

## **Trail Ridge Women's Golf Club New Member Guide**

**Message from the President** – Barb Murray, President – 2021

Welcome to Trail Ridge Women's Club. We are excited you have chosen our club as your home course. We are a fun-loving group who enjoy playing golf and having a good time. You will find our ladies are ready and willing to help you in any way to make your experience enjoyable. This guide will provide information on our league day procedures, tournaments and other events specific to our club. Please take time to read this handout and the membership roster as well. It will inform you of all the wonderful activities we have to share. Other information and photos of our members having a great time can be found on the website at [www.trwomensgolf.scwclubs.com](http://www.trwomensgolf.scwclubs.com) Happy golfing!!

### **Trail Ridge Membership Roster**

You will receive the Trail Ridge Membership Roster. This is an important booklet as it contains: Names of all members and their contact information, (This information is confidential and should not be shared or used inappropriately.) dates of all events including club tournaments, names of the club officers and committees and a summary of our policies.

### **Getting a Handicap**

You are required to have a USGA handicap to play in weekly events and tournaments. If you do not have a handicap index and are new to GHIN, you will be assigned a GHIN number and can start entering your last set of scores. If you are from another state or country, you can enter your last three scores (54 holes) from any rated course in order to get a handicap once you have a GHIN number which the membership committee will help you obtain. If you already have a GHIN number or have a current handicap from another state, please provide a printed copy showing your name, GHIN number and handicap index to the membership chairperson. You should not have two GHIN numbers. Also, attach a copy to your scorecard on your first day of play and each time you play until you receive an USGA handicap.

Canadian players may link their Golf Canada and USGA handicaps so that a score entered in one will automatically be entered into the other. This alleviates your having to manually enter the last 20 scores each time you change handicap systems. Please contact your provincial golf association to do this. You will need your provincial golf association number.

### **Signing up to Play, Add-ons and Cancellations**

On Tuesday morning all sign-up sheets are on a table inside the club house. You can sign-up for any, or all, Tuesdays in the month. Members are listed on these sheets alphabetically. Find your name and write a YES or NO under the days you want to play. If you are not sure, you can mark yes and cancel later. If you would like an early or late tee time slot, write this beside your name and the pairings committee will try to accommodate your request but there are no guarantees. There will be a separate sign-up for tournaments.

**Add-ons and Cancellations.** A clipboard for add-ons/cancellations is placed in the Pairings drawer outside the pro-shop on Wednesday till Sunday night. **There are limited spaces for late additions.** After Sunday night, add-ons will no longer be accepted and **CANNOT** be made through the pro-shop. **Please, DO NOT add yourself to a guest spot or trade with other ladies on the pairings.** If you are unable to play, add your name **under Cancellations on the clipboard.** This is very important as, by not cancelling, you may be preventing another club member from playing. You also leave an empty tee time which is not fair to the course. After Sunday, please contact a pairings committee member by email or phone to cancel. Cancellations on Tuesday morning must be made by contacting the pro-shop directly. PH: 623-544-6015.

**Guests** If you have a guest visiting, you are welcome to sign them up and play with them. However, if you have a guest on Ace Day you will not be eligible to participate in Ace Day and you and your guest can play at the end of the pairings. A guest may play as a guest for a maximum of three times.

## ***Tee Time.***

One of the best parts about being a Trail Ridge member is that we mix all members of different playing abilities so that you have an opportunity to get to know all club members and make new friendships. To enable this to happen, we have a pairings committee who, each week, take time to work out the pairings. The pairings and tee times are posted on the bulletin board outside the club house on Wednesday morning. You will also receive an email from golf ops with the date, your tee time and your playing partners for the next Tuesday. You must be registered with the online reservations system by providing a specific email just for you. Please see one of the starters in the pro-shop for assistance concerning the on-line reservation system. You can also check your tee time by logging in to [scw.totalegolf.com](http://scw.totalegolf.com). Occasionally, tee times can be delayed due to weather and course conditions. Call this number 623-544-6175 early to find out if there is a delay. You can also register for a daily message on frost conditions or other delays and/or restrictions. Go to your messenger and type in the numbers 555888. In the text box, type the letters SCWFROST. You will receive a message saying they have received it. You will then receive daily messages re frost or other delays or restrictions.

## ***Day of Play***

*Check in a half hour before your scheduled tee time and pay your green fees and sweeps.* You will notice on your receipt that you are charged \$2 for sweeps. Sweeps is a fee paid by all members who have a valid handicap. This money is used to pay the winners in the weekly game. You DO NOT PAY sweeps if you do not have a handicap or when you are participating in a club tournament.

After paying your green fees and sweeps, you may *sign up for any of the optional events* – chip-ins, blind bogey. These are all on the table in the proshop. Further explanation of these can be found in the roster. The box for the Ringers competition (optional event) is also on this table. *Sign-up for the next week's game* if you have not already done so. Sign-up sheets for other club events such as tournaments, functions etc. will also be on the table from time to time.

*Check the 'game of the week' on the bulletin board.* **You must complete your scorecard with the following information: handicap index, handicap, rec #, last name, first initial and date.** Check the handicap sheet on the bulletin board for your handicap index and course handicap. With the new handicap system, handicaps are calculated daily. However, we will use the handicaps as of 1<sup>st</sup> and the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month for Tuesday play. These printouts are posted on the bulletin board. Please use this information on your scorecard with handicap index above the course handicap. Make sure you **use the correct course handicap according to the tees from which you are playing. A sample scorecard is provided for each weekly event. Please follow the sample and include all the information that is required on the scorecard.**

## ***Weekly Events***

We play a variety of formats and games with generally the first Tuesday of the month being Ace day. The weekly event is posted on the ladies league bulletin board under the 'Weekly Event' heading with a description of the event and a sample scorecard. Please score your game as per the sample scorecard. Do not add anything else such as your score to the scorecard. **Ace Day** is a low gross/low net competition and is played with members with similar handicaps. The overall low gross and low net winners become eligible for the Ace of Aces competition which is played in December. Terms of Competition for the weekly event have been approved by our board and are available on our notice board or from the website. It is very important to follow these Terms of Competition in order to be eligible for the weekly event prizes. The Terms of Competition also explains how disqualifications occur and when a player becomes ineligible for a weekly event prize. All members are required to pay \$2 sweeps to participate in the weekly event. However, when participating in the major tournaments, Club Championship, Match Play and President's Cup, you do NOT pay sweeps. All players, including green tee players, are flighted according to their handicap index and that is why it is important to list this figure on your scorecard. Prizes are allotted to each flight. Flights may range from 10 to 15 players/flight. Approximately one-third of the field is paid.

## ***Rules***

TRWGC abides by the rules of the USGA and Local Rules as provided by Golf Operations of SCW. As well, Trail Ridge Ladies have adopted two more local rules. All local rules are posted on the outside bulletin board. As a member, you will also be given a USGA rules book if you do not already have one as long as supplies last. For any questions regarding rules, please contact our Rules Chairperson, Alice Wohlgemuth. On the website is a link entitled 'Ask Ms Rules' which answers questions about rules of golf. This is an excellent source of information.

### ***After Your Game***

You need to complete the following tasks after you have completed your game.

*Submit your scorecard.* Check your scorecard hole by hole with your playing partner. Ensure all calculations are correct. Mark all birdies/eagles and chip-ins on your scorecard. Be sure there are both **a scorer's signature and your attesting signature**. Your attesting signature says you agree with each hole score by the marker. Calculate your gross score, adjusted score, net score and game of the day score. When calculating your net score, be sure to subtract your course handicap from the **GROSS SCORE, NOT** the adjusted score. Follow instructions on the board for scoring the game of the day. If, for some reason, you don't complete your round, you must still submit your card. Score the holes not played according to the USGA Handicap System. That is, score as a net par (formerly par plus) which is par + the number of strokes you have on that hole.

*Complete any of the optional events in which you have chosen to participate.* i.e. Ringers, chip-ins, blind bogey, CAGD. If you score a birdie or eagle, write your name on the 'Birdies and Eagles' sheet.

*Place your scorecard in the box* on the table in the pro-shop with all the other cards. Once you leave the card in the box, the card cannot be changed.

### ***Posting your Score***

**DO NOT** post your score from Tuesday's play. Our handicap chairperson posts all the scores from Tuesday's play. However, you will need to post all scores from other games you play during the week. You can post them on the computer at any of the clubhouses or on your phone/personal computer. The AGA/GHIN has an App available for quick and easy posting. Refer to their website. It is important you post your scores on a regular basis.

### ***Results of the 'Game of The Day'***

Winners of the weekly event are posted on the ladies league bulletin board outside the clubhouse under the heading 'Winners' and on our website each week. All winnings are credited to your account and can be found on your receipt for your green fees besides the heading 'Tournament Winnings.' This money may be used for the purchase of anything in any of the SCW clubhouses – fees, food, drinks, clothes etc. Rec numbers of any player disqualified and/or ineligible for weekly event prizes are listed at the bottom of the results sheet and the reason. You can check your scorecard to see what error was made if this occurs. Scorecards are located in the drawer marked 'Tournaments' by the door of the pro-shop. Cards are bundled and labeled with the date to make it easy to find. Please do not remove cards.

### ***Green Tee Play:***

Green tee players are welcome at Trail Ridge. We want all players to play from the tee they feel most comfortable with and enjoy playing from. If you choose to play a round from the green tees, be sure to write your handicap index and GREEN TEE handicap on your scorecard. All green tee players are flighted according to their handicap index. As of January 1, 2020 with the new World Handicap System, players who play from the green tees are able to compete equitably with players from the red tees without any handicap adjustments. Green tee players are eligible for any NET competition but they are NOT eligible for prizes in any Gross competition – Club Champion, Low Gross on Ace Day and Low Gross in their flight with mixed tees. Green Tee Play information is posted on the website and on the board in the ladies restroom.

### ***Club Tournaments***

Trail Ridge hosts three tournaments during the year. In November or December, we have our President's Cup (2 days). This is a low net competition. In January, we play a match play competition (3 days) and in March we have our club championship (2 days)

which is stroke play. All tournament days are on a Tuesday. Please note, there is an eligibility requirement to participate in club tournaments. You must have played a minimum of five Tuesdays as a member with the club in the preceding twelve months. Green tee players are eligible to win all tournaments that are NET competitions. A green tee player would not be eligible to win the Club Championship, or be a winner of a flight in the Club Championship as it is a gross score competition. They are eligible for the overall low net and the low net in their flight. However, with a minimum of six green tee players, a separate green tee flight will be made for the club championship. During the President's Cup and Club Championship there is no weekly event as the tournament is the weekly event. No sweeps will be collected on those days as the prizes are paid from club funds.

### ***GDPT Tournament***

This event is usually held in March and is a friendly scramble competition where you are grouped in a foursome with a lady from each of the SCW regulation clubs. 32 ladies are chosen by lottery from those who sign-up to participate. This is a fun event that includes lunch, prizes and raffle drawings.

### ***Medallion Tournament***

This tournament is sponsored by the AGA. Further information can be found in the Membership Roster or from the AWGA Rep.

### ***Interclub Competition***

Trail Ridge participates in two interclub competitions. Team competition is played monthly, November through March, against each of the other regulation course clubs of Sun City West. Cholla is played against clubs from outside SCW. For further information, see the Team Play reps or the Cholla Reps.

### ***Getting Involved In Your Club***

Our club functions well because of all the hard work by our club officers and committees. A list of these people can be found in your membership roster. Involvement of new people is wanted and greatly appreciated. If you would like to get involved, please contact any of the club officers.

### ***General Meetings.***

General meetings are held four times a year. Dates are in the membership roster. The general meetings are often held in conjunction with social events such as our Christmas luncheon and end of year picnic.

### ***Communication***

We have several methods of communicating with our membership. *Our e-newsletter* comes out once a month electronically and provides everything you will need to know about club events, dates, etc. Please take the time to read this valuable source of information and reminder of upcoming events. *Our website* is at [www.trwomensgolf.scwclubs.com](http://www.trwomensgolf.scwclubs.com) The *Bulletin board* is found outside on the patio. Here you will find your Handicap index/course handicap, pairings for the week's event, game of the week, winners of the prior week's game and other information regarding the club. An additional bulletin board is also in the ladies restroom with other good to know information. The *Drawers*: you will find a Pairings drawer, photo album and tournament drawer. These are all located underneath the bulletin board.

### ***Renewing Your Membership***

Membership renewal takes place in Oct/Nov/Dec. Deadline is Dec 15<sup>th</sup>. Renewals after this date will be charged an additional \$5. If you choose not to renew, please notify the membership chairman of your wishes. Membership envelopes are located near the membership box on the counter just outside the clubhouse. Fill out the envelope, add your check to the envelope and drop in the locked membership box.