



Juniper Hill Ladies
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A perfectly straight shot with a big club is a fluke.
~ Jack Nicklaus



March Birthdays: Glenda Abrams – 3rd; Mary Rogers & Eva Slusher – 7th; Becky Correll – 8th; Jenny Anglin – 9th; Sarah Tandy – 15th; Kathy Caney – 16th; Donna McNeil – 24th; Ruth Hinkle, Lisa Brewer & Robin Johnston – 27th; Emma Robinson & Linda Waits – 29th; Teresa Prather – 30th

Question: Esther and Rhonda were approaching #9 green. Esther chipped in from about 40 yards out and the ball lodged against the pin without dropping in the hole. Rhonda said she thought Esther had to go back and re-ship with a penalty stroke. (As Esther approached the ball/pin, the ball did fall in and she counted it.) Who was right? **Answer** on page 2.

Golf 101 Beginning Women (Any Age) No Charge for JHLGC Association Members. (JHLGC membership cost is \$22 for the Late Swingers league.)
April 22 & 23 @ Lakeview Springs Golf Course; 5:45 – 7:15
April 24 & 25 @ Juniper Hill Golf Course; 5:45 – 7:15
So ladies, if you know of someone who would like to try golf as a new sport or if someone needs a refresher, please encourage them to attend!

Golfing great Ben Hogan's famous reply when asked how to improve one's game was: Hit the ball closer to the hole.

Be sure to check out our website www.jhlgc.org to find out more information about the upcoming 2014 season!

Upcoming Events

March 11 - JHLGC Meeting, 6 p.m. @ JHLGC Clubhouse

March 26 – Wednesday Morning Ladies Day League Organizational Meeting @ 9 a.m. @ Juniper Hill Golf Course Clubhouse

March 27 – Late Swingers Ladies League Organizational Meeting @ 6 p.m. @ Juniper Hill Golf Course Clubhouse

April 2 - Wednesday Morning Ladies Day League-1st day of league play, meet @ 9, shotgun @ 9:30, Make Your Own Foursome

April 12 – Season Opener-Yellow Ball Scramble**. Sign up in advance, teams assigned. Lunch @ 11:30; shotgun start @ 1 p.m.**

There is a \$5 entry fee for all regular JHLGC tournaments and a \$10 entry fee for the Ladies Club Championship & Match Play. Need more info? Call Aggie Hampton @330-3095 or hampton12@aol.com; or Connie Page @ 682-1084 or rpague@fewpb.net.

Wednesday League Administrator – Michele Brown, 219-0562, michele.brown@fewpb.net
Thursday League Administrators-Becky Ebert, 803-1661, becb12003@yahoo.com & Connie Wiard, 382-8838, cwiard10@gmail.com
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JHLGC Website: www.jhlgc.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

JHLGC organizational meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 6 p.m. at the JHLGC Clubhouse. Attendance is encouraged as some important decisions will be made and we need everyone's voice on these matters.

Wednesday Ladies League will have their organizational meeting on Wednesday, March 26th at 9:00 am in the back room. After the meeting, ladies are encouraged to make their own foursome and play for fun, weather permitting. League play will begin April 2; meet at 9:00, shotgun start at 9:30. Format for all of April is **Make Your Own Foursome**.

Late Swingers League will have their organizational meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 6:00 pm in the clubhouse. **IMPORTANT LEAGUE INFORMATION ON PAGE TWO!**

URGENT! The Handicap Committee wants to remind everyone that handicap fees need to be paid no later than **March 31st** in order to maintain an active handicap. Any handicap not paid by that date must be inactivated in the system. The scores are not deleted but it takes approximately 4 weeks to reactivate. Wednesday League is \$60 and Late Swingers is \$47 (you only have to pay the handicap fee of \$25 once.) You can go to our website www.jhlgc.org and download a form or blank forms are available in the pro shop.

We're looking for ladies to volunteer to be a "golf buddy" for ladies new to Juniper. As with every organization, JHLGC receives new ladies who wish to be a part of one or both of the golf leagues. Setting up a "golf buddy" program will ensure that our newest members feel welcome and will have someone to show them the procedures for league/tournament play. Hopefully this will entice them to return for the next league day play! More information to follow!





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Tip of the Week: Effective offseason practice

By Tyrus York, www.swingpal.com

We all need to have a certain time of year where we can evaluate our golf game and determine if we are willing to make necessary adjustments to improve it. For most golfers the offseason is that golden opportunity.

So what are some great ways to take advantage of not being able to get outside to play and practice as much as we like? Below are a few aspects of the game you should be concerned about this time of year.

FUNDAMENTALS: Maintaining proper fundamentals is a year-round task, and the offseason offers an opportunity to get serious about making necessary changes and learning to stick with them. For example, grip and posture are always two fundamentals I see students struggle with the most. You can take five minutes per day practicing your grip and getting in front of a mirror to work on the correct posture without having to leave the comfort of your own home. Even if your grip and posture are already fundamentally sound, do this just to keep "rust" from forming during winter months.

PATH AND CLUBFACE: Any golf instructor will tell you that if you have good swing path and clubface position through impact that good things are likely to happen when you hit the ball. The problem is, changes related to path and clubface aren't always the easiest to implement into our game midseason. That makes the offseason a perfect time to get with a PGA professional and make sure your path and clubface are helping you make the kind of contact you want with the ball.

MAKE SOLID CONTACT: Much of our practice during the offseason will be indoors, whether it's making swings in your garage, or actually hitting golf balls into a net. With golf clubs being as forgiving as they are these days, it's not as easy as you think to guess where the ball is hitting the clubface. It is very important that you know the quality of the contact you are making, especially if you can't see how far the ball is going. Applying impact tape is one way to see this, but there's a cheaper and easier way. Use a dry erase marker to make a mark (about the size of a coin) on the back of the ball. This will leave a mark on the clubface where you hit the ball. Then all you have to do is wipe it away with your finger ... and do it again.

Combine proper fundamentals, good path and clubface positions, with solid contact, and that will be the most valuable practice you can have, no matter what time of year!

Dear Late Swingers Ladies,

We have been a part of the Late Swingers league for quite some time. We've seen the league evolve and we've seen it stagnate. We hope this is a year of growth and evolution. As the Late Swingers League Co-administrators, our main goal is to PUT THE FUNBACK IN THE LEAGUE.

We hope to accomplish these steps toward that goal:

1. Increasing our membership by fostering an open, friendly environment for visitors and new golfers;
2. Encouraging participation from golfers of all levels by integrating membership during regular Thursday night play;
3. Encouraging play with different partners and formats, similar to the Wednesday league;
4. Encouraging more social activities and fun golf stuff to build camaraderie.

In an attempt to make us a more true league, rather than just a group of women who play nine holes with their friends on Thursday nights, we are proposing the following changes:

1. Lengthening the season by changing the start date to the first Thursday in May and running through the last Thursday in September;
2. Having 5:15 or 5:30 shotgun starts for everyone with formats of A-B-C-D, Flighted, make your own foursome, etc;
3. Running a trial of these changes for a month or six weeks.

We want everyone in the league to have an opportunity to express their opinions about any of these changes. Change is hard. There will be 'bugs' to work out. We had a good response to the poll about the Ladies Club Championship dates, so let's keep it up. The only way we move forward is to build consensus among our members. Let us hear from you, good or bad, about what you do/don't like about the league as it exists and any proposed changes. We need discussion and debate in order to succeed. Kirk is supportive of the proposed changes. BUT none of these changes are set in stone, and none will be adopted without a formal vote at the March meeting. If you can't make that meeting, email me or Connie or Karen or everybody(!) and let us know your thoughts. This is YOUR league and your voice matters! We will have an agenda for the March 27th meeting coming out soon.

THANKS, Becky Ebert & Connie Wiard

Answer: Rule 17-4 states, "If the ball rests against the flagstick when it is in the hole, the player or another person authorized by the player may move or remove the flagstick and if the ball falls into the hole, the player shall be deemed to have holed out with the last stroke."

DON'T FORGET - Be good to our course; replace divots, rake bunkers and repair ball marks.