

Calabogie Women's Thursday Golf



Welcome to the Thursday Women's Golf group at the Calabogie Highlands Golf Resort. This group includes members at all proficiency levels. During the season, players mix and you will play with most members. We play 18 holes and socialize at the club house after the weekly round.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact any member of the executive at any time.

Membership: Open to all women

Annual Fees: Your annual registration with the Women's group includes the cost of prizes and miscellaneous administration expenses.

Calabogie Highlands is a member of the Golf Association of Ontario (GAO). Your golf club membership at the Calabogie Highlands Golf Resort includes membership with the OVGA (Ottawa Valley Golf Association). This registration provides you access to the Golf Canada web site and entitles you to play in any OVGA sanctioned tournaments and any GAO sanctioned tournaments. Golf Canada website has a wealth of information and you are encouraged to check it out: www.golfcanada.ca

Women who join "Thursday Women's Golf" but are not members of the golf club need to pay the GAO fee (\$28) for handicap calculation.

Season: First Thursday of May to Last Thursday of September

Weekly Games:

- Teams and game information will be emailed by the Captain on Wednesdays.
- Unless otherwise advised, all games will follow Golf Canada rules. A card can be obtained from the Captain or a rules book may be purchased from Golf Canada
- Prizes will be presented in the clubhouse once all players are in. Single games prizes will be presented the week following. Multiple round and tournament play prizes will be presented at the end of the season

Events:

Bus McConnell Tournament (June)

- Trophy event
- Sponsored by the late Buz McConnell. Mr. McConnell was a local resident who donated many hours of instruction to our golfers. He also donated a signed print by Merrickville artist Brenda Carter
- Open to club members who are also members of the Thursday Women's Golf
- Low net score of all participants
- Winner is acknowledged and presented with the print (trophy) which hangs in the club house.

Member/Guest

- Non trophy event
- All members are encouraged to invite a minimum of 1 guest to join them for a "fun" day of golf and dinner
- You can make up your own "4-some" or "4-some's" will be made
- If you are unable to bring a guest, you may still golf
- Further details are announced each year

Calabogie Ladies Invitational Tournament

- 3rd Tuesday in August
- Usually over 80 participants from other Golf Clubs
- Open to players with established handicaps
- Organized by a Committee from the Thursday Women's Golf
- Members are encouraged to participate and/or volunteer to help

Women's Club Championship

- Two day, trophy event
- Open to all Thursday Women who are members of the Calabogie Highlands Golf Club
- Champions and Runners Up for each of the four divisions are determined by total gross score of both days
- High Net score and Runners Up in each division will also be recognized
- All members are encouraged to support this major club event by participating

Women's Senior Club Championship

- 1 day, trophy event
- Open to all Thursday Club Members 65 years and over
- Champion and Runner Up determined by gross score
- Low net score and Runners Up will also be recognized

Women's Super Senior Club Championship

- 1 day, trophy event
- Open to all Thursday Club Members 70 years and over
- Champion and Runner Up determined by gross score
- Low net score and Runners Up will also be recognized

The Tombstone

- Non trophy event
- Held the first Thursday of October
- Allowed to shoot total of course par rating plus your handicap (Max 40 for handicap)
- Once you have scored that amount, you are deemed to have “died” and your tombstone is placed at that point on the course. You must continue playing until you have “been buried”, even if you are still alive after 18 holes
- The player that “lives the longest” is the winner

Match Play Event

- Sign up if you wish to participate.
- Games are played throughout the season starting early June. Match games are to be scheduled on times other than Thursday Women's Day
- Format is announced each year, e.g. singles or doubles
- See scoring rules below

Ryder Cup Event

- This is a fun trophy event
- The event is comprised of two teams, Silk and Satin
- 3 Rounds are played throughout the season, singles and doubles of various formats

****Definitions****

Handicaps: *A handicap is a numerical measure of an amateur golfer's playing ability based on the tees played for a given course. It is used to calculate a net score from the number of strokes actually played, thus allowing players of different proficiency to play against each other on somewhat equal terms. The higher the handicap of a player, the poorer the player is relative to those with lower handicaps.*

- 1) You must enter all scores of 18 holes or a combination of 18 holes into the Golf Canada website. See Golf Canada website for instructions
- 2) If you play 13 holes but less than 18 holes, you must use your ESC (see below) for the holes not played
- 3) A minimum of 3 scores/month must be entered to be eligible for prizes
- 4) After 5 scores have been entered, a *Factor* will be calculated for you by the Golf Canada website program

- 5) The Factor then determines your handicap. Your handicap will change for more difficult or easier courses. Your club handicap (CH) is shown on the Golf Canada website or check the chart on the Women’s Bulletin Board in the Pro Shop.
- 6) There is a maximum score per hole that can be entered, based on your Handicap. This is called “*Equitable Score Control*” (ESC) – see info below...

Equitable Stroke Control: (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make Handicap Factors more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap. ESC is used only when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds their maximum number based on the table below but is applied to all scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores. There is no limit to the number of holes on which a player may adjust their score.

Note: In other countries, the system of ESC may be different than the Golf Canada system, (i.e., USGA system). When a score is made under a system of ESC different to the Golf Canada ESC system, that score must be adjusted to the Golf Canada ESC system before it is entered as an adjusted score under the Golf Canada Handicap System. If you are a snow bird, you should enter your winter scores into the Golf Canada website. You will find that the majority of US courses are listed.

**Please note RCGA has rebranded to Golf Canada*

Course Handicap	Maximum Number On Any Hole
9 or less	Max 2 over par
10 through 19	7 max score
20 through 29	8 max score
30 through 39	9 max score
40 or more	10 max score

Match play: Is a scoring system for golf in which a player, or team, earns a point for each hole in which they have bested their opponents. Unlike stroke play, in which the unit of scoring is the total number of strokes taken over one or more rounds of golf, match play scoring consists of individual holes won, halved or lost. On each hole, the most that can be gained is one point. Golfers play as normal, counting the strokes taken on a given hole. The golfer with the lowest score on a given hole receives one point. If the golfers tie, then the hole is halved, e.g. in an 18 hole match, the first hole is a par-4 and player 'A' scores a 3 (birdie) and player 'B' score a 4 (par); player 'A' is now 1-up with 17 toplay. In the same match on the second hole, a par-5, player 'A' takes 8 strokes and player 'B' takes 5 (par); player 'B' wins the hole and the match is now all

square with 16 to play. On the third hole, a par-3, both players take 3 strokes and the match is 'all square' with 15 holes to play. Once a player is 'up' more holes than there are holes remaining to play the match is over. i.e., if after 12 holes player 'A' is 7-up with six left to play, player 'A' is said to have won the match '7 and 6'.

In a tournament event where the score is all square after the last hole, the teams each receive a half point.

Scoring Using Handicaps

Stroke Play

In Stroke play, players are given strokes to play to their handicap. For example, if a player has a handicap of 36, this would mean to play to their handicap they should shoot 108 (par: 72 plus the handicap of 36) to get 108. Therefore playing against a competitor, this player would get 2 strokes per hole. If the competitor has a handicap of 25, this individual would get 1 stroke off each of 18 holes, plus an additional stroke off the next 7 most difficult holes (18+7=25).

Whoever has the lowest net score is the winner.

Match Play

Scoring match play using handicaps is not done exactly the same way it is done in a stroke play event. In a one-one match, the proper way to allocate strokes is to subtract the lower handicap from the higher, then assign the difference to the weaker player. For example, if Player A has a handicap of 30 and Player B has a handicap of 20. Then subtract $30-20=10$. Player A would then get 1 stroke off the 10 hardest holes.

Scoring Using Different Tee Blocks

If there are two players playing from different tees, the rating from each set of tee blocks is taken and the more forward tee is subtracted from the back tee and then rounded to the nearest .5. The difference is added to the player's handicap of back tee. Example - rating for red tees is 69.5, rating for white tees is 72. The difference is 2.5 rounded to 3. Therefore 3 strokes are added to the player's course handicap who is playing off the white tees. Example - Player A has a course handicap of 30, playing from the forward red tees. Player B has a course handicap of 20 playing off the white tees. Player B has 3 strokes added to her handicap to bring it to 23, Player A's handicap remains the same. So now, the difference in strokes is only 7 instead of 10.