





Happy Valentines Day!!!    Remember to treat your Loved Ones to something special February 14... Dinner out, flowers, chocolate or try something different. How about a round of golf with your Sweetheart and maybe get them a new outfit from the Pro Shop!!! There are some pretty sweet goodies (hats, gloves, martini tees, golf bags) and a nice selection of clothing for the Lady and the Gentleman in our lives. Don't forget we get the 10% discount off regular priced merchandise too with your golf memberships.

January and February are very busy months at Lake Fairways. Lots of excitement and it is so nice to have all the golfers back. The activities running, shoot outs happening, weekly league play, LEGA, golfing with the Ladies of Pine Lakes, etc. Lots of action on the driving range and there is always someone at the putting green.

I have heard good things about the lessons from Dave Leonard and have signed up myself to get some help with hitting from the Bunkers. Had that group lesson today with Dave and it was great. I have some work to do on bunker play but at least I know what I am supposed to be doing. He mentioned he has some great ideas for further lessons. One great idea was how to take the fear out of hitting over the water... Sign me up for those please....

News from Dan: Ladies you can now establish handicaps from the white tee blocks.... simply play your games from the white tees and input your score from the white tees. Also you can do the same from the blue tee blocks at Pine Lakes. This will give you a longer course handicap with these different coloured tees. Just a little food for thought if you get bored of playing from the red tees...

The course is very green and in great shape due to the considerable amount of rain end of December and into mid January. With all this rain though - the bunkers have taken quite a hit. Scotty's crew worked so hard last week to restore them only to have a huge rain storm on January 6 and January 9th to put them back to square one. But one good thing about the bunker damage is we can pull them out and play the ball without a penalty. 

We also have lots of golfers perfecting their games for the Club Championships. Tee times in the morning are busy and lots of groups or foursomes visiting the course every day. We are very lucky to have the opportunity to play our course once each day. Or even go out and play 36 holes ... should you be that driven. I have friends at various courses down here that go into the Lottery System at their course and only get to play twice a week and they don't even get a say as to what time.

The Ladies League presently has 44+ members. We are still looking for new members to join our league. Should you have a new neighbour or friend in the community please let them know about the great group of Ladies at Lake Fairways 18 Hole Golf League. It is a great way to meet people in the community.

*** Should you need to cancel on league days please call the [Pro Shop 239-731-5220](tel:239-731-5220). Also be at the meeting area by 8 am for any special announcements, guest speakers, etc and then off to the course for an 8:30 am shot gun start.***

December 21, 2023 was the Ladies Shootout on the Back.

Congratulations to our Winners:

Shirley Beaton - 1st

Cathy Burns 2 nr

Val McIntosh - 3rd

Jan 3 Scramble with Pine Lakes at Lake Fairways

10 L/N in Flights - Qualify for Shootouts

17 Shamble - Board Meeting

18 Shootout on Front

24 Match Play

31 L/N in Flights - Qualify for Shootout - General Meeting

Feb 7 Round 1 - Club Championships - Others - L/N

ABCD - Men's Shootout

14 Round 2 - Club Championships - Others - Shamble 2 of 4

21 Round 3 - Club Championships (if required) Others - L/N - ABCD Board

Meeting

22 Shootout on Back

25 Rally for the Cause - subject to change due to conflict

28 TBA - Fun Game

Mar 2-3 Club Championship

6 Shamble - General Meeting - Men's Shootout

8-9 Interclub with Pine Lakes

13 L/N in Flights - Men's Grand Shootout

14 Ladies Grand Shootout on Front

20 Member Guest

21 Board Meeting

25 Awards Luncheon
27 L/N - ABCD

I have asked Sandie Gordon to help explain "How to calculate your maximum strokes per hole" It can be confusing but take the time to read it. It will not only help you with your max strokes but understand the golf card further.
Thank you for this Sandie....

Your handicap can change each time you post a score either in the Pro Shop or at home on GolfNet; however, on the 1st and 15th of each month, Sandie posts on the Ladies League scoreboard, the current handicap, and the flight you are in based on your handicap and the number of league members.

When you are playing your own game other than on Wednesday, you need to know what the maximum number of strokes you can take on each hole based on your handicap.

It can be complicated but if you know your handicap and you know the handicap of each hole (on the bottom of the score card there is a number indicating the difficulty of that hole). For example: Hole #2 on the front is a #17 handicap hole; whereas #6 is the most difficult hole and is the #1 handicap hole. On the back, #12 is the easiest and #18 is the most difficult on the back, so it is #2 handicap hole. Each hole has a handicap rating.

Knowing your handicap determines the Par on a hole (#2 is par 3, #6 is a par 4, etc) plus 2 (double bogey) plus your handicap. Yup, that's confusing!!!

Calculating the maximum strokes on a hole:

Let's say your handicap is 10, you get into trouble on #6. Based on your handicap and the handicap of #6 hole (#1 handicap hole, par 4), your max # of strokes would be 4 (par) plus 2 (for double bogey) plus 1 for a max # of strokes of 7. If you got in trouble on @12, your maximum strokes would be 5 (par 3 plus 2 for double bogey).

Let's use a handicap of 20 and you get into trouble on #6. Based on your handicap and the handicap of #6 (#1 handicap hole, par 4), your max # of strokes would be 8 (par plus 2 (double bogey) plus 2).

If you are a handicap of 18, your max strokes for each hole would be the par of that hole plus 2 (double bogey) plus 1. Handicaps over 18 will take par (3, 4, or 5) plus 2

(double bogey) plus 1 or 2 max strokes based on your handicap and the handicap of the hole.

WORST CASE SCENARIO IF ALL OF THE ABOVE IS TOO CONFUSING. THERE IS A HANDICAP CALCULATION SHEET ON OUR LADIES LEAGUE BOARD BEHIND THE PRO SHOP THAT TELLS YOU THE MAXIMUM # OF STROKES PER HOLE BASED ON YOUR HANDICAP.

Of course, all of the above is ONLY if you get in trouble on a hole, anything under your maximum is a bonus and well played.

Just wanted to add one more point to this monthly article. As I am a newer player to the world of golf; I am always trying to learn new things to try and improve my game. I think I am getting there but this game has taught me to accept the good and bad days. That it is a game - we are to play to enjoy and have fun doing so. We were given cards on the New Year's tournament nicely laminated showing the rules of golf. I took one and put it in my cart but never read it until today. It shows Caddy Rules on one card and Local Lake Fairways Rules on the other. It was mentioned that it would make a nice addition to have a couple of rules maybe outlined each month. I think it is a great idea. So given the length of this month's article I thought I would just put in a few Caddy Rules.

- 1- All drops (drop zone) are taken from the knee high.
- 2- There is a 3-minute limit searching for lost ball
- 3- A club can ground in red and yellow penalty area
- 4- Loose impediments may be moved in bunker & penalty areas

Have A Great Round and See You at the Links!!!