

Rileys Best Ball Ladies Classic™
42st Annual Survey Results

Hello ladies!

Thank you so much to those who took the time to fill out the survey and give us your feedback. We have read every single comment and have compiled the answers to the best of our ability. Please find below some summaries for anyone interested.

What club do you play out of?

We received 119 responses representing 31 different clubs – thank you!

What is your age group?

Age – we are a diverse group!

Under 20 – less than 1%

21-40 – 20%

41-65 – 48%

Over 65 – 32%

Have you played in the Rileys Best Ball tournament before?

80% of respondents have played in the tournament before. Special shout-out to those that haven't played and still took the time to give us feedback!

If you have not played in Rileys, why not?

“Handicap too high” is the biggest reason for not playing. For those that answered either “Can't find a partner” or “Too intimidating” – give us a call – we can help!

If yes, how many years?

1-5 years - 46%

6-10 years – 19%

11-15 years – 8%

16-20 years – 4%

Over 20 – 7%

If yes, what flight do you typically play in?

Championship – 28%

First – 22%

Second – 29%

Mix First and Second – 6%

Which statement best describes your opinion regarding locations? (Opening cocktail party and Finals)

Alternate each year – 30%

Cocktail party at CG&CC, Finals at Canyon – 12%

Impartial – 47%

There were a few suggestions about having other courses be in the mix. At this point with Rileys being the sponsor and major contributor to the event, we will continue with the plan to alternate between Canyon and Calgary Golf & Country Club.

Which statement best describes your opinion regarding the draw?

This one was tough for us to decipher as many people selected multiple options that were mutually exclusive. We will find a better way to ask next time but the largest majority preferred the entire draw to be random. When filtered down to the Championship flight respondents, there was a preference for either seeding all flights or partially seeding the Championship flight so that the top 8 teams will not play each other in round 1. Lots of good comments here – stay tuned for a decision on how we will do it for 2026!

Which statement best describes your opinion regarding team handicap determination?

This one was split right down the middle. We will continue for now with determining your flight based on the lowest of the two players rather than a combined handicap.

What date would you prefer to have Championship Sunday fall each year?

Second Last Sunday in July – 21%

Last Sunday in July – 28%

Impartial – 40%

With a short and busy season, there is no date that will make everyone happy. The last survey we did showed that there was a very strong majority in favor of a later season (meaning the finals can not occur the last weekend in June as they did previously). For 2026 we will hold the Finals on July 26. We recognize that it will conflict with a few clubs' Club Champs. The past 2 seasons have shown that it is possible to do both as we ensure that tee times don't start until after 1:00 for Rileys so with some flexibility from your club, you can play club champs in the morning and then Rileys finals in the afternoon. We will likely alternate between the last and the second last Sunday in July unless we can get Silver Springs, Inglewood, Bearspaw, Pinebrook and Valley Ridge to agree on one or the other! 😊

Other Comments?

Thank you for all the amazing comments – we are so happy that you love this tournament and appreciate all the work it takes to put it on. There were a couple themes we wanted to address:

Seniors Division – at the moment our numbers don't support the creation of a separate division but we will continue to monitor. Keep telling your clubs about how much you enjoy events put on by CLGA!

Trouble booking matches – we have a few ideas up our sleeves that should hopefully improve things but this was only mentioned once which was nice to see.
