

## MLGA MESSAGES

### AUGUST 2024

#### Week of August 5

Ladies,

It was another hot day on the golf course Monday. 68 ladies came out to play with 66 completing the round. Kuddos to those 2 ladies who listened to their bodies and stopped playing when they became too hot.

New Handicaps have been posted on our bulletin board. There are no "Events" numbers on the list on the board. Tina and Debbie have been going over the best way to count these "Events" for you all. Here is how it will work starting with the August numbers.

- "Events" will be ONLY those "games/tournaments, etc." where the individual score CANNOT BE COUNTED TOWARDS HANDICAPS.
- For the 2024 Season there are ONLY 3 that qualify:
  - "3 Clubs and a Putter"
  - "2 Person Scramble"
  - "4 Person - Step Aside"

That means, as of August 1 you can only have a maximum of 2 entered under the "Events" count. "4 Person - Step Aside" will be played on September 16th, making the max. for 2024 three (3).

This should make it easier for everyone to know how they stand for number of "Rounds Played".

The numbers posted on the website have been adjusted to reflect this tracking method.

There have been a few incidents this season regarding our "rules" of play. For that reason, I thought it would be good to have a "Rules of the Week Review" to hopefully help with any confusion while on the course.

This weeks rules: PROVISIONAL SHOTS and LOST/OUT OF BOUNDS/UNPLAYABLE BALL

Any time you think you will NOT be able to locate your golf ball, it might be a good idea to go ahead and hit a "Provisional Ball".

Provisional Ball - At any time before or during the, 3-minute search a "*Provisional Ball*" may be hit from the original shot location taking a One Stroke Penalty. You MUST ANNOUNCE that a "*Provisional Ball*" is being hit. If the original ball is found, the "*Provisional Ball*" must be picked up. You CANNOT use Provisional Ball.

Ball Not Found (Lost)/Out of Bounds or Unplayable on the Course – (2 Options for Relief)

1. *Stroke and Distance* Option (NOT RECOMMENDED)
  - a. With 1 Stroke Penalty (Stroke),
  - b. Return to last shot location (Distance)
  - c. Hit another ball for a total of 3 Strokes
2. *Stroke and No Distance (MLGA Rule)* Option
  - a. With a 1 Stroke Penalty, select location as near as possible to where you think the ball should have landed, crossed the "Out of Bounds" line or was declared "Unplayable", in rough or fairway (Not closer to the hole)
  - b. Drop or place a ball and take next shot for a total of 3 Strokes

We DO NOT RECOMMEND going back to the original location or tee box. (We added "*Stroke and No Distance*" to help with "Slow Play")

In that same light, should a Provisional Ball be hit and the original found, but there is a back up on the course, that first ball can be declared "LOST" (due to time limit) and the provisional ball can be used. Penalty of 1 stroke was assessed when the "Provisional Ball" was struck. No additional penalties.

We are out there to have fun and obviously are NOT playing for thousands of dollars. Let's all just try to keep moving and make the best judgements possible to do that.

What can I clear up for you all next week?

That's it for me for another week. Until next time, enjoy the "cool down" and I hope to see YOU at the golf course.

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary

### **Week of August 12**

Ladies,

We had 63 ladies out on the course Monday. Thanks to everyone who helped make Nick's day as "Jim" go well. Mother Nature did decide to make another "rain" appearance but most everyone finished without getting to soaked.

SignUpGenius for September will open around 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 8/15/24. Watch for the e-mail. (TOMORROW)

We do have another "Scramble" in September. The "4 Person Step Aside Tournament" is September 16th. This is a "Shotgun Start" TEAM event with lunch after. Basically, it's like a 4 Person Scramble but the golfer whose ball is used as "best shot", steps aside while everyone else plays from the preferred ball location. We played it last season and everyone seemed to LOVE IT! Sign up, you won't be disappointed. More information coming later and an "E-Vite" to stay for the lunch should be out next week.

Speaking of events. Next Monday is "LOW NET". Everyone plays their normal game and afterward Tina will have League Manager calculate the NET Scores for each of us. She will then determine the low round in each of our 4 Flights. Winners will be announced in my "Messages" next week and your winnings will be available the following Monday when you play.

### **RULES REVIEW FOR THE WEEK**

I have noticed that there have been instances when some are NOT following our rules regarding Tee Times. So here they are:

Please sign up for yourself, if possible. You **MUST BE SIGNED INTO GENIUS** to select or delete tee times. If unable to play at time selected AND is is

BEFORE NOON on the Sunday before play, PLEASE delete your name from SignUpGenius.

**Note: The "cut off" to add or make changes to on-line tee times in NOON on the Sunday before Monday League Play.**

Changes/cancellations needed **AFTER** the **Noon** cutoff **MUST be made by calling the course Monday morning at 636-227-1750.**

If you do NOT ARRIVE 15 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time or call the course to let them know you are on your way, your tee time may be given away. The golf course likes to send out groups of 4, when possible, and WILL move players around.

---We are asking that you try to arrive, at least, 15 minutes before your scheduled tee time. This is especially true for the final tee time, as the course is frequently EARLY getting us out on the course and you may NOT have anyone to play with, if everyone has been sent out before you arrive.

The "Tee Sheet" (ladies expected and what time) is printed by NOON on Sunday. Jim is not likely to know that you have "Added" yourself or that you are "Not Coming" if you make a change AFTER the NOON deadline. Genius will let you make changes but that doesn't mean that anyone will know about it.

Please DO NOT CALL the course on Saturday or Sunday and tell whoever is working the desk that you are NOT COMING on Monday. They DO NOT have a tee sheet and shouldn't be expected to take a note to leave for Jim on Monday. We had an incident where the Sunday worker got the name wrong which caused a lot of confusion on Monday morning.

That is my "soap box" for this week!

Jim will NOT be there on Monday, so be your usual friendly, cooperative selves when you arrive. Play well and I hope you "net" a winning score!

That's it for another week. Watch for the e-mail opening the September Tee Times and I hope to see YOU at the golf course!

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary

### **Week of August 19**

Ladies,

We had another great week with 73 ladies coming out to play in the "Low Net" Event. Thanks to everyone for playing. Scores were entered into our Handicaps Program and it calculated the "Net" score based on the most current Handicap for each lady who played. Individual flights established by the league were used in determining the winners in each of the 4 Flights. Winners for 1st and 2nd Place will win prizes for this event/game. Here are your winners:

Flight A:

1st Place: Evelyn Weir with a Net Score of 33

2nd Place: Brenda Fauls with a Net Score of 35 (tie-breaker with 3 others)

Flight B:

1st Place: Elaine Knobler with a Net Score of 32

2nd Place: Lauren Luther with a Net Score of 32 (lost in a tie-breaker with Elaine)

Flight C:

1st Place: Suzanne Mace with a Net Score of 35

2nd Place: Sharon Marks with a Net Score of 36 (tie-breaker with 2 others)

Flight D:

1st Place: Julie Sewing with a Net Score of 35

2nd Place: Darlene Belote with a Net Score of 36 (tie-breaker with 4 others)

Congratulations to all our winners!

(Your Prize \$\$ will be available next Monday at the course when you play.)

As of today, we have 63 ladies signed up to play in the September 16th "Step Aside Tournament". We have up to 72 places to fill for this Scramble, so it's not too late

to get signed up. This is a really fun tournament with lunch afterwards. E-Vite for lunch will be out this week.

This weeks Rules Reminder concerns Golf Balls, navigating the creek and Double Par:

Golf Balls: Balls should be marked before play to make identifying easy on the course. If someone hits the wrong ball it is a "2 Stroke Penalty" to the player who hit the wrong ball. The improperly played ball must be moved back to original location from where it was hit. (No Penalty to the player whose ball was improperly played.) The "offending" player must play their next shot from their CORRECT ball location taking that "2 Stroke Penalty". Look at the ball before you hit it ladies.

The league permits a player to use a different ball when attempting to cross the creek. We recommend that you do this so that you don't spend too much time trying to find a lost ball.

Speaking of crossing the creek, MLGA DOES NOT HAVE A RULE that permits a player to hit 2 balls into the creek then hit from the other side. If you cannot get the ball over the creek after 2 attempts, you probably are going to reach Double Par. It may be time to "pick up and move on" taking the max strokes allowed. You MUST navigate the creeks.

Another "speaking of" moment: Double Par is the MAXIMUM strokes that ANY player is allowed to take on a hole. DO NOT CONTINUE TO PLAY ONCE DOUBLE PAR IS REACHED! Keep track of your shots! Playing on slows down everyone's play, that is why we have this rule.

Please follow the actual rules and don't make up rules to suit your play. That concludes my "soap box" for this week!

Next Event is the "Step Aside Tournament" in September. New Chip In's and Birdie Listings are posted through August 19th. The new Handicaps and Rounds Played is also updated through play on August 19th. They are both posted online at <http://www.mlgagolf.com> and on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

That's it for another week. Until next time, watch for the E-Vite and I hope to see YOU at the golf course.

Debbie Fagin  
MLGA - Secretary

Week of August 26, 2024

Ladies,

Happy Labor Day to all of you. Since Labor Day falls on a Monday, there is NO MLGA GOLF THAT DAY! We don't play again until September 9th. That is also the LAST DAY to:

- Get your name on SignUpGenius to play in the September 16 "Step Aside Tournament"
- RSVP for the lunch following the Tournament
- Pay your \$15 for the lunch
- Tell me how much you "love me" (no, wait, you can tell me that any time!)

We had 62 ladies come out on Monday to play golf this week. It was another hot day, but the breeze made it better. Thanks, ladies for supporting the league and getting out there to play. We did have a few issues that I want to bring to your attention. Play was SSSLLLOOOWWW again following a few groups on the course. PLEASE, PLEASE PLAY "READY GOLF" and STAY AWARE ON THE COURSE.

- Pay attention to where your group is on the course. Nobody within 2 strokes of you: **PICK UP THE PACE!**
- Groups waiting to hit backing up behind you: **PICK UP THE PACE!**
- Limit time looking for lost balls/help each other watch where balls land: **TAKE 1 STROKE PENALTY AND DROP A NEW BALL!**
- Take clubs with you when going for your ball: **BE READY TO TAKE YOU SHOT!**
- Count ALL your strokes (including "wiff's"): **STOP, PICK UP YOUR BALL AND QUIT PLAYING THAT HOLE AS SOON AS YOU REACH DOUBLE PAR!**

**In other words: KEEP MOVING!**

The other thing that happened was, **IF YOU SIGN UP - SHOW UP OR CALL TO LET JIM KNOW YOU ARE NOT COMING.** We ended with a "solo" golfer because there was no one to play with her when there should have been someone. That's the 2nd week in a row that this has happened.

Off my soapbox! Now on to other topics:

New "Birdies/Chip-In" lists are out - Posted on the website and on our bulletin board by Monday.

New "Handicaps/Rounds Played" - Posted on the website and on our bulletin board by Monday.

Remember deadline is MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 for RSVP and money for the lunch after the September 16th "Step Aside Tournament". At least 3 ways to pay: 1) You can mail your check, payable to MLGA, to: Kim Hrin, 1244 Sadie Lane, Fenton, Mo 63026. 2) You can put a check in an envelope with MLGA on the front and put it in our plastic bin at the golf course. 3) You can put a check or cash in your golf bag (DO IT NOW!) for when you play on September 9 and pay at the course. If you answered you would attend, I WILL track you down and get your money! Count on it! Text me if you have any problems with these options: 636-639-0542.

That's it for me for another week. Until next time, have a safe and fun Labor Day and I look forward to seeing YOU at the golf course!

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