

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 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

Handicap Factor is 96% of the average of the best 10 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.

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 71.3 and from the orange tees is 64.2.

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 from the red tees is 121 and from the orange is 106. The average against which courses are rated is 113.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual scores for handicap 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 to 9	par plus 2
10 to 19	7
20 to 29	8
30 to 39	9
40	10

If 13 or more holes are played the player shall post an 18 hole score. The score 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 5 holes unplayed (They can be any 5) 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 is 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 your adjusted score. When you enter your next 9 hole round the computer will combine them.

Tournament Scores must be identified. Click on the "T" on the round Entry Screen.

Handicap Committee The 2019 Committee includes:

Dave Potter
Michael Willett
Rosemary Willett

Every Monday a list of the Ladies and their handicaps is printed and posted in the washroom. 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.

Birdie Tree Record every Birdie on the birdie tags. Record the hole #, your name and the date. Hang it on the tree on the appropriate hook. Small prizes (3 draws) are awarded at the closing dinner.

Match Committee Sherry Martin retired from her position as chair of this committee. We really appreciated her devotion and flexibility in running ladies day. In order to facilitate Ladies Day, each of the executive and their friends volunteered to organize weekly games (\$5). Small weekly prizes are awarded. Subcommittees organize match play, Club Championship, Ringer Board and Invitational.

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 score, handicap and net score. The rules of stroke play apply, that is, competitors must hole out and must not concede putts. There is a winner (4 lowest net scores) and runner up. Pins will be presented at closing dinner. The executive has chosen to discontinue participation.

Fun Rounds On Wednesdays we play a variety of games. Directions for each game will be available prior to tee-off. A list of the planned games is posted in the clubhouse.

Sign up for Ladies Day at the Pro Shop before noon on Monday or call 902-765-2554. The draw will be emailed to you. If you need to cancel, please call as well.

Ringer Board As you better a hole, have the card attested and place it in the envelope. Mary Beaman will record the improved ringer and will post an updated sheet every couple of weeks. There is an entry fee and there is a small prize for the greatest improvement. It will be presented at the Closing Dinner.

Paragon Invitational Each team consists of 2 players and the difference between handicap factors is to be no more than 6. This year Barb Eaton is chairing the Tournament and it is a 2 day event on July 27 and July 28. The cost is \$130 per team. Check out the poster on the website.

Club Championship September 21 and

September 22 There is an entry fee and there are gross and net prizes. Lynn Moar is chairing this event.

Match Play In Match Play the game is played by holes. At Paragon we have single and team match play. In Team play each team consists of 2 players. Players subtract the lowest handicap of the 4 players from each handicap in order to get the number of strokes allocated to each player (In singles subtract the lower handicap from the higher one). 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. There is an entry fee and prizes will be awarded at the closing dinner.

Example

Player A has a handicap of 10

Player B has a handicap of 14

Player C has a handicap of 22

Player D has a handicap of 37

Player A would get no strokes

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

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

Player D would get 27 strokes, 2 one each of the 9 hardest holes and one on each of the remainder. Jane Walker is looking after it this year. The cost is \$5 per person.

Home and Home with Berwick There are 2 person teams that play a Texas scramble, one day at Berwick and one day at Paragon. The Club with the lowest total net wins the trophy. Karen Greenman is chairing this event.

Peg Tournament Carla Findley is chairing this Committee. It is an annual Tournament with teams from Paragon, Eden and Greenwood. The first 15 to sign up are the team. At the tournament the 4 lowest nets from a club are compared to the 4 lowest nets from the other 2 clubs. The lowest total wins the Tidman Tray. To be held at Eden September 9 at 9:00.

Ladies' Opening is a scramble followed by a meeting (4pm). This year there was rain that postponed it 5 times!

Bronze Tournament is a provincial tournament. This is a stroke play tournament for 19.4+ factors. Teams are sent from NS clubs. The qualifying round for a place on the 5 person team will be in the schedule. The tournament will be held at Eden in 2019. Carol Romkey is chairing that committee.

Strawberry Classic This is an annual Paragon Mixed Tournament in which 2 person teams (male and female) compete in Pinehurst Format on a Saturday June 15 and Sunday June 16.

Pinehurst is a game in which both players tee-off. Player A then hits Player B's ball and Player B hits Player A's ball. The best ball is selected and the players alternate shots until that ball is holed out.

President v Vice-President is an annual tournament. Half of the field is on the President's team and half the field is on the Vice-President's team. The winning team is the team that has the lowest total net. It has not been played in 3 years.

Scramble Each team member will tee off. The best drive is selected and all team members 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 many variations.

Fore the Cure is an annual tournament at Paragon. 4 Person teams of golfers and non-golfers play 18 holes. In 2016 there were draw prizes and a silent auction. Monies raised were donated to the Nova Scotia Lodge that Gives. We have replaced it with Fore our Friends and invite local clubs to join our Ladies Day.

MacEllen A Mixed scramble held annually at Paragon. Cancelled in 2016 because too few signed up and not scheduled for 2017, 2018 or 2019.

Sam Hayden A pinehurst tournament held annually at Paragon. Cancelled in 2016 because too few signed up. Held in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Rosemary and Mike Willett are chairing this event to be held July 21.

NSGA 2 Ball 2 person teams compete in Pinehurst format. You must have an established handicap

to compete. Usually held in late July. This year it will be held at Brightwood on July 23.

NSGA Amateur/Senior is a stroke play tournament usually held mid July. This year it was held at Greenwood on July 5-7. Leslie Houde won the Masters there.

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As you can see we have 2 vacant positions. Please consider volunteering. If everyone does a little, no one has to do a lot!