



# SHORELINE Women's Golf Club

## June 2010 Newsletter

### Captain's Message:

My apologies for the lateness in getting this newsletter out. The combination of my new job and the fact that we had so many rainouts is the only excuse I can come up with. But this way, this newsletter will be "chock full" of good info.

### Handicapping

#### Twice Monthly Updates

As some of you know, there is a mandate by the USGA to have ALL clubs on a twice monthly handicap revision schedule by 2014. We have implemented the new schedule as of March 1, 2010. Please keep this in mind also when you have guests for Guest Day or for the Invitational. Your guests will need to know their current handicap index so that you can look up their course handicap for Shoreline on the date of play.

#### Post All Rounds

Please remember that the handicap system is "on your honor", and that you should post ALL scores for rounds played, even when you withdraw or stop after 9 holes. You should also post if you have played at least 13 holes; for those holes that you didn't play, or picked up on, just take your normal handicap strokes added to par, and use that as the score. The posting computer is set up for 9 hole postings. You can pick 9 or 18 holes, just as you are able to pick "Tournament" and the tees you played from.

#### "R" handicaps/T Scores on Trophy Day

We've had a number of players be affected by the "R" (reduced handicap) index computation. The "R" generally sets a player's index lower than what her actual scoring record is, due to having one or more "T" scores that are significantly lower than other scores. It also seems that the fewer "T" scores a player has, the worse the penalty of the "R" index.

USGA handicap guidelines are to have 5-10 "T" scores during the year. We have been posting Trophy Day scores as "T"s once a quarter; but we are finding that if members do not participate in the Club Championship, or regularly play Trophy Day, they are falling short of the desired 5-10 number. In order to meet the USGA guidelines and perhaps mitigate the effects of one or two low scores on "R" handicaps, starting on July 1 ALL Trophy Days will be posted as Tournament ("T") scores.

**Sign Up Book/New website** <http://shorelinewomensgolfclub.ghinclub.com>

We now have the ability to sign up for playdays ONLINE using the PWGA sponsored Website (Thanks to Bobbie Piety for setting up!). The online signup enables Paulette to get information somewhat instantaneously, without having to rely on someone FAXing her pages from the purple binder (which has recently fallen apart). Starting July 1, ALL signups will need to be done from the new website. Please start using it as soon as you can. We are aware of a few members without web access; Paulette has graciously offered to assist those players with signups in other ways. If you haven't registered yet, please do so, and if you have any questions on how it works, contact Bobbie Piety (bobbie@pinetree.com).

Note however that the longstanding public website, maintained and updated by Ingrid, will still live on, as it has many other items (photos, results, membership info, etc.). It is also our primary recruitment tool for new members. Note that both sites have links to the other, so if in doubt, either site is "one click away".



## **Trophy Winners**

Congratulations to the following Trophy Day winners for 2010:

January – The rain  
February – Lynne Whelan  
March – Young Kerr

April – Soo Park  
May – Marky Olsen  
June – Karen McFadden

## **Invitational**

Connie Prince and team are well into the planning of the Invitational scheduled for August 17. The theme is “Wine and Roses” and the cost is \$90, including snacks, green fee/cart, lunch, and prizes. The game will be two best ball, with extra prizes for long drive, closest to the pin, and raffles. Each Shoreline member may invite 3 guests. The signup flyer is posted on both the public and private (member only) websites.

## **October 19 Rally For a Cure**

Mark your calendars for this terrific fundraiser. Danuta is working the details, and we'll use this as our second shotgun start of the year, followed by the General Meeting. She is actively looking for additional raffle prizes, so if you have anything to donate, or can persuade a friendly merchant to provide a donation, please contact Danuta (danuta18@comcast.net).

## **New Members**

Please welcome the following new members who have joined us this year:

Joyce Sinclair  
Judy Kim  
Yumi Kobayashi

## **Rules/Decisions**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Hole Drop Area**

In the interest of speeding up play and in not having members suffer the “WD Blues”, we've decided to reinstate the “drop zone” on hole #4. This allows a player who has put one into the lake to drop a ball on the other side of the bridge (greenside), hitting 4. Note that for major tournaments and for Trophy Day, this option is NOT allowed; on those days players must clear the water from the teebox (or creatively go around the side), in order to remain part of the tournament.

### **Check In/30 minute Rule**

Please remember to check in 30 minutes before your assigned teetime. This rule is there for a reason, and that is to make sure that people are ready on the tee at their assigned time. Please don't put the starters in an awkward position by being late and then insisting that you keep your tee time.

### **Summer/Winter Rules/Lift, Clean & Place**

Now that the rain is over, we are no longer playing “Winter Rules” (6” bump). We've been trying to use Lift, Clean, and Place, but there has been confusion about this. In fact, because we have the local “goose poop” rule, we actually do NOT need to use Lift, Clean and Place. Effective immediately, please play with summer rules, unless otherwise noted on the white board. You ARE allowed to move/clean the ball, but only if it is lying on, next to, or is has poop adhering to it (see local rule in book).

## **General Meeting June 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:15am in Michaels**

Reminder that our next General Meeting is Tuesday June 29<sup>th</sup>, teetimes moved back to 8:30.

**Have a Happy Summer!**

**Robbie Gray, President**