

**THE RIDGE  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES LEAGUE**

**TYPE OF PLAY:** Our league will be using the match play format. Each match will be played for a total of nine points. Each hole will be worth one point. A “show-up” point will also be awarded to the team as an incentive if both members of the team “show-up”.

**TEAMS:** Sign up with a partner. Select a partner or enter a random draw to be teamed with a partner. The Board will try their best to find you a partner, but it is not guaranteed. The league will be capped at 40 players (20 two-lady teams) with a list of substitutes and a waiting list if necessary.

**LEAGUE DUES & PAYMENTS:** The league dues are \$100.00 per player (includes contests, year-end prizes and banquet). **The Board must receive the league dues before league play starts. The \$100.00 dues will not be refundable after the first week of matches.**

Weekly greens fee for golf: \$24. Cart rental: \$11.

**“SHOW-UP” POINTS:** If a team plays a match with one team player or the team has a substitute, the “show-up” point will be cut in half. Additionally, no “show-up” point will be awarded to a team that has two subs play a match.

**Members needing Subs:** Players should contact:  
Kristen Sgrosso  
978-973-3182  
Or  
email [k.sgrosso@comcast.net](mailto:k.sgrosso@comcast.net)  
with the subject SUB NEEDED

Kristin will do her best to find a sub for your match. It is extremely helpful for you to let us know as far in advance as possible if you are unable to play a match.

**MATCHES WITH A NO SHOW TEAM:** When a team is scheduled to play another team that is unable to make it and cannot find any subs, they will be randomly drawn to play another team that is playing that night. The team that did show-up that night cannot receive less than 4.5 points (plus show-up points) but may earn more with matching of the cards. If a team is unable to make a match and there are not substitutes available to play, the team will receive zero points for that match.

**SCHEDULE:** Matches will be played on Wednesday evenings. All matches will be occurring at 5:00 p.m. with a shotgun start. Rounds will alternate between the front and back nine each week.

A schedule of matches will be posted online. A list of participants with phone numbers will be made available to players.

**STANDINGS:** Results will be posted each week on the bulletin board in the club house and updated weekly online on the website [www.theridge-nh.com](http://www.theridge-nh.com). Match scorecards must be handed in to the Pro Shop each week. **Failure to hand in a score card will result in no points awarded for the match.**

- One team will mark the official scorecard. The other team must also keep a scorecard.
- Mark chip-ins and birdies clearly on the scorecard.
- Clearly mark and add 1 point to the score if both team players play and 1/2 point if only one player from the team plays.
- Both teams must total the scores and the points.
- Both teams should compare the scorecards for accuracy and one player must turn the official scorecard into the Pro Shop asap following the match.

**FINAL STANDINGS:** A final order of standings (most points) will be established at the season end of scheduled matches. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams. In the event of total points tie, team show up points will be the tie breaker. If there is still a tie, we will go to previous head-to-head match point totals. Lastly, if a tie remains, we will draw a random week of matches for the total points won.

### **LEAGUE HANDICAPS**

- For returning players, the first week of league combined with the final average from last year will be used for determining your first average.
- For new members, the first week score and scoring information provided on the application will be used to establish your beginning average.

When scoring, players must complete each hole up to a **maximum of 10 strokes** as averages will be updated and calculated every two weeks.

**STROKES & SCORING:** Players will stroke off the player with the lowest average in the foursome. Players receiving strokes will get 75% of the difference between averages. Score cards will be marked and stroked by the Pro Shop and can be picked up during check-in. Only one stroke will be awarded on par three (3) holes.

**CONTESTS:** There will be weekly contests that will be noted on the night of play. Prizes will be awarded weekly to the contest winner. Also, awards will be given to the players with the most birdies and chip-ins at season end.

**COMMUNICATION:** Our league has an email address:

[prladiestwilightleague@gmail.com](mailto:prladiestwilightleague@gmail.com)

Please use this email address to correspond with the Board rather than individual members. We will then review and respond accordingly.

We encourage players to post photos and/or comment on highlights of league night on our Facebook page: **The Ridge Ladies League.**

There will be a bulletin board for our league in the club house. Refer to the board for our schedule, winners of weekly contests and the display of birdie and chip-ins made throughout the season.

**PACE OF PLAY:** To speed up the pace of play:

- Limit the number of practice swings.
- Play ready golf.
  - Whoever is ready should tee off, regardless of the score from the last hole or which of the players or team it is.
  - If possible, determine the club needed in advance of your shot and bring the necessary clubs with you.

### **LOST BALL OPTIONS**

- On a possible lost tee shot, you may re-tee and **hit a provisional ball** (1 stroke penalty - now hitting 3). You must state your intention to the other players in your match. If you hit a provisional ball and then locate the original ball, you must play the found ball.
- If a player finds her lost ball and it is unplayable, a player may drop the ball (from the knee) one club length back from the spot it entered, but no closer to the pin, incurring a 1 stroke penalty.
- On a possible lost tee shot, a player may **declare the ball lost** and hit another ball (1 stroke penalty - now hitting 3). The player should not look for the lost ball. Even if it is found, a player cannot play it declared lost.
- To maintain pace of play after a lost shot, a player can drop the ball (from the knee) one club length back from the spot it went in the hazard, no closer to the pin and incurring a 1 stroke penalty. This is a local course rule we use in our league. Local rules supersede the Rules of Golf.
- There is a 3-minute time limit to search for a lost ball. Ask the player if it's ok before searching for another player's ball.
- If a ball is lost and it is obvious to the players that it may have been plugged in the mud or a puddle, the players may agree to place the ball where they believe it was hit without incurring a stroke.

**PREFERRED LIES:** Players may move the ball **12" within the fairway only** and no closer to the pin. The ball does not have to be in a divot, etc. to be moved.

If the ball lands in ground under repair or on an obstacle (i.e. a rock, sprinkler head), the ball may also be placed 12” outside of the area, but no closer to the hole. Note your intention to the other players.

**HOLES #2 AND #8:** If a player hits a ball into the hazard on hole #2 or #8, the player may choose to proceed to the drop circle on the other side of the hazard and take a **one-stroke penalty (you will be hitting 3).** If the player chooses to retee and hit again from the tee box, it will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> shot.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- A player may not use or share another player's club(s).
- An opposing player may allow a "gimme" when close to the hole, usually done when the point is already determined.
- If a ball hits another ball and moves it, the player whose ball was hit must move the ball back to where it was originally. The player who hit the ball must play their ball where it ended up.
- If the ball of another player makes it hard for a player to make her shot, whether in the rough or on the fringe, she may ask the player to mark her ball so she can make her shot. Once her shot is completed, the marked ball is returned to the marked spot and played. Please note a player can only mark a ball in this example if asked.

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT RULES WHILE PLAYING YOUR MATCH**

If a player is unsure of a rule when playing in her match:

- Play the way you believe you should play using your original ball.
- Play another ball with your second option in case your first decision was not correct.
- When you finish the match, go directly to the Pro Shop to request a determination on the hole.

**Please do not ask other players for a determination. The Pro Shop knows the rules. If there is any discussion, it should only be between the player and her opponents.**

**The Ridge Ladies League Board:** Lauren Lyons, Kathy Purslow, Ann Peterson, Marcia Presher, Dorothy Savery and Kristen Sgrosso.