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2007 Golf Season Starts!

Ladies it's here, the 2007 Golf Season at Harbour Pointe.

It's going to be a great year filled with great golf, wonderful tournaments, and seeing all our friends.

Our Twilight Kick-off is a 9-hole shotgun Member/Guest, dinner and general meeting on Thursday April 5th at 3:30, so make sure you mark that date on your calendar.

If you get a chance go check out our new Ladies Club Web site at www.hpwg.org, this site has our tournament schedule as well as other great information.

Don't forget to send in your 2007 membership application if you have not already done so. For your convenience a

form has been included in this newsletter, as well as it can be found on our new web site. Remember if you refer a new member you receive a free round of golf, so make sure you fill in the 'Referred by' section of the application for your friends who join.

Reminder, some of the great benefits for joining the HPWGC:

- 20% discount in the Pro Shop
- 10% discount for golf clubs and shoes
- Up to \$12.00 off green fees for prime tee times
- \$1.00 off golf cart rentals
- Discounts for range balls
- 9-Hole Thursday night twilight league

- 18-Hole Tournaments

USGA handicap and index are include in the membership fee.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please send them to us; because you are who makes Harbour Pointe Women's Golf Club the BEST.

The golf course is in excellent condition and we all look forward to seeing you in April.

Here's to a great 2007 season.

Truly yours,

Debbie

Debbie L. Schultz
HPWGC President

Wine, Women, and Golf

This year Harbour Pointe Golf Club is proud to host a monthly event for women golfers of all skill levels. Come join us for wine, cheese, range balls, and a short group lesson by Joe Puetz. Stay tuned for more information.

Women's Club Unveils Website

Take a look at our **new** website located at: www.HPWGC.Org. The website will contain: the latest Newsletter, Tournament schedules, Event Results, Rules, Board Members, Membership Application, Course Layout, Directions to course, a means to contact Women's Club Board Members, and finally a Photo Gallery. Please provide comments to Board Members.

News from the Pro Shop

It's hard to believe that 2007 is 3 months old already. Before you know it, Thursday nights will be going strong, the sun will be out (WE PROMISE), and everyone will be back playing golf again!!!

OUT WITH THE OLD!
Right now in the pro shop all ladies merchandise is on sale and most of the 2006 merchandise is marked down to just 40% off PER

ITEM!! Come in and check it out and help us make room for the new 2007 stuff. We have the new Spring line from Nike and Antigua. Don't forget if we don't have something you want in stock, let us know and we will special order it for you.

Also, now is a good time to renew your membership if

you haven't already for this year. The 2007 tournament schedule is out and if you haven't seen it, check it out online at our website: www.harbourpointegolf.com.

With springtime coming, dust off the clubs, give Joe Puetz, Art Snoey, or Chris Aoki call for a preseason tune up and have your golf swing ready to go by Kickoff time.

See you soon!!
 Harbour Pointe Staff

Local Rules

Shirley Robinson, our Rules Chairman says: "As we begin our new season for 2007, I thought it would be a good time to review a few of our local club rules. I know it may seem a little repetitive but it always surprises me when I hear that some gals play for months not aware of the correct way to play their balls."

The following is a list local rules to keep in mind through the golf season, with the first one probably being the most confusing.

Water hazard—after hitting two consecutive shots into any forced carry hazard (#3, #6, #7, #8), You are allowed to carry your ball to the other side. For example, your first tee shot on #3 goes into the water, that is 1 in and 2 out; your second shot also goes into the water, 3 in and 4 out, your 5th stroke is carrying a ball to the other side; hitting 6.

Immovable Obstruction—free relief is given from a cart path. (Stance and swing). Take your stance, put the club down and take one club length from the club head, no closer to the

pin.

Newly planted trees- You must take swing and stance relief from all newly planted trees.

Teeing ground— there is a 2 stroke penalty for teeing off outside the teeing ground. The teeing ground is considered from the front of the tee markers to no more than two club lengths behind the markers.

Unplayable ball— you may declare your ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard, and take a one stroke penalty. If the unplayable ball is in the bunker, you cannot take relief out of the bunker unless you play it

from the spot that it was originally hit from, with a one stroke penalty.

Lateral water hazards— 1) you may play the ball from where it lies, no practice swing and do not ground your club, no penalty; 2) hit your ball from its original spot, one stroke penalty; 3) keeping the point from where the ball crossed the margin of the hazard and the hole, hit from anywhere behind that line, one stroke penalty; 4) drop a ball 2 club lengths from the point of crossing the hazard, no closer the hole, one stroke penalty; 5) drop a ball 2 club lengths from either side of the hazard, no closer to the hole, one stroke penalty (not applicable at Harbour Pointe).

Handicaps and Posting

Our computer for posting is now up and running. The first day of posting was March 1st so everyone can put in all their scores from winter play, where applicable. All 9 hole scores at Harbour Pointe must be posted. Once again, remember to post all scores even if you have had a very good or very bad round—that's what

makes a handicap. Thursday night scores must be posted that night in order to be eligible for any winnings.

During competition last season, there was a number of golfers who took an "X" on some holes. Most importantly, this is disqualification from the tournament. However for handicap and posting purposes, the player will

record the score she most likely would have made. This score consists of the number of strokes already taken plus what she thinks it would have taken to finish out the hole. The number cannot be higher than her Equitable Stroke Control amount. For example if your handicap is 30, you cannot take anything higher than a 9 on any hole and would be recorded as X9.

Birdie Tree New Rules Change

You can start accumulating your birdies with the beginning of our Thursday night competition on April 5th. Please fill out the birdie tree slip so that it can be read and attested by either another women's club or men's club member. Let's beat last year's number of 124. Here's to sunny days and low scores.

It has come to the Board's attention that when there are players competing from different tees, a second adjustment is required to be made to the Course Handicap. A player's Course Handicap is based on the number of strokes needed to compete with other golfers from that specific set of tees. A Course Handicap is determined purely from the Slope/Rating of the set of tees being played. Because each set of tees has a different Course Rating, this difference needs to be accounted for when players are competing from different tees. Per USGA, a club cannot choose to ignore Section 3-5/9-3 which defines the rules when players are competing from different tees. Harbour Pointe has been looking at the possible solution of "Member Tees" for women, similar to what the men have. However, this will take time to achieve as it probably will require a new Course Rating. In lieu of this, the Board has decided to address this inequity of competition by applying Section 3-5/9-3. This rule would add 1 stroke for 9 holes or 2 strokes for 18 holes to the handicap of those playing from the Gold Tees. This new rule will apply to tournament and league play starting this year.

What is the Origin of the Term "Dormie"

Historically, the term "dormie" is derived from the French/Latin cognate "dormir" meaning to sleep, suggesting that a player who is "dormie" can relax (literally, go to sleep) without fear of losing the match.

Golf Etiquette:

- Don't move, talk or stand close to a player making a stroke.
- Don't stop on another player's line of putt.
- Always play without delay and keep up with the group in front.
- Don't play until the group in front is out of the way.
- Shout a warning if your ball may hit someone. FORE!
- Invite faster groups to play through.
- Repair divot holes and ball marks.
- Smooth footprints in the bunkers.
- Don't drop clubs on the putting green or lean on your putter.
- Replace the flagstick carefully in an upright position.
- Leave the course in the condition in which you would like to find it.

2007 HPWGC Golf Rates

The Thursday night Ladies Club rate for 2007 has increased to \$34.00 (up \$2.00). This rate includes: twilight green fees, range

balls, and competition fee. There are no subsidies for Twilight Golf except the Opener and the Finale. Of the \$11.00 competition fee

you pay, \$1.00 goes into a pot for the end-of-the-year putt-off, and \$10.00 goes into the payout for that evening of golf.

Pay-Outs for Tournaments/ Twilight

Pay-outs are not the same for every tournament. The reason for this is quite simple . . . number of participants. The HPWGC subsidizes each tournament with the annual dues we collect. This fee covers the cost of Harbour Pointe staff, scoring, lunches, snacks, range balls, etc.. The entry fee pays for the greens fee and prizes. If there are only 20 people playing in an event, there will be less of a pay-out and fewer players will be paid.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT EVENTS

Thursday, March 29th

This is our 2nd Annual "Shake off the Cobwebs" get-together. There is no competition, just a little golf and socializing. Our season begins on April 5th, but we thought it would be fun to just come together, catch up on happenings and play a little golf. Come join us!

Thursday, April 5th \$55.00 Entry Fee (Includes greens fee, competition, range balls, power carts, dinner and door prizes)

Twilight Kick-off "Bunny Hop" 3:30 Shotgun Guests Welcome

Sign up today by either telling Sandy Rudy (tournaments@hpwgc.org) or calling or stopping by the HPGC Pro Shop and signing up on the list. Tell us the name of your FEMALE guest and we will put you in the same group if you like.

This is a 3:30 shotgun and we will be drawing partners at around 3:00 pm for the 2-Person Scramble.

A Short General Meeting will take place while you eat an amazing meal from The Pointe.

Saturday, April 21st \$65.00 Entry Fee (Includes greens fee, competition, range balls, small snack on turn, and appetizers after golf)

Spring Opener "April Showers" 9:00 Tee Times Guests Welcome

Our first 18-Hole competition will be a 2-person Combined best 15 Holes (Gross & Net). You are encouraged to bring a FEMALE guest to play in our celebration of Northwest Aprils. Call for a tee time with your group or as a single.

Sunday, May 20th \$65.00 Entry Fee (Includes greens fee, competition, range balls, small snack on turn, and appetizers after golf)

May Member "May Flowers" 8:30 Tee Times Members Only Mixer

Tee times will not be given when you call to register for this event. We will draw one player from each of the four handicap divisions to play on a team. The One Best Ball of the 4-some PLUS the Devil Ball . . . Points competition is great fun. A sign up sheet is available in the Pro Shop.

8th Annual HPWGC Invitational

The 2007 Harbour Pointe Women's Golf Club Invitational, "Lady Luck", will be held on Sunday, July 22nd. It will be an 8:00 Shotgun. The competition will be a Best Ball of the 2-Some. Gross and Net will be paid out.

The \$85.00 entry fee will include a Buffet Breakfast at The Pointe Restaurant, greens fee, competition, electric golf cart, range balls, tee prizes, snacks at the turn, lunch, door prizes and awards.

This is your opportunity to make this one of our best Invitational yet!

You can volunteer to help out!

- We start early in the spring by sending invitations to Women's Clubs in the area as well as to past players. **People are needed to copy, fold, fill envelopes, print labels, buy stamps and envelopes.**
- We must plan the tee prizes, purchase the items, make up the "bags", and have them ready to hand out on tournament day. Some of this happens in early May.
 - If you have an idea **for a great tee prize**, let us know as soon as possible so we can price it out. We must have information about where to get the item and a website, if available.
 - **If you can DONATE great tee prizes** or even something to put in the bags, let us know (we can have larger pay-outs if our cost is down). We generally have between 60 & 80 players.
 - **We need someone to make the 10 centerpieces. There is a budget for this.**
 - We need people to **donate door prizes** on the day of the Invitational (small baskets, items, etc.) doesn't have to be expensive . . . We like everyone to win something!
 - We need people on the day of the Invitational to **set up the carts**. If you like to arrive early to an event, we could use hands to do the last-minute set up.
 - We need **greeters** to make sure everyone is taken care of and knows where to go. 6:30 am arrival!!
 - If we decide on name tags . . . Someone has to make them.

We are lucky at Harbour Pointe to have a very supportive Pro Staff that does all of our scoring, etc..

I encourage you to help with this event. It's fun.

Even if you can't help out . . . Please plan on attending!

If you can help . . . Contact me at tournaments@hpwgc.org.

Thanks,

Sandy Rudy

Tournaments

Tournament Pre-Pay Policy

HPWGC has a pre-pay policy for all major golf events. You will reserve a place in the tournament with a credit card. The entire tournament fee will be charged to your card if you do not cancel three days prior to the tournament unless you find someone to take your place. On the day of the event, you may pay with cash, check or credit card

It's time to swing into Spring with a look ahead of this season's sweeps events. Wa. State Women's Assoc. has put together a great schedule with courses easy to reach.

Visit Wa. State Women's Golf at WSWPLA.com

Start the season by thinking good thoughts
"We tend to get what we expect."

So always feel good about how your game is going and expect the best. You just might get it!
(Norman Vincent Peale)

2007 WSWPLA Tournament Schedule

Tournament Date	Place	Format	Deadline
Saturday, April 28	Sudden Valley	Stableford	April 2nd
Mon—Tues, May 14 – 15	Apple Tree		April 23rd
Thursday, June 21	Hawks Prairie	T & F's	May 28th
Mon—Wed, July 16 – 18	*Highlander	Medal/Championship	June 28th
Thursday, August 23	Auburn	Odd Holes	July 30th
Mon—Tue, Sept. 10 – 11	Dungeness		Aug. 20th
Saturday, Oct. 13	Trilogy	2 Person Best Ball	Sept. 10th

* If you are contemplating playing in the Highlander championship, a group rate is available at the Wenatchee Hotel, but early booking is suggested. Please note you must play in a least one sweeps event to be eligible for the championship.

Snohomish County Sweeps

Sweeps Date	Place	Format	Deadline
April 9th	BlueBoy	Better 9	March 27th
May 21st	Lynnwood	Odd/Even	May 9th
June 11th	Snohomish	Subpar 1 Hole each 9	May 29th
July 9th	Legion	2-Person Best Ball	June 27th
Aug 15th	Harbour Pt.*	1st day Championship	Aug 3rd
Aug 16th	Camaloch*	2nd day Championship	
Sep 17th	Kayak	Grandmothers	Sep 1st
Oct 8th	Walter Hall	ECCY 9	Sep 26th

* To be eligible to play in championship you must play in one prior County event.

Team Schedule

Tournament Date	Place
Monday, April 30th	Lynnwood
Monday, May 7th	Walter Hall
Monday, June 4th	Camaloch
Monday, June 25	Harbour Pointe
Monday, July 23rd	Legion
Monday, August 20th	Cedarcrest
Wednesday, September 12th	Kayak

**LOW
HANDICAPPERS
DESIRED****

** Last year we were at a disadvantage because the high handicappers had to fill in the gaps and they were **HUGH**.

Slow Play and “THE CLOCK”

The Clock works like this:

- <• The Starter will document your starting time when the entire group has teed off
- <• The Punch Clock will be between the Pro Shop and the Pointe Restaurant.
 - Be sure that ALL PLAYERS have putted out on the last hole before

heading to the clubhouse!

- Put your card into the slot under the clock until you hear it click. Your ending time should be printed on your card.

We suggest bringing your card in for punching before going to your car. ©

- > You now have time to put things away and add up your scores before giving the card to the scorekeeper, have a beverage & snack!

If you follow the simple Keep Up With The Group Ahead Of You rule, you will have no problem. Don't Worry about the group behind you...their job is to keep up with you!

We will be using the clock at all Women's Club events. You have to play 18 hole in 4 hours and 40 minutes (9 holes in 2 hours and 20 minutes) or be no more than 18 minutes behind the group in front of you. If you fail to do this, your entire 4-some will be given a 2-Stroke Penalty

Let's Eliminate Slow Play

Slow Play is when you do not keep up with the group in front of you. You should be hitting your tee shot as they walk away from their second shot and so on. We do not suggest that you hit into other players or run around the course. **Slow Play** is when you do not complete nine holes in the expected 2 1/3 hours. This means, an 18-hole round should be finished in no more than 4 2/3 hours. It does not matter if you don't see anyone behind you... it's the people in front of you that you must keep up with.

Here are a few tips:

Play Ready Golf!

Whoever is ready on the tee — goes. If you are ready to hit a ball on the fairway and the other player is hunting for their ball in a hazard or is having trouble deciding on a club, tell them you are hitting, and do it.

If someone is studying their putt, and you are ready, ask if they mind if you go first.

Putt Out if you are comfortable with it. It takes time to mark, and wait for your next turn.

Place your clubs or carts on the side of the green closest to the next tee. You should never walk backwards to get your clubs or go to your cart.

◀» **Fill out the Scorecard on the next tee.** Do not ask for scores on the green.

* **Keep moving!** Don't stand there after a bad or good shot trying to figure out what you did or didn't do. The shot and the result won't change no matter how long you stand and look at it.

•> **Hit a provisional if you think you may be out of bounds or have a lost ball.** Walking back to your original place slows play.

Be a good listener and friend AFTER the round.

Talk when walking to your next shot... stop talking while shots are made. Stories don't have to be finished before shots are made. Have fun, just keep your eye on the group ahead and be ready to hit.

Practice on the Driving Range, not on the course.

Standing over your ball and trying to remember everything your golf pro has told you in the last lesson can take a lot of time. Try to think of one thing, take your one or two practice swings and go for it!

Limit the time you look for balls in the hazard. If your ball is in the water or a lateral hazard, chances are real good you won't be able to play it. Give a quick look and move on. If you can't afford to lose the ball, play with cheaper balls!

Playing from a Power Cart

when it is **Cart Path Only**

- Park the cart slightly ahead of both players so you are walking forward after hitting your ball.
- Bring 2 to 3 clubs & an extra ball with you to your next shot. You never know what is going to happen. It takes time to get another ball after hitting it in a hazard when you have to walk back to the cart.
- **Put your clubs away and get out the new one after you drive to your next shot.**
- When you are sharing a cart, have the person who is on the green first drive the cart to the side of the green closest to the next tee. The other player takes the clubs she needs and her putter and plays her ball while walking to the green.

Failure to pick up the pace when asked by a Marshal will result in a 2-Stroke penalty for the 4-some

Harbour Pointe Women's Golf Club

2007 Tournament Schedule

April 5 Twilight Kick-off (9-hole) (Member/Guest)

April 21 Spring Opener (Member/Guest)

May 20 May Member Mixer (Member Only)

June 16 Summer Field Day (Member Only)

June 25 "Team" @ Harbour Pointe (one 4-person team only)

July 22 8th Annual Invitational (Member/Guest & Invites)

Aug. 15 Snohomish County Championship
(We host the first day of the Snohomish County Championship.)

Sept. 9 Captain's Cup & Senior Club Championship (Member Only)

Sept. 29 Players' Championship (Member Only)

Oct. 11 Fall Finale (9 hole) (Member/ Guest)

Oct. 25 Annual Awards Banquet (Member Only)

The **Club Championship** will be a Gross Match Play competition beginning in June.

The **Net Match Play Classic** will be a Net Match Play competition that will begin in June.