

Newsletter Aug 2010

COMBINATION TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the following teams for winning their flights in the Combination Tournament held on Saturday, July 31. These players automatically qualified for the Tournament of Champions regardless of their point totals in the season-long points competition.

Flight 1 Tom Vandewalker / Dana Erdahl

Flight 2 John Baranauskas / Bill Kranz

Flight 3 Joe Faust / Tom Milberry

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

At the end of the month, we have the second "major" of the year, the Club Championship. It will be held on August 28th and 29th. Watch for a signup sheet to be posted on the bulletin board at the golf club. Like the Combo, all flight winners will automatically qualify for the Tournament of Champions.

The Club Championship has some unique qualification parameters.

1. In order to compete in the Club Championship, you must have played in at least 6 Fox Hollow Men's club sponsored events. Sponsored events include regular weekly events, 24 man, 16 man and 8 man competitions, and guest day.

2. You must have 5 full 18-hole rounds posted in the GHIN handicap system. All league event scores are posted for you, but you must post rounds that are played outside of league days.

The club championship format is 36 holes stroke play. (Note: the committee is considering an extra 9 holes for the the 3 low gross players contenting for the club champion title). Players are flighted by their handicap index. There is typically an optional skins game and player pool.

PACE OF PLAY

With the Club Championship coming up, now is a good time to talk about some speedy play tips. The Club Championship has been notoriously slow and we would like everyone to practice speedy play techniques. By the way, these tips can be used every day.....don't wait for the Club Championship.

- In a stroke play event, players can play in any order at any time. There is no penalty for playing out of order. If you are ready to hit, go ahead. If you are the first one to hole out on a green, you should be the first one to tee off the next tee.

- Communicate with your playing partners. Don't stand there waiting for other players to play when they are waiting for you. State that you are going to play or tell your partners that they should go ahead. When you hit your putt on the green, immediately state to your playing partners if you are going to putt-out or mark and wait. If you are going to mark, one of your playing partners should start preparing to hit their putt. Read the line of your putt while the other players are hitting their putts.

- If one of your playing partners has lost their ball, hit your shot first, THEN go help him find his. He might just find it himself while you are hitting your shot.

- Move as far up to your ball as you can while being safe and not in the way of your playing partners. If your playing partner is 200 yards off the tee and you are 250, move up to your ball as closely as possible

while not being in his way. Start thinking about the club you will use and the shot you will hit. As soon as he hits, you should be nearly ready to hit your shot.

- We strongly suggest you use these tips and any others you can think of to voluntarily keep play moving so the committee does not have to enforce pace of play with penalties.

RULES / POSTING SCORES

Rules Note #1: Hopefully everyone knows that the Men's Club posts all of your league scores to the handicapping system for you. Hopefully everyone also knows that non-league scores as well as 24-man, 16-man, and 8-man team scores ARE NOT posted for you and YOU SHOULD BE POSTING those scores and all other scores you shoot yourself including match play scores. See section 5-2 of the USGA Handicap Manual for information on posting scores for incomplete rounds.

<http://www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Handicap-System-Manual/Rule-05/> The USGA also answers the question: If I pick up on a hole, what score do I post? For handicap purposes, record the score you most likely would have made - BUT, that score must not exceed your Equitable Stroke Control limit.

Rules Note #2: In stroke play, if there is a specific question about the rules for a situation, the player may play two balls under two different rules scenarios and get a ruling from the pro shop at the end of the round.

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