

BIRD DROPPINGS

February, 2010

Hello to all our members at Lady Bird:

✍ UPCOMING EVENTS

February 7 th	MGA 2-Man (One Low Ball) – Shotgun 12:30
February 9 th	SSMGA Individual – Shotgun 9:00
February 11 th	LGA – Scramble & Meeting – Shotgun 10:00
February 14 th	Valentine Tournament – Shotgun 12:30
February 18 th	LGA – Shotgun 10:00
February 21 st	MGA Individual – Shotgun 12:30
February 23 rd	SSMGA 2-Man Better Ball – Shotgun 9:00
February 25 th	LGA – Shotgun 10:00

✍ COURSE CONDITION

This has been a really unusual cold winter for us, but Brian and his crew have done an exceptional job on the course this winter. It is that time of year again to prepare for spring by spraying for weed control. Spring will be here before we know it and we all want to be ahead of the game. The greens are rolling nicely. I just can't say it enough though – please repair your ballmarks and sand your divots! We all want to leave the course in better shape than we found it!

✍ MGA NEWS

January 17th – Individual

Championship Ft.

Larry Kingery-1st Gross
George Rodriguez-1st Net
Tommy Arredondo-2nd Gross
Jamie Hernandez-2nd Net

First Ft.

Kermit Sultemeier-1st Gross
George Ottmers-1st Net
Dennis Henke-2nd Gross
Jackie Dukes-2nd Net

January 24th – 2-Man Scramble

Championship Ft.

Davis & Seitz-1st Gross
Hernandez & Hinkle-1st Net
Mayfield & Hartmann-2nd Net

First Ft.

Henke & Kusenberger-1st Gross
Dukes & White-1st Net
Yarbrough & Zey-2nd Net

SSMGA NEWS

January 12th – 2-Man Scramble
Dick Bateman & Dennis Phillips – 1st Place
Doug Pope & Jackie Dukes – 2nd Place
Danny Byrd & Harold Wills – 3rd Place

January 26th – 2-Man 6-6-6

Dennis Phillips & Robert O'Connor – 1st Place
David Hartmann & Gary Fletcher – 2nd Place
Wade Boone & Hershhal Byrd – 3rd Place
Kelby Brown & Orvis Doyle – 4th Place Tie
Bill Armentrout & Dan Chase – 4th Place Tie

RULES OF THE GAME

Lifting or moving the ball:

There are no such rules as preferred lies! There is no such thing as winter rules, that's why you will not find anything about it in the rule book. Lift clean and place is only used when golf course conditions are so wet that a player's ball will retain mud which greatly affects its flight. According to the USGA you do not touch your ball outside of the putting green. Once your ball is put into play, it is hands off!! In my research of lifting the ball I found the following rules:

Rule 21 – Cleaning Ball

You may clean a ball when lifting it except when it has been lifted to determine whether it is unfit for play, for identification, in which case it may be cleaned only to the extent necessary for identification; or because it is interfering with or assisting play. When you clean your ball when you are not allowed to, you receive a one-stroke penalty. And if you've lifted the ball, it must be replaced exactly in the same spot from where you lifted it.

Rule 5-3 – Damaged Ball

If you believe your ball has become unfit for play while you're playing a hole, you may lift it without penalty to determine whether it is unfit. Before lifting your ball, you must announce to your opponent or fellow-competitor what you're doing and mark the ball's position. You may then lift the ball and look at it, but you must not clean it. You must also give your opponent or fellow-competitor an opportunity to look at the ball and watch your lifting and re-placement. If you don't follow this procedure, you receive a one-stroke penalty. If the ball has become unfit for play during that hole, you may substitute another ball in the original ball's position. Otherwise, the original ball must be replaced. An opponent or fellow-competitor who disputes a claim of unfitness must do so

before you play another ball. If you violate this rule by improperly substituting a ball, you receive a two-stroke penalty.

Rule 12-2 – Identifying Ball

Except in a hazard, you may lift a ball to identify it; you may clean it only to the extent necessary for identification. If the ball is yours, it must be replaced. Before lifting the ball, you must announce to your opponent or fellow-competitor what you're doing and mark the ball's position. You may then lift the ball to identify it. Your opponent or fellow-competitor must be given an opportunity to observe the lifting and re-placement. You are penalized one stroke if you lift your ball in a hazard; lift your ball without announcing your intentions; fail to mark its position; fail to give your opponent or fellow-competitor an opportunity to observe your actions; or clean your ball more than necessary for identification. If you are required to re-place a ball and don't, you receive the penalty for breaching Rule 20-3(a), but no further penalty under this rule.

Rule 22 – Ball Interfering With or Assisting Play

You may lift your ball if, as it lies, it might help any other player. You may have any ball lifted if the ball might interfere with your play or help someone else's play. A ball lifted under this rule is re-placed. You can't lift your ball while another ball is in motion. If you are required to lift your ball, you may play first rather than lift. The ball may not be cleaned when lifted under this rule. If you violate this rule you receive a two-stroke penalty. If the Committee determines that competitors have agreed not to lift a ball that might assist a player, they are disqualified.

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

February 1 st	Elaine Rex	February 16 th	Anna Marie Kluber
February 2 nd	Andrew Balli Keith Masters	February 17 th	Bob Drury Russell Immel Conrad Mund
February 4 th	Wallace Britton Larry Fraki Joyce Smith	February 19 th	Scott Hartmann Paul Hinkle
February 6 th	Bryan Davis Vonda Lee David Petersen	February 21 st	Bill Flintom George Ottmers
February 9 th	Garey Brown Bill Meyer	February 23 rd	Ed Peter
February 11 th	Don Heidebrecht	February 24 th	Pat Lackmann
February 12 th	Fred Fogarty	February 26 th	Roland Bender Joe Lockhart

February 13th Dennis Segner

February 27th Dennis Schneider

February 15th Dennis Henke
Pat McCallum
Kathy Roisum
Alan Zabka

February 29th Ben Thompson
He actually has a birthday every other year!!

✍ **BIRD'S EYE VIEW**

January 12th

At 13 years of age Lance Young gets his first hole-in-one of #4. He used a 4 hybrid and was playing a Pro VIX. Lance has been in our junior clinic we organized with Boot Ranch about 3 years ago. Lance we are very proud of you and your accomplishments!!

January 18th

Pete Pleban made his first hole-in-one on #6! He was hitting a pitching wedge and using a Pro VI! Congratulations, Pete!!!

✍ **FROM SHELLY'S NEST**

If you haven't been out in a while, we are having a 50% off sale in the pro shop. We really have some great deals right now, come out and browse through our shop.

We have scheduled a Valentine's Day Tournament for Sunday, February 14th. It will be a modified scramble of 6-6-6. First 6 holes will be a scramble, next 6 holes will be alternate shot and the last 6 holes will be best ball. The entry fee for members is \$30.00 and for guests is \$50.00. This includes green fee, cart, entry fee, CTP and range balls. It will be a 12:30 shotgun start. We hope you and your sweetheart will come out and play!

In January we began updating the handicaps on the 1st day and the 15th day of each month. If you happen not to see your name on the handicap list, it could be that you have not paid your handicap dues for 2010. You might drop by the pro shop and get that taken care of.

I would like to thank all of you for your continuing support of Lady Bird Johnson Golf Course. Your memberships each year means a great deal to the maintaining of our facility. We strive to furnish you with the best place in the Hill Country to play golf, the best rates and the best customer service. My staff and I enjoy seeing all of you coming out to play or just to visit.

Till next month,

Shelly Head Professional