

Trail Ridge Women's Golf Club Member Guide

Message from the President – Terri Stauffer-Schmidt

Welcome to Trail Ridge Women's Golf Club. We are so excited you have chosen our club as your home course. We are a great group of women who enjoy playing golf and celebrating afterwards. We are an all-volunteer club, and our ladies will 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 the time to read this handout and the membership roster as well. It will inform you of all the wonderful activities we have to share. Additional information and photos of our members can be found on the website at www.trwomensgolf.scwclubs.com. Happy golfing!!

Trail Ridge Membership Roster

The Trail Ridge Membership Roster is an important booklet containing the names of all our members and their contact information, dates of events for the year, names of the club officers, committee members and a summary of our policies. (This information is confidential and should not be shared or used inappropriately.)

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 with the help of the handicap committee 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 to get a handicap once you have a GHIN number. 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 more than one GHIN number. Also, attach a copy to your scorecard on your first day of play and each time you play until you receive a 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.

Tee Time

As a Trail Ridge member 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, takes 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 to receive an email notification from golf ops. 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 <https://suncitywest.totaleintegrated.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 messages of frost or other delays or restrictions.

Signing up to Play, Add-ons and Cancellations

On Tuesday mornings the 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 or by handicap index. 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 change it 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 sheet for tournaments.

A clipboard for add-ons/cancellations is placed in the Pairings drawer outside the pro-shop from Wednesday to Sunday night. There are limited spaces for late additions. If you are unable to play, add your name under Cancellations on the clipboard. This is very

important. 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 as this affects their daily revenue. Players have until 6:00pm Sunday to use the Cancel/Add On sheet.

Updated pairings from Sunday night are completed by 9:00AM Monday morning. Add-On's will not be accepted after 9:00AM Monday morning. DO NOT add yourself in a guest spot on the pairings sheet posted on the bulletin board, or switch with other players. To cancel after Sunday, please contact a pairings committee member by email or phone. 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 will play at the end of the pairings. A guest may play as a guest for a maximum of three times.

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 participating in one of our 3 club tournaments such as President's Cup, Club Championship, and Match Play.

After paying your green fees and sweeps, you may sign up for any of the optional events – chip-ins or blind bogey. Entry payment for chip-in and Blind Bogey must be paid before starting your round. These are on the table in the pro shop. Further explanation of these can be found in the roster. The box for the Ringers competition (optional event) is also on this table along with the CAGD box. Sign-up for 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 EXAMPLE on the bulletin board. Please follow the sample and include all the information that is required on the scorecard.

With the new handicap system, handicaps are calculated daily. However, we will use the handicaps as of the 1st and the 15th of every month for Tuesday play. These printouts are posted on the bulletin board. Please use this information on your scorecard with handicap index and your course handicap. Make sure you use the correct course handicap according to the tees from which you are playing.

Finally, be sure and dot your card according to the new handicap system. Use the EXAMPLE on the board.

Weekly Events

We play a variety of formats and games, 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. The Terms of Competition for the weekly event have been approved by our board and are available on our noticeboard or from the website. It is very important to follow these Terms of Competition to be eligible for the weekly event prizes. The Terms of Competition also explain how disqualifications occur and when a player becomes ineligible for a weekly event prize. 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 per flight. Approximately one-third of the participants are paid.

Scorecards are exchanged amongst those playing at your tee time. No one scores their own card for the weekly event. Only the scorer is allowed to make changes to any score on the card. Changing a score on your own scorecard is subject to disqualification.

After Your Game

You need to complete the following tasks after you have completed your game. 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 along with the day's date. Your attesting signature says you agree with each hole scored by your partner. 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. If you started the hole and you were exceeding your max adjusted score, you can pick up and write the Adjusted score followed by an "X", example, "9X". If you did not start the hole, write your **net par** score followed by an "X". (Net par = Par for that hole plus any handicap strokes you got on that hole.)

NOTE: If you do not complete your round, you are not eligible to play blind bogey. In addition, if you did not complete a hole that is included as part of the weekly event, you are not eligible to participate in the weekly event.

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. If you score a chip-in, write down the hole on the chip-in 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 your phone/personal computer. The GHIN App is available for quick and easy posting. 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 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.

Rules

TRWGC abides by the rules of the USGA and Local Rules as provided by Golf Operations of SCW. Trail Ridge Ladies have adopted additional local rules. All local rules are posted on the outside bulletin board. You can download the USGA Rules App for all your Rules of Golf information. For any questions regarding rules, please contact our Rules Chairperson. On the website is a link titled 'Ask Ms Rules' which answers questions about rules of golf.

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 of 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 scoring competition. They are eligible for the overall

low net and the low net in their flight. During the President's Cup and Club Championship there is no weekly event as the tournament is a 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 competitions are 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. 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 lady's 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 outside the ProShop.

Renewing Your Membership

Membership renewal takes place in Oct/Nov/Dec. Deadline is Dec 15th. 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 drawer on the counter just outside the clubhouse. Fill out the envelope, add your check to the envelope and drop it in the locked membership drawer.

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