



Washington State
Women's Public Links Association
Established 1933

Tournament Director Year-End Report
2006

Total Payouts:	\$6,997.50
Total Withheld from Tournament Fees for Trophies:	\$1,521.00
Tournament Director's Expenses:	
Postage	\$115.38
Trustee Packets	\$ 97.97
Supplies (binder, labels, tabs, scorecards)	\$109.43
Printer	\$108.79
Paper/Printer Use	<u>\$100.00</u>
	<u>\$531.57</u>
Total Number of Players:	770
Total Number of Clubs Participating	46
Average Players Per Tournament	110

Eaglemont, Saturday April 29th, Points (Stableford): 136 players played this Saturday tournament. Due to the horrid weather conditions (rain, wind and cold temperatures), the tournament was shortened to 9 holes. Since it was a shotgun start, and not everyone played the same holes, the first nine holes played by each player were counted. A few brave souls, who stopped at the turn, headed back out to complete their nine holes. Eaglemont graciously offered rain checks for 9 holes or half price for 18 holes to be redeemed by the end of the season.

Sun Willows, Wed./Thurs., May 17th & 18th, Ecc18: 86 players traveled to the Tri-Cities to play this two-day tournament. Unfortunately, Pasco was having a very unusual heat wave and the temperatures on day one rose to 104°. Everyone was beginning to wonder if our tournaments were cursed by the weather warlock! Besides the weather and room overbooking at the Red Lion (I would not recommend we ever stay in any Red Lion again), I think everyone enjoyed the newly renovated course.

Lewis River, Thursday, June 15th, Throw Out (3) Holes: Again, my attempt to have us travel south, didn't really go over very well. We only had **44** players (52 at Mint Valley in 2005). It's unfortunate that more ladies couldn't experience the beautiful landscaping, very unusual holes and lovely club house next to the river. There wasn't any bad weather either!

Whispering Firs, Mon./Tues./Wed., July 17th, 18th & 19th, Championship Medal Play: **100** ladies played the 2006 Championship. Geri Davis and her tournament committee are to be commended. They put on a very fine Championship. Since this tournament was held at

McChord AFB, there was the added logistical difficulty of getting on base through the guarded gate. As far as I know, everyone was able to get in without any problem. Post tournament on Monday, we resurrected the horse race, which hadn't been done in several years. Mike Hamm, wife of Suellen Hamm, moderated and fun was had by all. As in 2005, we used the modified shotgun instead of tee times on day 3. Those 4 ladies leading in each flight teed off the first hole while everyone else teed off in shotgun fashion. This allowed those players in the shotgun to watch the leaders in each flight finish the tournament. Since this has been successful for 2 years, I think we should continue to use a modified shotgun on day 3 at future Championships. Champagne (nice touch, Geri) was served instead of the traditional tea, which only seemed fitting since the Champion and Runner Up were awarded beautiful crystal ice buckets!

The only black mark on this tournament, was the scoring issue regarding a player being late for her tee time. It seems that each year during the Championship, there is a scoring/rules issue that causes great consternation for the tournament director and tournament committee. I'd just like to point out that the purpose of our organization, as written in our constitution, is "to promote the interest of golf among women, to hold tournaments for annual championship and to conduct social activities for the mutual pleasure and recreation of its membership." Although our tournaments and Championship are important, they only represent 1/3 of our stated purpose. Let's not lose sight of this in the future and remember that we're all volunteers doing the best job that we can.

Alderbrook, Thursday, August 17th, Even Holes: 117 played this old favorite. Although it was chilly the sun came out. Apparently there was a cart snafu (it seems not everyone called to reserve a cart), but the course was able to borrow some local carts to solve the problem.

Lake Chelan, Mon./Tues, September 18th & 19th, Eccle 18: We had **139** players at Chelan. Unfortunately, we didn't have the usual sunny weather we were all hoping for, but at least it didn't rain! Carol Baldwin scored a hole-in-one at number 11. I arranged for WSWPLA to play Bear Mountain on Sunday, and quite a few ladies took advantage of the \$20 discount. Bear Mountain would love to see us return for a future tournament.

Trophy Lake, Saturday, October 14th, Two Person Best Ball: I'm glad we had **148** ladies play this tournament, especially since it looked like only 72 could be accommodated due to "your's truly" missing a confirmation deadline. Fortunately, Trophy Lake, was able to move the other booked players and make room for us. Again, we had an unusual weather condition—fog that never lifted.

Submitted by:

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