

## **Welcome to the Port Hope Tuesday Ladies League, 2016!**

Whether you're new to the game or an experienced golfer, the Ladies League at Port Hope provides the opportunity to golf with a wonderful group of women in a casual, friendly atmosphere, while enjoying our beautiful course along Lake Ontario.

Our League was founded more than thirty years ago. With the support of the Club's management and staff, a group of volunteers plans and organizes weekly games, scrambles, tournaments and socials on behalf of our League.

This Playbook has been developed to provide you with detailed information about the League and our 2016 events.

If you have questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact a member of the Organizing Committee.

Your Organizing Committee Members:

- Carol Dewey – Committee Recorder and Scheduler for Special Events
- Sue Speirs – Membership
- Sue Tee – Communications and Scheduler for Special Events
- Carla Foote - Treasurer

Weekly Schedules

- Sue Bolton
- Linda Davis

### **Our 2016 Season**

The Ladies League season runs for 21 weeks, beginning on Tuesday May 3<sup>th</sup> and ending on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **League Dues and Golf Fees**

Annual dues for members of the Ladies League are \$40.00, payable at the beginning of the season (by cash or cheque payable to Ladies Tuesday Golf). Dues paid by our members are returned through weekly prizes, tournament prizes, special draws, and year-end prizes.

Weekly Green Fee - \$17.70 + tax = \$20

Power Cart Rental - \$8.85 + tax = \$10

10 Game Card- \$159.30 + tax = \$180 (savings is 10% equivalent to one green fee)

10 Game Power Cart - \$90.00 (savings equivalent to one rental)

### **Tuesday Morning Games – Tee Times and Scheduling**

We play the Front 9 holes each Tuesday morning except for three Tuesday afternoons when we play the Back 9 holes, and three Tournament Tuesdays when we play 18 holes.

Our Schedulers work hard to mix the 4somes and to make an equitable allocation of tee times. The goal is to provide our members the opportunity to play with different ladies each week as well as different skill levels and styles of play.

Tee times are from 8AM – 11AM each Tuesday morning, with the last tee time depending on the number of players.

Members are advised of their weekly Tuesday morning tee times and foursomes via email, usually by the Friday before the next game.

Unless a member advises the Schedulers that she will be away on a specific Tuesday morning, she will be scheduled to play. Therefore, it is very important that you advise the Schedulers, no later than Thursday at noon, if you are unable to play on the following Tuesday.

We realize that a last minute emergency can occur on the evening before or the morning of play, and if this happens, please advise the clubhouse staff 905-885-6487.

In special circumstances, when a player has an appointment or a personal or family matter to attend to on Tuesday morning, the Schedulers will do their best to accommodate the request for a specific tee time. With the exception of the circumstances described above, we are unable to accommodate personal preferences for tee times and we ask all players to please keep the tee times that have been assigned. If a time becomes available as a result of a cancellation, we will move the next scheduled player(s) ahead, to fill that time slot.

Please arrive at the clubhouse 15 to 20 minutes before your tee time, ready to play.

## **Tuesday Afternoon Games This Season – ‘9 and Dine’**

There are three Tuesday mornings this season when the golf course is not available to us. On those days, we will play the Back 9 holes on Tuesday afternoons. The dates for the afternoon games are: May 17th, June 28th, August 9<sup>th</sup>. On September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be playing the back 9 in a 9am shotgun, followed by lunch

Unless otherwise specified, the Back 9 games are played as Scrambles with a shotgun start at 3PM, followed by supper at the clubhouse. The cost for each of these events is **\$35.00**, which includes your green fee, shared power cart, a warm up bucket of balls, and a meal to follow. Taxes are also included. (Cost for members of the Club will be adjusted accordingly).

For the Tuesday afternoon events, players are required to register in advance. Registration goes up 2 weeks prior to the event and is closed one week prior to event or when the event has filled up. Registration is done through a simple form on the Club's website.

These events fill up quickly so when you receive registration information, remember to sign up quickly online at **[www.porthogolf.ca/ladiesleague](http://www.porthogolf.ca/ladiesleague)**. Please fill out the form on the page, click submit, and you are done!

If you are having computer problems, please ask one of the staff at the PH Clubhouse to register you for a specific event.

## **Rain Days**

The Golf Club has a policy whereby the course usually remains open unless there is an electrical storm. There may be a rare Tuesday when poor weather conditions warrant cancelling League play for that week. If members are unsure whether the Ladies League will play on a certain day, they are asked to call the clubhouse **905-885-6487** for confirmation by 7:00AM for morning play or by 2PM for the afternoon games.

For the pre-registered Back 9 and dine games, and the 18 hole events, the food is ordered and preparations are made, in advance. If a Back 9 event, or an 18 hole tournament game has to be cancelled because of extreme weather conditions, we ask that the PH players and away/guest players come to the club, enjoy the prepared, delicious meal and take the opportunity to socialize. There will be no charge for the cancelled game, but, it is expected that each person who registered will cover the cost of the meal.

Similarly, if you sign up to participate in one of the “away” Inter-league events, and then find you are unable to attend, the host club asks that you pay for the meal portion, as it has already been ordered.

## **Scorekeeping and Prizes**

During Tuesday play, a member of each 4some volunteers to act as the recorder and notes each player's score on a scorecard. Our scoring system automatically records pars and birdies so there is no need to note them on the scorecard, but the recorder will note Chip-ins.

Players count their own score on each hole during regular play, and they advise the recorder of their score. Players may use whatever method or counter works best for them in order to keep an accurate score. Scores count for prizes each week so we rely on accurate counting and fair play among our members. This ensures all our members will have an opportunity to win prizes during the season.

For regular 9 hole games, we use a ‘double par’ rule – meaning that for each hole, the **maximum** score is double the par. Accordingly, if your stroke count on a hole reaches double par (whether or not you have holed your ball), you are to pick up your ball and that hole is considered finished.

The recorder will **circle** a “true” double par score. This means that a player holes the ball on a double par score. However, when a player picks up her ball, at a count of double par, before holing the ball, the double par score is **not** circled on the scorecard.

The total score for each player is entered on the scorecard and each group's scorecard is handed in at the clubhouse.

When playing a Scramble, each 4some records the team's results for each hole and the total, on a scorecard.

The Scorekeeper collects the scorecards after each game, tracking the weekly scores for each player.

Our members are organized into four divisions depending on their scores. On a weekly basis, the scorekeeper tallies each member's score and if a player's score changes, either up or down, that player's division for the following week may change depending on the extent of change to her score.

Our four divisions and the range of scores (9 holes) are:

Division A – Scores of 36 to 55; Division B – Scores of 55.1 to 59;  
Division C – Scores of 59.1 to 64; Division D – Scores of 64.1 to 72.

At our Closing Banquet in September, prizes are awarded to members who, through the season, have achieved winning results in each Division as well as in categories such as most pars, birdies and chip ins. League members who have played at least half of the regular games during the season and participated in the 9 hole scrambles and in-house tournaments are eligible for year-end prizes.

### **Pace of Play**

The Port Hope course has been rated for pace by the Golf Association of Ontario and it has been determined that the front 9 holes should take about 2 hours to play.

Our goal is that members enjoy their golf experience while maintaining the pace. This does not mean rushing. Rather, there are club resources to keep the pace moving and ways to improve your game that ultimately lead to a better pace.

One of the club's Marshalls will be on the course to observe the pace of play. If the pace is slow, he will stop by to ask you to increase your pace.

### **Improving Your Game**

Our club provides a practice green for putting and chipping as well as a driving range. Buckets of practice balls are available at a reasonable cost and spending time at the practice facility is another great way to warm up as well as sharpen your game.

Our more experienced members can also be valuable resources for support and assistance so don't hesitate to ask questions as you play your round. They can help you understand the course and our rules of play.

Recommended golf instructors at area courses include- Brad Pemberton at Dalewood and Kevin Gunter at Baxter Creek.

### **Grace on the Greens – Tips, Etiquette and Local Rules**

- Play 'ready golf' whenever possible.
- Keep 'mum' (and still) while others are hitting their ball, and remain out of a player's peripheral vision.
- Take no more than **one practice swing**, if any – being mindful to keep the pace.
- After hitting your ball, watch where it stops and line up your cart to that area.
- As you wait while others play their ball, plan your shot and select your club.
- Help fellow players find lost balls – but take no longer than a minute or two.
- If your ball is lost or out of bounds (including red hazard marked areas), drop another ball and **add 1 stroke** to your score.
- Rake sand traps and replace divots.
- Park your power/push cart well off to one side of the green (on or close to the cart path)
- The player whose ball is 1st on the green removes the flag once all players' balls are on the green.
- Flag is placed out of stroke's way when putting.
- Player whose ball is farthest from the pin putts first.
- Never walk between a player's ball and the hole.
- Player who putts out first returns flag to the hole after all have completed their putts.
- All players remain on the green until everyone putts out.
- Travel between holes quickly and mark scores after leaving the green – at the next tee.

### **Tournaments**

#### **Inter-League Tournaments:**

The PHLL "sisters" with two other Ladies Leagues – Salt Creek GC and Warkworth GC. During our golf season, the three clubs host a day of fun that focuses on golf and friendship. We enjoy 18 holes of golf, share a meal, have a chance to win prizes and have fun! These events provide a great opportunity to try your skills at another club and to meet some amazing ladies!

[The 2016 Interclub "Friendly" Tournament Schedule](#)

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> – 18 Hole Scramble at Port Hope

Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 18 Hole Scramble at Salt Creek

Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> – 18 Hole Scramble at Warkworth

### **2016 In-house Tournaments:**

#### **Member/Guest Day July 19**

Each member from the Ladies League can invite a friend, sister or favourite aunt to golf 18 holes and then enjoy lunch in the event tent. This is a highly anticipated fun Event that involves a theme and the challenge to each foursome to dress-up and decorate the carts accordingly. The photos say it all! Please keep in mind for this event the bar in the tent is cash only!

#### **End of Season Tournament September 20**

Golf and Celebration are the themes of the Season's Closing 18 Hole Scramble followed by a catered luncheon at the Penryn Mansion in the Event tent. This is the final chance to play as a league, wind down and perhaps win a prize for the day's game. It's also our opportunity to recognize members of the League who have excelled throughout the season. Please keep in mind for this event the bar in the tent is cash only!

#### **Tournament Registration**

Information about the tournaments will be provided to you well in advance of each event. These events fill up quickly so when you receive registration information, remember to sign up quickly online at

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#### **Contact Information**

Should you need to contact a member of our Organizing Committee or a member of the Port Hope Golf Clubhouse team, contact information is provided below.

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