

Message from the Club Captain - Fall 2023 Newsletter

Greetings to Mill Woods Ladies Golf Club members. Here is a recap of the events this year.

This was a most challenging year for me, without an assistant Club Captain, but with so much support and kind words from members, it was a very successful golf season! Thank you to so many who took the time to offer their assistance or to say a few words of encouragement.

This year was also met with heart ache and heart felt moments. Please take a few minutes to remember the ones who have passed or for the ones who are working hard to heal again. They are missed and we think of them with love and fond memories.

Our season got off to a great start.... We endured hot gorgeous weather, greater than ever course conditions to relentless rain and closures. Welcome to a normal Canadian summer! We celebrated hole in ones, EGA cup champions, new friendships with other courses, additional tournament prizes including delicious meals!

We had great attendance for the fun tournaments as well as our Classic (33), Better Ball (46) and the Club Championship (33). A big shout out to the Tournament Committee and Prize Committee for helping out with each of these events. Your valuable time and effort was greatly appreciated and none of these events would have been as successful without you.

Tournament Committee: Darlene Goodhope, Kathy Borden, Sheila Davey and Ann Gramlich

Prize Committee: Margaret Li and Sandy Radomski

A special thank you to the members who lent their ears and expertise with me to discuss strategies, ideas and possibilities. You know who you are (Gina, Elaine, Cathy, Darlene, Jan, Jane). Thank you for not changing your phone numbers.

I also wish to thank the following. It is amazing to work with such gifted and hardworking women!

Marshall Cup: Cheryl Wall

Podersky Cup: Bernie Krumm

Match Play: Debbie DeLuca

EGA rep: Bev Boersma

Visitors Day: Janice Martin

Ringer Board: Marian Reed and Jackie Gervais

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Here are the highlights of the past year:

On July 11, we hosted Sturgeon Valley Ladies golf club as part of the Edmonton Golf Association (EGA) Visitors Day interclub program. We had a shot gun start at 8 am and enjoyed a wonderful lunch prepared by Woodvale. We got to show off our club to our new friends from Sturgeon!

Then on July 25, Leduc Golf and Country Club ladies welcomed 36 of the Mill Woods Ladies to golf and enjoy lunch with them. Beautiful weather and wonderful hosts!

Marshall Cup

The Marshall Cup was donated in 1932 to encourage inter-club competition, foster good sportsmanship and promote friendship.

The format is single match play, in twosomes from each club. Each week, four players visit two clubs and four players remain at home to host the two visiting clubs. Players are placed on teams based on handicap.

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Marshall Cup. **Marshall Cup Mill Woods players:** Elisa Carchidi; Heather Musselwhite; Darlene Goodhope; Elaine Shannon; Mary Lou Fitzgerald; Dorothy Gitzel; Della Newman; Jean Johnston; Debbie DeLuca; Angie Strashok; Kathy Borden; Debera Nicholson; Jo-Ann Chausse; Judy Katerenchuk; Marian Reed; Sheila Davies; Linda Staal; Dee Debeurs; Cheryl Wall; Bev Boersma.

Congratulations to the Mill Woods Ladies Golf Club on winning 2nd place! Thank you to Cheryl Wall & Bev Boersma for organizing this years' Marshall Cup. All of you make us proud – a fantastic finish!

1 Highlands – 351.5 points

2 Mill Woods – 345.5 points

3 Sturgeon Valley – 339.5 points

4 Derrick – 338.5 points

5 Windermere – 326 points

6 Royal Mayfair – 322 points

7 Stony Plain – 305 points

8 Belvedere – 301 points

9 Victoria – 300.5 points

10 ECC – 298 points

11 Riverside – 297.5 points

12 EPC – 282 points

13 Leduc – 281 points

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Podersky Cup

This is an interclub competition begun in 1948. The trophy was donated by the Podersky family in memory of their son.

Played as a 2-ball foursome – a match in which a team of 2 plays another team of 2. Each side plays one ball with alternate shots – this includes penalty shots. Each week, each club has four teams of 2 players – 2 teams play at home and 2 teams play away.

Last year, we placed 9th overall and this year, we took 1st place!!!! What an accomplishment! The trophy awarded to our club is sitting in the Pro Shop – it's a big impressive trophy. A massive shout out to all the ladies who participated and represented our club! We are all proud of your accomplishment!

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Podersky Cup and Bernie Krumm who was the organizer. **Podersky Cup Mill Woods players:** Cathy Goddard; Heather Musslewhite; Cheryl Wall; Delia Newman; Dorothy Gitzel; Darlene Goodhope; Jo-Ann Chause; Jean Johnston; Myrna Schooley; Angie Strashok; Nona Hait; Claudia Kowal; Debbie DeLuca; MaryLou Fitzgerald; Wendy Hassan; Debera Nicholson; Barb Mahaffey; Elisa Carchidi; Berni Krumm; Janice Martin.

2023 Podersky Cup Final Results

Club Name	Week 1 Points	Week 2 Points	Week 3 Points	Week 4 Points	Total Points	Position
Millwoods	49.5	48.5	46	49	193	1
Highlands	44.5	40.5	36.5	55.5	177	2
Belvedere	53	34.5	36.5	45	169	3
Victoria	45	42.5	39.5	39.5	166.5	4
Windermere	31.5	44.5	43.5	43.5	163	5
Glendale	39	40.5	32	49.5	161	6
Derrick	39	51.5	38.5	31.5	160.5	7
Riverside	47.5	35	36.5	32.5	151.5	8
Blackhawk	33	33.5	40.5	39	146	9
EPC	38	42.5	30	32	142.5	10
Stony Plain	32	27.5	43	39.5	142	11
ECC	21	32.5	50	37	140.5	12
Leduc	29	34.5	42.5	26.5	132.5	13

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Congratulations to the following tournament winners, held throughout the season:

Ice Breaker - May

Day and Business Ladies – Highest team scores and door prizes

The Classic - June

Overall Low Gross - Angie Strashok (89); Overall Low Net - Darlene Goodhope (70)

Better Ball – July

Debbie DeLuca / Elaine McKenzie (62)

3 Club Challenge Tournament - August

Day Ladies – Cheryl Doucet (44) and lots of other prizes; Business Ladies – Rained out but there was dinner and door prizes

Club Championship – August

Overall Low Gross - Sheila Davey; Overall Low Net - Linda Staal

Pace of Play

We keep reminding members to keep up with the group in front! It may be repetitive, but we don't wish to have a reputation as a slow playing league and getting penalized with later tournament tee times. Over the last couple of weeks, the Pro Shop has reported considerable improvement with our Pace of Play (POP). **Honorable mention** goes out to the players during the 2-day Club Championship. With an early morning tee time start (and before the men's tournament), the pace of play was impressive and set the pace for the 3 tournaments after us! Well done ladies! Let's always maintain this practice every game – in regular play and during tournaments!

I would like to thank Tyler Pecman and James Whitton, as well as the staff in the Pro Shop, the Marshalls and Starters and especially Joan Kirillo, for all of their help and support to our club this year. Special mention should go out to Margaret Tokaryk and her staff at Woodvale. The soups were delicious and tournament food was wonderful. It's a special place when the restaurant staff greets us like family.....thank you to them all.

Our league will begin again on **May 7, 2024**. Check out our website for updates and the Spring meeting date!

All the best to you and your families. Be safe and be kind.

Tania Topolnyski – MWLGC Club Captain 2023