

ECHO RIDGE LADIES GOLF CLUB

WHAT'S WHAT BOOKLET



Punctuality. Not only your foursome, but the clubhouse, too, greatly appreciates your punctuality. Try to arrive at least 15-20 minutes ahead of tee time. If you have to cancel, please call the Pro Shop.

Some ways that you can help to speed up play:

- Don't take more than two practice swings.
- Hit a provisional ball if you believe your ball to be out of bounds or lost. That way you will not have to go back to hit another ball if you cannot find your original ball.
- Don't take more than five minutes to look for a ball.
- Putt until you have putted out. Stopping to mark the ball each time you miss slows down the play.
- Play ready golf.
- Walk to your ball and be ready to hit when it is your turn.
- Don't wait to putt while the player who was in the sand rakes the trap after hitting onto the green. The other players should go ahead and putt to speed up play.
- Let faster groups through if there is a complete open hole ahead of you.
- Maintain the distance of one drive between you and the group ahead of you; otherwise you slow everyone down.
- Mark your scorecards at the tee box for the next hole, not while standing by or on the green you have just finished.
- We can all do our part to speed up play. Thank you!

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Welcome to the Golf Season

For new members of Echo Ridge Ladies Club (and the rest of us too!), this booklet will help you become familiar with the club and with golfing in general. A major goal of our club is to have as many members as possible participate in as many events as possible (including regular weekly golf rounds). We organize events that we hope run smoothly and allow for fun and fellowship. Members of Echo Ridge Ladies Golf Club play every Tuesday morning, May to the middle of September.

Membership Fees

Membership fees are due on or before the first Tuesday in May and are payable to our membership coordinator. Memberships are classified as follows:

Full club membership

Associate membership (full membership at another club)

Social membership (non-golfer)

Junior membership

A punch card cannot be used on Tuesdays. Either a Tuesday membership or an Echo Ridge regular or weekday season pass is required.

Basic Rules and Etiquette

The rules listed below are some of the more general rules with which every participant should be familiar. Like any other game, golf is governed by rules and regulations that ensure fairness for each golfer and allow everyone to enjoy the game.

- Be still and quiet when a player is preparing to make a shot.
- Stand well clear and out of vision of a player addressing the ball.
- Be aware of others around you during practice swings.
- Err on the side of caution. Before striking your ball, ensure the group ahead is out of your range. If you are unsure about whether the ball you hit is going to be close, yell “FORE.” If the thought has crossed your mind, it is better to be safe than sorry.
- Try to arrive at least 15-20 minutes ahead of tee-time. If you have to cancel, please call the Pro Shop.
- Always be ready to hit your ball without delay. All golf courses are busy. Members should do their part to keep the balls moving: A well-paced 9-hole game at Echo Ridge should take 2–2¼ hours.

Sand traps

- Sand traps deserve a special note. After walking in them, cover your tracks so it looks like you were never there.
- No practice swings are allowed while in the bunker, so practise your swing **before** you enter the trap.

Greens

- Pull flagsticks when all players are on the green and place them far enough out of play so as not to disturb any stray putts.
- Replace divots, replace divots.....
- Repair ball marks on the greens.
- Lastly, place your marker **behind** the ball.

Water Hazards

- The river on hole number 6 is considered a lateral water hazard (indicated by red stakes or a red line) as the hazard lies alongside the fairway. Play your ball along the line where it entered the water (or crossed the lateral hazard line) and take a one-stroke penalty.
- The pond on hole number 9 is a standard water hazard (indicated by yellow stakes or a yellow line) where the hazard lies across the fairway. Drop the ball behind the hazard and take a one-stroke penalty.
- Other options such as replaying the shot exist in both situations but still require a one-stroke penalty.

Out of Bounds

- If you believe your ball has crossed the out of bounds boundary, you should hit a provisional ball so that you do not have to come back and hit another ball once you have determined that your ball is out of bounds. Hitting a provisional ball will speed up play for the groups behind you.
- The out of bounds penalty is stroke and distance. Therefore, you would be hitting three with your second hit off the tee box.
- Out of bounds areas are the fence lines on numbers 1, 6 and 7 fairways and the driveway at the end of the number 9 fairway at Echo Ridge Golf Course.

Signed and Attested Score Cards

For most competitions, awards or events, scorecards are to be signed and attested.

This means that you do not keep your own official score during the round of golf.

- One member of your foursome volunteers or is appointed to keep everyone's score.
- Following the round, the person keeping the scores signs the card.
- All members of the foursome check their scores for accuracy and then one member signs to attest to the scores.
- Once the card is signed, no further changes to that card are allowed, so double-check before applying your autograph.
- Each player should keep a separate scorecard for verification purposes (and also to enter scores in the computer for handicap calculation).
- The cards are then dropped into a box in the Pro Shop.
- You can still submit scores using equitable strokes (see page 9) if you are unable to complete a round, as long as you have completed 7 of 9 holes or 13 of 18 holes.

All active members obtain a Golf Canada membership card. Membership in Golf Canada gives members the opportunity to establish a handicap and to enter Golf Canada competitions as well as to participate in all club activities. The year's Calendar of Events is available from the captain or assistant captain.

More detailed rules can be found in the Golf Canada rulebooks. Your captain can obtain one for your purchase.

Regular Golf Round Details

Tuesday Morning

Ladies belonging to the Echo Ridge Ladies Golf Club have a set tee time every Tuesday morning beginning at 9 a.m. in May, 8 a.m. in June, 7:30 a.m. in July and August and back to 8 a.m. in September. The draw is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse as well as on the Echo Ridge website.

Cancellation of Tee Time

If you are unable to come out on a particular Tuesday (once the schedule has been drawn up), it is **your responsibility to call the Pro Shop and make the cancellation.** A call to the scheduler regarding cancellations is also appreciated if the timeline allows changes.

Be sure to inform the scheduler if there are regular Tuesday dates that you will be unable to golf during the season. This makes it much easier to schedule everyone in foursomes.

Handicap Explanation

The handicap is designed to be an equalizer in your regular games and is necessary for tournaments. Your handicap is calculated automatically when you enter your scores on the computer.

You should enter your adjusted scores (explained on the following page) for **every round of golf at every course you play in the order it is played.** The method of entering your scores is explained on screen on the computer. Your handicap chairperson and/or your captains will be happy to assist you.

A game can consist of either a full 18-hole round or two 9-hole rounds on the same golf course (eventually adding up to the full 18-hole round).

For example

- On Tuesday you may complete 9 holes and the next week complete another 9 holes, equalling 18 holes of golf.
- Another possibility is that on Tuesday you play 9 holes, and on the weekend you play 18 holes, and the next Tuesday you complete another 9 holes. In this instance, the first two 9 holes can be combined and the last two 9 holes combined giving you two regulation 18-hole games. These scores are entered a little differently than the regular 18-hole scores.
- Please call upon the handicap chair for guidance.

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) or Adjusted Score

Equitable Stroke Control provides a more realistic and stable score based on a player’s true/current ability. If you shoot over par on a hole, you must adjust the score for that hole to a certain number of strokes. The number of allowable strokes depends upon your handicap. See the following chart.

Course Handicap	Maximum Number on Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey (2 over par)
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 or more	10

Yearly Events

A number of playing events occur throughout the year. Some are associated with Golf Canada and some are our own club events. All playing events are indicated on the Calendar of Events compiled by the captains (available from them or at the clubhouse).

Golf Canada Pin Rounds

Golf Canada asks that we designate six to ten days throughout the season as “pin rounds.” Each player needs at least four (4) rounds to qualify, as it is the total of a player’s best **net scores** that counts at the end of the season.

On pin round days, submit your attested score card to the captain. Enter your gross score and then subtract your handicap. The result is your net score. At the end of the season the captain adds up each player’s four (4) best net scores. The lowest total is the winner, and second lowest is the runner-up. The names and scores of these ladies are sent to Golf Canada. These winners are announced at the wind-up dinner in the fall and Golf Canada pins are presented.

Pin Awards

Pins will be awarded to members for the following accomplishments:

- Breaking 100, 90 or 80 for 18 holes for the first time.
- Breaking 50 or 40 for 9 holes for the first time.

These events need not occur at the player’s own club but must be on a Golf Canada rated course. Put your signed and attested scorecard in the Echo Ridge Ladies box (**clearly marked with the fact that this is the first time you have broken a**

particular barrier) so that the captains can order the pins in time for the wind-up dinner.

- Shooting a hole-in-one, eagle or birdie.
- Chipping in from off the green (no putts taken).

A chip-in pot is located in the clubhouse. If you deposit a quarter on Tuesday morning before you tee off, those members who record chip-ins will share the pot. If there is no winner, the pot carries over to the next week. However, you must pay a quarter again if you still wish to participate.

Eclectic Tournament (9 and 18 Holes)

The eclectic tournament involves four rounds of golf played on specified dates (usually the four Tuesdays in July).

Keep your scores for all four rounds and at the end of the tournament, record your lowest score on each hole to determine your own “best ball” score. Net scores are used.

Even if you are able to golf in only two or three of the four days, you can still submit your best score for the hole. Prizes will be awarded at the wind-up dinner.

Canada Day

Golf 18 holes or 9 holes on the designated Canada Day. Place your attested card in the box. All cards are sent away and a national low net winner is declared. Don't forget to wear red and white on that day.

Charitable Events

A number of charitable events may be organized during the regular golf season. Participation is voluntary. The club receives information from various charitable organizations regarding procedures for their sponsored events. With membership approval, these events may then be scheduled on regular golf days.

Club Championship

All members are eligible to play in the 18-hole club championship.

The Club Championship is scheduled on a designated Tuesday near the end of the season (usually in August).

The players are placed in flights according to their handicaps and prizes are awarded at the closing banquet.

Club Trophies and Their History

The Ferguson Cup

The Ferguson Cup is awarded for the low net score for 18 holes. A net pin award from Golf Canada is presented along with the cup.

The cup was purchased by Dr. R. G. Ferguson and originally presented to the men's club in 1925.

In 1968 Mrs. Norma Ferguson donated the cup to the Echo Ridge Ladies Club, and for many years it was the only cup up for competition. Mrs. Ferguson presented the cup to the winner as long as she was able.

The Dodds Cup

The Dodds Cup is awarded to the low net winner playing 9 holes.

Doris Dodds donated this cup to the Echo Ridge Ladies Club in 1988.

The Young Cup

The Young Cup is presented to the most improved golfer (calculated by the greatest percentage of improvement in the handicap index factor).

Audrey Young donated the Young Cup to the Echo Ridge Ladies Club in 1980.

The Giroux Cup

The Giroux Cup is designated as the Club Championship cup for low gross score (18-hole players).

Anita Giroux donated this cup to the Echo Ridge Ladies Club in 1990.

The Liske Cup

The Liske Cup is presented to the low gross winner for 9 holes.

Marge Liske donated this cup to the Echo Ridge Ladies Club, and it was presented for the first time in 2001.

The Dr. H.C. Hall Trophy

The Hall Trophy is awarded for setting the course record over 18 continuous holes of play.

The score must be witnessed and attested to by at least one other golfer, with no temporary greens allowed in play. The golfer must be a member of the Echo Ridge Ladies Club.

The cup (originally 1925) resurfaced in 1988.

The Marg Thompson Cup

The Marg Thompson Cup is presented to the “Member of the Year.” A secret ballot is held to determine the recipient, who is considered to have made a positive contribution to the club.

The cup was donated to the Echo Ridge Ladies Club by Marg Thompson’s daughters to honour Marg, a longstanding member of the Echo Ridge Ladies, on her 90th birthday. The cup was first presented in 2013.