

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.

Rules In 2019 there were some changes to the Rules of Golf. 20 Must Know Rules of Golf for 2019 can be found at golfcanada.ca/rules. Thanks to Tracey Coleman who discovered the following 9 minute video that demonstrates these rules: Yves C Ton-That rules video.

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 8 differentials 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 for calculating your maximum hole score as well as when 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) has been replaced with "NET DOUBLE BOGEY". A "net double bogey" is a player's maximum hole score for handicap purposes. It is the maximum 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 on each hole that requires adjustment. Hint: If you enter your score hole by hole, the computer will do it for you.

The adjusted score is $\text{par} + 2 + \text{handicap strokes}$.

If 14 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 "net double bogey" on unplayed holes.

If 7 or more but less than 14 holes are played .enter a 9 hole score using your net par on any unfinished holes. 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.

Handicap Committee The 2021 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.

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.

Fun Rounds Twice a month, 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. On the other Wednesdays, Ladies will make up their own groups.

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

Ringer Board Will be changed this year to Ladies Day only. Debbie Walker volunteered to run it.

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 1 day event on July 14. Check out the poster on the website.

Home and Home with Berwick This has been discontinued.

Peg Tournament It has been 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. Covid may prevent this tournament from going forward.

Club Championship August 14 and August 15 There is an entry fee and there are gross and net prizes.

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.

Ladies' Opening is a scramble followed by a meeting (4pm). Last year there was rain that postponed it 5 times! This year it is planned for May 19.

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 Oakfield on August 10. 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 12 and Sunday June 13.

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. Generally, 60% of the lower handicap and 40% of the higher handicap combine for the team handicap.

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 4 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.

MacEllen A Mixed scramble held annually at Paragon. Cancelled in 2016 because too few signed up and not scheduled for 2017, 2018, 2019 or 2020.

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 18. There will be a poster available on the web site.

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 Abercrombie on July 27.

NSGA Amateur/Senior is a stroke play tournament usually held mid July. This year it will be held at Clare July 2,3 and 4. When it was held at Greenwood in 2019 Leslie Houde won the Masters there.

Ladies' Executive and Coordinators 2021

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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!