

ON THE TEE

Toronto Ladies Golf Club

THE GOLFERS' LAMENT

1st Verse

I retired at the age of fifty five,
I knew I had to exercise,
The game of golf I decided to play,
Ooooooh how I rue that day!!

2nd Verse

I took some lessons to learn the skills,
I practiced daily all the drills,
I joined the Toronto Ladies group,
The craziest bunch, just like "F" Troop!!

1st Chorus

Oh God! It's becoming quite a chore,
The etiquette, the rules,
And learning how to score!!

Oh Lord! Do you think I can survive,
The golfers' tan, the mosi bites, the hat hair,
What a sight!!

3rd Verse

I'm in the bunkers, rough, and dams,
The fairway seems to shatter my plans,
I hit 'em long, hit 'em short, hit 'em in between,
I still can't manage to hit that green!!

4th Verse

Every Wednesday I play eighteen holes,
A little blue voucher is my goal,
If not a voucher, a ball will suffice,
But at least I've won the raffle twice!!

2nd Chorus

Oh God! It's another woeful score,
My handicap's a laughing stock,
My nerves are rather raw!!

Oh Lord! I hate this bloody game,
My back aches, my knee hurts,
Not to mention my poor brain!!

5th Verse

The "A" grade's in a league of their own,
And encourage the rest when they're having a moan,
The committee thankfully works away,
To ensure all the ladies enjoy their day!!

6th Verse

Every year we go on a week away,
Without the men and do we make hay!!
A little golf, lots of wine and a couple of beers,
Lots of laughs, heaps of fun, and just good cheer!!

3rd Chorus

Oh God! How I'm getting in the swing,
I'm learning all the lingo,
And my sweet spot's starting to Zing!!

Oh Lord! How I love the Christmas cheer,
The friendships and the memories,
I'll be back for another year!!

As penned by Sue Randall

Christmas 2011



Elaine Reed

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Reminiscences

I'm sitting down thinking about my golfing career, trying to put pen to paper. I picked up my first ever golf stick, or should I say club, in November 1993. I hadn't played any sport for about ten years as I'd had an operation on my right elbow. Consequently I couldn't play tennis anymore but I could hit the golf ball when I had a try. Boy did I love it. So for the next twelve months I lived on the course, daily, sometimes twice a day you would see me chasing that little white ball.

My problem wasn't air swings, but getting the ball in the air was what I found so difficult. Perseverance paid off and I was hooked on golf. I joined the women in February 1994, and Novo's Social golf group. By 1997 I had improved my handicap enough to join the ranks of First Division and happily I am still there.

I was a member of the Pennant Team when we won our division in 2003, and I was successful in the club Championships in 2007, which I have to say was such a thrill for me.

I have been on committee since 1995 as handicap manager mostly, but did take on the Captains role for a year.

I can always remember in the early days playing against Wynn Greenwood and admired how far and high she could hit the ball. She said to me, "they all say that and then they pass me".

Coral Munro and I use to practice all the time. So we used to take our shoes off and get balls out of the creek. We found plenty. One day across the 18th I was trying to retrieve a ball and fell in head first. Not pretty. I had to sneak to my car like a drowned rat. I still love my golf and hope I can play for many more years to come.

I have a reputation as a good raffle ticket seller; Sue calls the path down the 13th "Reed's Way", as I was very successful at getting people to buy tickets in a 200 club. I raised so much money that way. It was then able to be put back into the club, mostly through asthetic improvements around the course that otherwise wouldn't have been done. Every bit helps in our enjoyment of the game.

Elaine

Program of events

FEBRUARY

1ST – 9 HOLES Stableford 8a.m.

6th – Novo's AGM 6.30pm

Charlestown G.C.

8th – 9 Holes Stableford

15th – 18 Holes Par

20th 1st Rd. Div 2 Pennants

Horizons G.C.

22nd – 18 Holes – Stableford

27th NHDLGA C'ttee Day

Waratah G.C.

29th – 18 Holes Par

MARCH – start running competition – 8.30am start

7th – Stroke, MM, LBB 1st.Cons

12th – Rd 2 Div 2 Pen. Charles.

14th – Par, 1st Presidents

19th – Rd 3 Div 2 Pen. TCC

21st – Stableford, 1st Captains

28th – 4BBB Stableford

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

7th – Lee Weir

- Sue Randall

20th – Elaine Reed

24th – Dorothy Kearney



***Don't forget our special birthday celebrations on the 16th February at the Wangi Hotel for Wendy Schoffl who celebrated her 70th birthday on the 27th January.**



TID – BITS

- A big welcome to 2012 and hopefully enough competition to keep you excited.
 - Some Open days coming up; Nelson Bay on the 14th February, then in March we have Stonebridge, Muree, Aberdeen, Charlestown, Kurri, The Palms, and Newcastle. Make sure you check the board or the folder to enter.
 - There have been some really good scores over the summer break, a couple of the Saturday girls have had 69 nett, and 41 stab. Points, Di Johnson lost a shot as did Barb Stevenson and Maureen. Lee had 40 points only to be relegated by Louise who had a whopping 45 points. 9 below her handicap. Well done girls!
 - Narene achieved her goal for the year 2011 in reducing to 1st Division. She is heading off soon however, so may not get to consolidate it with us.
 - I hope you all enjoyed our break up/presentation day. I know I did, it was great having our pioneers present. Melva Henry, Rae Neal, Norma Smith, June Sanders, Helen Greenwood, Dale Badman, with apologies from Mildred Stubbs and Leonie Oldham. I had a lovely card from Melva in appreciation and Dale also extended her appreciation for the opportunity to join us; in her words, "Long Live Golf and the camaraderie that goes along with the game."
 - Some of the girls are meeting at the Swim Centre at Toronto West on Monday mornings 10am if you are looking for some fun and fitness, although more fun at this stage.
 - Just to mention those January birthdays again so no-one feels neglected –
 - 5th – Marie Edwards
 - 6th – Liza Taylor
 - 11th – Faye Butler
 - 12th – Barbara Royle
 - 27th – Wendy Schoffl/Leila Heikkonen
 - 28th – Narene Anniwell/Di Johnson
 - 30th – Wendy Sutcliffe
- ### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU**
- We have some new ladies who have joined the club having transferred from Sugar Valley. We give you a hearty welcome and hope you will be happy at Toronto.

Well the 2012 golfing calendar is up and running as from the 1st February. We start with a couple of 9 hole competitions just for those of you who haven't been playing and then the running competition starts in earnest in March. February sees us starting at 8a.m. during Eastern Summer Time.

The Running Competition Fee of \$22 must be paid before the first round in March; this entitles you to access all the perpetual trophy events, championships; singles and foursomes; the consistency trophy as well as the WG NSW medal rounds and eclectics. My advice is to pay this up front and then you don't have to worry about whether or not you are in the running for prizes. Nothing worse than winning a round only to realise you're not in it to win it!

Conditions of play are on the notice board, and give advice on options to pay through the year for championship events, as well as outlining events such as the Laurel Ballantyne Bowl which is the best accumulated point score over the field on Monthly Medal Rounds. Procedures such as protocol in the event of a tie are also included in the conditions of play.

Our program books should be at the printers by now, and as in past years descriptions of the running competition can be found at the beginning. Keep yourself informed and make use of this information.