris Ramer is Social Chair and working to get Rocky Mountain Rep tickets for those who want to go together with the group. Contact Kris if you’re interested or want more information. She also working on other events like Thursday Hideaway Park music nights and such.

Thank you to Linda Moore and Cindy Moynahan and the staff for another wonderful luncheon. The food was excellent, as always.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Odneal, Secretary