

**2017 MERRY – HILL GOLF CLUB
WOMEN’S LEAGUE ORIENTATION
FOR WEDNESDAY LEAGUE PLAYERS**

We wish to welcome everyone to the 2017 season of the Merry – Hill Golf Club Women’s League.

The League has been structured to create a fun and non-competitive golf experience that will allow you to maintain relationships you’ve established over the years and provide an opportunity to meet new people.

At Merry – Hill we are committed to providing a comfortable environment in which you can develop an affinity for the game of golf that will last a life time.

Merry – Hill Staff

We encourage you to become acquainted with the Merry – Hill Staff members whose efforts contribute to the organization of the Women’s League activities:

Director of Golf Operations, FRASER STALKIE, will be overseeing the league this season. Fraser will be happy to discuss any issues related to League activities. Please feel free to contact him at fraser@mcleanpeister.com

We welcome a new Manager to our team this season, DAN ZUWALA, is responsible for the management of the Restaurant, Golf Shop and the Women’s League this year. Dan is excited to bring his enthusiasm for making the game of golf a fun experience to the Women’s League this season and will be working hard with our Staff to ensure that you have an enjoyable experience both on the course and in the restaurant.

League Coordinator, ELISE TENNANT, will assist with tee time bookings and check in procedures. Look for her “under the marquee” on Wednesdays. Elise is also the “point woman” in our Charitable Fundraising efforts which are an integral part of the Merry – Hill Women’s League activities.

Teaching Professional and Manager, CARLY PEISTER, will be teaching the Spring Tune-Up as well as the Clinics to our Women’s League members as part of your league fee. Carly heads up all Golf Development programs here at Merry-Hill, with a particular focus on junior golf and ladies lessons throughout the season. Ask her or our Golf Shop staff for details regarding lesson programs.

Greens Superintendent, KEVIN BROHMAN, and his grounds crew focus on creating and maintaining the exceptional golf course conditioning for which Merry – Hill is widely known.

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Fund Raising for Breast Cancer Research, Treatment and Rehabilitation

Merry – Hill Golf Club is dedicated to raising charitable funds in support of Breast Cancer Research and Patient Wellness. **Merry – Hill donates \$15 per player from the League Fee and \$10 per player from the Year End Social Fundraiser Scramble Tournament.** In addition, there are weekly activities (50/50 draw raffles, etc.) that benefit both the League Players and our fund raising efforts. We encourage your participation in making our fund raising efforts a success.

With your help, Merry – Hill Golf Club in conjunction with the McLean – Peister Group of Companies has donated **over \$70,000 since 2007** to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Grand River Hospital and UW Well Fit.

Women’s League Meals

The Women’s League Fee entitles you to a light meal on each Women’s League day, beginning on May 3 and ending in August 30.

Morning League Players will enjoy Luncheon Service commencing at 11:15 am (approximately three hours after the first Morning League Tee Time). We encourage our Morning League players to enjoy the MERRY – HILL HOT EXPRESS BREAKFAST BUFFET which is being offered “complimentary” to all Merry – Hill Golf Club Players who check in to play golf before 11am. You are entitled to the Hot Express Breakfast Buffet in addition to your Luncheon Meal.

The Express Breakfast Buffet will be served between 7:30 am and 11:00 am daily, after the May 24th weekend.

Afternoon League Players will enjoy League Meals with meal service starting at 5:00 pm.

There are 18 meals included in your League Fee. Meals will be served starting on May 3rd and continuing until August 30th. Although the meals conclude on August 30th, optional league play continues until September 27th, with the social taking place on September 6th.

PLEASE BE AWARE that your League Fee does NOT include a Gratuity for Servers. Your Servers are predominately college and university students who are working in seasonal positions. TIPS are an important part of their earnings and are greatly appreciated.

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Green Fees

Green Fees are not included in the League Fee. New in 2017, your Green Fee rates will vary with our seasonal pricing. The price of **9 holes** will vary from **as low as \$15.00** in the shoulder seasons, to **\$17.25 during peak season** (+HST). The price of **18 holes** will vary from **as low as \$19.50** in the shoulder seasons, to **\$24.00 during peak season** (+HST). These prices are available to you because you are a **My Club Card** holder.

My Club Card can be used all season long (both inside and outside of league times) to receive:

- 25% off your Green Fee and Cart Rentals
- 10% off Golf Shop Merchandise
- 10% off Food and Beverage Purchases (*excludes alcohol*)
- An optional pre-paid balance that can be loaded with a dollar value of your choice to be used towards any purchases at the Golf Club

My Club Card is a wallet-sized photo ID card that is unique to you. Bring it with you every time you visit the golf club to speed up your check in process, and to ensure discount accuracy and efficiency. **My Club Card** has an annual fee of \$25.00 +HST.

How To Book Your Tee Time

Morning League tee times are available from 8:00 am to 10:00 am in the morning, including 9 and 18 hole times.

Afternoon League tee times are available from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the afternoon – **9 holes only**.

League Tee Times are reserved for Women's League Players and their guests.

You may book tee times for yourself or your group as follows:

In Person-14 days in advance:

- **Elise** will book your tee time(s) at the registration table under the Marquee.

Online-14 days in advance at 12:00 am on SATURDAY OR MONDAY**

- Women's League Players may book online. **You must book into designated League Tee Times only** (ask to see the On-Line booking procedure in the Golf Shop)
- NINE HOLE AND EIGHTEEN HOLE tee times are available for League Bookings in the morning.
- NINE HOLES ONLY tee times are available in the afternoon
- **When booking your tee times online, please enter the names of the other golfers in your group**
- **You are using the same Reservation System as the general public, therefore you cannot see golfer's names online – call the Golf Shop if you would like to know who is playing at specific times, or if you forget your tee time**
- **If you need to cancel or change your tee time please call the golf shop or sign in to your online booking account to make changes. We ask for a minimum of 24 hours notice of any change or cancelation**

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By Telephone-7 days in advance

- Call the Golf Shop at **519 – 648 – 2831**

CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO TEE TIMES MAY ONLY BE DONE BY PHONE WITH THE GOLF SHOP STAFF

***** First league day, Wednesday, May 3rd, tee times may be booked online starting Monday April 24rd at 12:00 am or by telephone starting at 8:00 am on Wednesday, April 27th***

No Show and Cancellation Policy

We require 24 hours in advance for you to cancel your tee time by telephone.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PHONE MESSAGES OR SEND EMAILS TO CANCEL TEE TIMES

There will be times when you will see non-league players on the golf course during your round. We do our best to group all the women together and send you off with consecutive tee times. Tee Times that have not been booked by Women’s League Players will become available to regular customers 4 days before the league day. Thank you for understanding.

Weather Related Cancellations

Please contact the Golf Shop when inclement weather may interfere with golfing activity. However, please remember that your meal will be prepared for you in spite of poor weather conditions. We encourage you to come out despite the poor weather and enjoy the social aspect of the league.

If you are unable to finish your round of golf, Merry – Hill will provide you with a rain check based on our rain check policy.

Don’t be fooled by the weather man He is wrong most of the time!!!!

Check-In Procedures

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your tee time. If you arrive earlier, it is a good idea to take a few minutes to warm up on the practice green or in the warm-up facility.

Make payment for your golf round in the Golf Shop. You will receive a receipt for the STARTER who will advise you of the status of the tee schedule (we work hard to stay on time).

Check in with Elise at the Registration Table. At the registration table you can book your tee time for your next visit, purchase your 50/50 draw tickets and learn about up-coming League and other Merry-Hill events.

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Women's League Guest Privileges

Each Women's League Member is permitted to bring a guest to join them once (1) throughout the season. As a Club Card holder, your guest will receive a 10% discount on her golf when checking in with you. They will also be required to pay for a Women's League meal when they check in (\$11.99 +HST). Please be aware that the League is full and times are scarce. We reserve the option to decline a guest to accommodate a current league member.

Handicap Tracking

If you would like your Handicap to be tracked, we can do that for you. You can track your handicap online at <http://www1.golfscoring.net/merryhill/tour/2017>.

In order for us to track your individual statistics, you must provide scoring information on a Merry – Hill scorecard that has been filled in as shown on the example card below. When the names, scores and other data have been filled in, drop the completed scorecard in the Golf Shop. This is a great opportunity to see how you have improved over the season.

Red Nine										TIME PAR ONE HOUR 52 MINUTES
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
BACK TEE	158	258	119	136	419	260	165	157	132	1804
FORWARD TEE	127	208	70	121	328	230	138	137	111	1470
HANDICAP	7	2	4	6	1	3	5	8	9	
PAR	3	4	3	3	5	4	3	3	3	31
Carly Peister	3 ₂	5 ₂	(2)	4 ₂	5 ₃	5 ₂	4 ₂	3 ₂	(2)	33 16
Robyn Stalkie	4 ₂	5 ₃	4 ₂	4 ₂	5 ₂	4 ₁	3 ₂	4 ₂	3 ₂	36 18
MATCH +/-										

COURSE RATINGS	BLUE/WHITE	RED/BLUE	WHITE/RED
BACK RATING	59.8	60.9	59.3
SLOPE	92.0	92.0	89.0
FORWARD RATING	61.5	61.9	59.9
SLOPE	87.0	88.0	86.0

All yardage markers are measured to the center of greens

Fairway Markers:
Blue 200 YDS • White 150 YDS • Red 100 YDS

Pin Locations:
Blue - Back • White - Middle • Red - Front

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Pre-Season Tune Up Clinic

Wednesday, April 26th 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Golf Fundamentals with **CARLY PEISTER**
Basic Rules and Etiquette with **DAN ZUWALA AND FRASER STALKIE**

Please sign up at the Orientation or advise us of your intention to attend to info@merryhillgolf.com.

Teaching Clinics

Three scheduled teaching clinics will be conducted on short game skills and basic fundamentals.

Wednesday Clinics are 30 minutes in length and offered on 3 dates, in both the morning and afternoon. The clinics are group sessions for anyone who wishes to participate. The following dates and times can also be found on our website under Lessons -> Clinics -> Women’s League Clinics

We encourage you to take advantage of the teaching skills of this young professional.

May 24 th	8:00 – 8:30 am and again from 4:30 – 5:00 pm
May 31 st	9:45 – 10:15 am and again from 6:20 – 6:50 pm
June 7 th	9:00 – 9:30 am and again from 3:15 – 3:45 pm

Year End Social Tournament – Wed. Sept. 6th Shotgun Start @ 4:45 pm

This event is a League Social Fundraiser including 9 holes of golf and dinner along with a raffle to raise money for Breast Cancer Research, Treatment and Rehabilitation. Sign up early as the number of participants is limited. Every year we have a ton of great prizes to win and lots of fun on the course! More information will be provided closer to the event date.

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Etiquette at Merry-Hill Golf Club

Safety

- Players should ensure that no one is standing in a position that would cause them to be hit with the club or the ball when the player makes a stroke or practice swing.
- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- If a player should accidentally hit a ball where it may strike other golfers, a warning should be shouted immediately. This warning is typically “FORE!,” not “I’ll hit you next time!”

Consideration for Other Players

- Players should always show consideration toward other players on the course. They should not disturb others by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise. Players should also ensure that electronic devices brought onto the golf course do not disturb the other players.
- A player should not tee up their ball until it is their turn to play.
- Players should not stand directly behind the ball or directly in front of the hole when a player is about to take a shot.
- On the putting green, players should not stand on another player’s line of putt, or cast a shadow over another player’s line of putt when they are taking a stroke. Players should also remain close to the putting green until all of the players have sunk their ball.
- The player who is keeping score should ask the players their score while walking to the next tee.
- Please refrain from yelling, “BAZINGA!” when you had a score lower than your fellow competitors.

Pace of Play

- Players should give themselves enough time to park their car, unload their clubs, check in with Golf Shop and be ready to play at their scheduled tee-time. A player’s tee-time is when they are scheduled to start play, not when they are to arrive at the golf course.
- Players should try to keep a good pace of play while on the golf course. It is your group’s responsibility to keep up with the group ahead. Keep in mind that a maximum of 5 shots to get to the green and 4 on the green should be taken – no more. Always be ready when it is your turn to shoot.
- Keep bags and carts in a position that will allow you to leave the green and move to the next tee quickly.
- If a player should lose a ball, they should drop another where it is suspected the ball was lost, or where it either left the course or entered a pond.
- If your favourite ball was sent into the pond inadvertently, please do not go in after it.

Taking Care of the Course

- Players should rake the sand after hitting a ball out of a bunker.
- Players should also repair any divot holes, ball marks on the greens or any damage their shoes may have caused.
- Players should take care when removing and replacing the flagstick as to not cause unnecessary damage to the green.
- Players should avoid leaning on their putters while on the green.
- The head of a golf club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.
- Players should refrain from not having fun on the course at all times (We thought you would like this one).