
Paragon Ladies' Bits and Bites

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Welcome to Paragon.

The following is information that we hope will help make your participation in the Ladies' Schedule more enjoyable.

They are very brief bits and bites so if you have any questions please ask.

Entering Scores – All acceptable scores during the active season (April 15 to Oct 30) MUST be posted

Handicap Factor is 96% of the average of the best ten of the last 20 games.

It is a measure of a player's **potential scoring ability**. A handicap factor is converted to a Course Handicap for competition on a particular course. The maximum factor for women is 40.4.

Handicap System The purpose of the Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling golfers of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.

Course Handicap is the number of handicap strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played

Handicap Stroke Hole is a hole on which a player is entitled to apply a handicap stroke or strokes to her gross score. This information is necessary if you are playing match play.

Course Rating reflects the difficulty of the course for the scratch golfer. For ladies Paragon's Course Rating from the red tees is **72.7**

Slope Rating The slope rating reflects the difficulty of the course for players who are not scratch golfers. The lowest is 55 and the highest is 155. For ladies, Paragon's slope rating is **124** from the red tees. The average against which courses are rated is 113.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicap factors more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap. At the end of the round the player must adjust her score using the table below and then enter her score in the computer.

Course Handicap Maximum Number		
0 or plus	-	1 over par
1-18	-	2 over par
19-32	-	3 over par
33+	-	4 over par

If 13 or more holes are played, the player shall post an 18 hole score. The scores for unplayed holes shall be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes. Do not use equitable stroke control on unplayed holes.

For example: If your handicap is 17, your score on the five holes unplayed (They can be any five) is bogey on the seventeen hardest (Those rated 1 to 17) and a par on the easiest (The hole rated 18).

Similarly, if your handicap 25, you would record a double bogey on the seven holes rated 1 to 7 and a bogey on the remainder.

IF 9 holes are played – choose the appropriate 9 on the Round Entry Screen and enter you adjusted score. When you enter the next 9 hole round the computer will combine them.

Tournament scores must be identified. (Click on the golf ball with "Tournament Score".)

Handicap Committee is listed on the Bulletin Board above the computer. Also listed are the names of those who can verify a handicap factor on the CGA card. This signature is valid for 15 days from the date of the last revision. Every Monday, the committee prints a list of the Ladies' Division and their factors. The committee monitors the greatest reduction in handicap for the senior and amateur lady player. (to qualify, **ALL** games played between April 15 and October 30 **must** be entered in the computer handicap system. Prizes are awarded at the closing. The committee also monitors the Birdie Tree.

Birdie Tree - Record every birdie on the white tags provided. Record the hole #, your name and the date and then hang it on the appropriate hook on the Birdie tree. Small prizes are awarded at the Closing Dinner.

Match Committee organizes weekly pin rounds and fun rounds. Small weekly prizes are awarded. Subcommittees organize match play, Club Championship, Ringer Board and Invitational.

Field Days are a great way to play different courses with ladies of the same ability. You need your CLGA card to participate. Posters for various field days are in a binder in the Locker Room.

Pin Round is a nationally sponsored stroke play competition in which member clubs of the CLGA participate. A maximum of 10 pin rounds are scheduled on Wednesday from May to September. In order to qualify for a CLGA Pin, ladies must play and record their gross, handicap and net scores for at least 4 pin rounds. When playing pin rounds, the rules of stroke play apply, that is, competitors must hole out and must not concede putts. Immediately following play each player is responsible for posting her round on the stats sheet on the Bulletin Board.

Fun Rounds On Wednesdays when we are not playing pin rounds we will play a variety of games. Directions for each game will be given before tee-off.

Sign-up Sheet for Ladies' Day is in the Ladies' Locker Room. Sign up no later than the previous Monday at 3:00pm. The draw will then be posted on Tuesday by noon. If you forget to sign up, call the Clubhouse at 765-6235 as early as possible and we will fit you in. If you need to cancel please call as well.

Ringer Board As you better a hole have the card attested and place in the envelope in the ladies room. Indicate the improved hole. Karen Nix will record the improved ringer and will post an updated sheet every couple of weeks. The ringer is for all games played. There will be a small prize at the closing dinner for the greatest improvement. This year there will be an entry fee.

Paragon Invitational (July 15) is a Texas Scramble. Each team consists of 2 players and the difference between handicap factors must be no more than 6. Leslie Houde is chairing the committee for this tournament

Club Championship (August 15 &16) is a 2 day stroke play tournament with prizes for

gross and net scores. There is an entry fee. Linda Sampson is Chair.

Match Play In Match play the game is played by holes. At Paragon it is Team Match play. Each team consists of 2 players. Players subtract the lowest handicap of the four players from each handicap in order to get the number of strokes allocated to each player. Players play their own game and the team with the lowest net score wins the hole. The team that wins the most holes wins the match. This year there will be an entry fee.

For example:

Player "A" has a handicap of 10,

Player "B" 14,

Player "C" 22,

Player "D" 37.

Player "A" would get no strokes in this match.

Player "B" would get 4 handicap strokes (the difference between her handicap and 10 - the lowest). They would be on hole #1, #3, #11, and #12 the four hardest rated holes.

Player "C" would get 12 strokes on the hardest 12 holes.

Player "D" would get 27 strokes, 2 on each of the 9 hardest rated holes and one on each of the remainder.

Home and Home with KenWo. The team of 12 Paragon players is selected by blind draw if more than 12 sign up. They play at Paragon on June 24 and at KenWo on June 18. The team with the lowest total net score is the winner. Paragon has won the golden tee 3 times.

PEG Tournament is an Annual Tournament with teams from Paragon, Eden and Greenwood. Everyone can play but 15 are drawn to be the Paragon team. The team low net wins the Tidman Trophy. The venue for this year is Paragon on Aug. 19th.

NSLGA 2-Ball 2 person teams compete in Pinehurst format at Eagle Crest on July 29. You must have a signed CLGA card for this.

Ladies' Opening May 6 is a scramble followed by a meeting (4pm) Order own meal.

Bronze Tournament is a provincial tournament held August 18 at Linacy Greens. This is a stroke play tournament for 19.4+ factors. Teams are sent from all NS clubs. The qualifying round at Paragon will be in June.

Strawberry Classic 2 person (male and female) teams compete in Pinehurst format at Paragon. This is an annual tournament (June 13 and 14 this year). Many volunteers are needed.

Pinehurst is a game in which a team consists of 2 players (A & B). Both tee off. Player A hits Player B's Ball and Player B hits Player A's ball. The best ball is selected and the players alternate shot until the ball is holed out.

President vs. Vice President is an annual tournament. Half the field is on the President's team and half the field is on the Vice President's team. The winning team has the lowest total net.

Scramble Each Team member will teeoff. The best drive is selected and all team members will move their balls to within 1 club length of the best ball. All play the second shot from this location. The best second shot is selected and the procedure is repeated until the ball is holed out. There are variations.

NSLGA Amateur/Senior is a stroke play tournament held at Grandview July 8, 9, 10, 11. There are gross and net prizes.

Newsletter Glenda Dodge produced a monthly newsletter in past, but is unable to this year. If anyone is interested please contact the Executive.

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