



Fox Hollow Men's Club Member Handbook

Introduction

Welcome to the Fox Hollow Men's Club (FHMC). The club exists to promote friendly golf competition among its members. The men's club consists of 3 different "leagues" – Wednesday 9-holes, Wednesday 18-holes, and Saturday 18-holes. Using the term "leagues"; however, is slightly misleading. Each league is actually a series of weekly events running from April until September. With a few exceptions, each week is a separate event with its own prize fund. See below (or the web site) for more explanation of the events and how to sign up for them.

Fees

The following fees are mandatory to become a member of the FHMC:

- Administration Fee: This fee is set by the board of directors and is paid by all members regardless of which league(s) they choose to play in. This fee pays for:
 - Official USGA handicap calculation.
 - Prize money for Club Championship, Combo Tournament, and Fox Cup Championship
 - General club administration.
- League Fees: This fee is set by the board of directors and entitles the player to become a regular member of the league. It must be paid for each league the player wishes to be a member of. This fee pays for the event entry fee (not greens fees) for all regular events sponsored by the league for the entire season. An additional fee is required for some special events. (Exception: see "Pay as you go / Cross League Fees" below)
- Golf Club member fees: These fees are set and collected by Fox Hollow Golf Club. They require each FHMC member to have either a full Fox Club membership (unlimited golf) or a patron card. This fee is paid to the golf course, not the men's club.
- Greens Fees: Appropriate greens fees must be paid for each round by patron card holders. Fox Club members do not pay greens fees. See the Fox Hollow web site for information on member's fees and greens fees.

The following fees are optional during the FHMC season:

- Miscellaneous Fees: Some events require an additional fee to be paid in order to participate. There are very few of these and there is always an additional event which does not require a special fee. This extra fee goes toward the prize fund for the event.
- Hole-In-One Insurance: All members who have paid this fee and make a hole-in-one during FHMC Saturday or Wednesday league play, will split the pot of money created by this fee.

- Pay as you go / Cross League fees: A player may play in an event in a league they are not a member of for \$10 per event. The player MUST inform the pro shop and pay the \$10 fee PRIOR to starting their round. This DOES NOT APPLY to special and major events. The player MUST have paid the administration fee (See above).
- Side Games: For most events, there is an optional side game for skins and for closest to the pin that requires a separate fee. This fee is collected by the pro shop PRIOR to your round.

Leagues

Once you've paid your Administration fee, League fees, and golf club membership fee, you are ready to play the events. All you need to do is sign your name in a tee time slot on the signup sheets that are posted 2 weeks prior to the event. The signup sheets are posted on the bulletin board just outside the pro shop at the golf club.

Each league has a page on the men's club web site that shows the schedule. Click on the name of an event to get a description of how it is played and scored. Click on the "Results" tag to see the winners of the event.

- Wednesday 9-hole league: This group plays 9 holes each Wednesday with tee times running from approximately 3:50 pm to approximately 6:00 pm.
- Wednesday 18-hole league: This group plays 18 holes each Wednesday with tee times running from approximately 12:30pm to approximately 3:40 pm.
- Saturday 18-hole league: This group plays 18 holes on Saturday with tee times running from approximately 7:00 am to approximately 8:30 am. The Saturday league runs events every Saturday EXCEPT for holiday weekends. On holiday weekends, there is typically an unofficial game requiring a separate fee to participate.

Major Events

FHMC conducts four "Major" events that all men's club members may participate in, regardless of which league(s) they are a member of. These events will be on each league schedule.

- Guest Day: This event is designed to promote camaraderie and perhaps advertise our club to future potential members. This event typically requires an additional entry fee. Format is at the discretion of the chairmen, but is usually a 4-man team event.
- Combination Tournament: This event is for 2-man teams. You and your partner play the course with holes separated into groups. Each hole group is played in a different format – best ball, alternate shot, and scramble. At the discretion of the board of directors, this event could be 18, 27, or 36 holes. There is sometimes an extra fee for this event.
- Club Championship: This is a 36 hole, flighted, stroke play event which also determines the club champion and possibly the senior club champion. See the web site for more information. No extra fee required.
- Fox Cup Championship: Throughout the season, each league awards points to players for high finishes in events. The highest point winners from each league are eligible for the Fox Cup Championship at the end of the season. See the web site for details about this event. No extra fee required.

Handicaps

Part of the members Administration Fee pays for a Minnesota Golf Association membership which includes calculation of an official USGA/MGA handicap (GHIN system). In order for an accurate handicap to be calculated, all scores shot at any course must be entered into the USGA GHIN handicapping system. **FHMC records all league scores for you. You are responsible for recording all non-league scores you shoot.** There is a computer at Fox Hollow and most other courses for the purpose of recording your scores. You may also record your scores at the USGA GHIN web site (www.ghin.com).

The board of directors has the right to adjust any handicaps that it feels are not accurate.

If you are new to the club and have not had a handicap calculated before, you must supply 5 full 18 hole scores to the GHIN system in order to get an official handicap. **You must play with a handicap of zero in all events until you have an official handicap.** The GHIN system recalculates handicaps twice per month, year-round. If you had a handicap calculated at another course, you will probably have a GHIN number. Put that number on the membership application, or talk to personnel in the golf shop to get your GHIN information transferred.

Rules

All Fox Hollow Men's Club events are played under United States Golf Association Rules. Except in the case of match play events, **ALL PUTTS MUST BE HOLED OUT – THERE ARE NO GIMME'S.** All players should familiarize themselves with the most common rules involving hazards and drops. See the separate document called "Fox Hollow Men's Club Common Rules of Play and Local Rules". This document can be found on the web site at <http://www.foxhollowgolf.net/wp-content/uploads/FHMC-rules.pdf>

Web

The FHMC maintains a web site within the Fox Hollow Golf club site www.foxhollowgolf.net or you can access it directly at <http://www.foxhollowgolf.net/mens-ladies-club/mens-club-news>. The site has all league schedules and event results as well as meeting minutes and other information items about the men's club.

E-Mail

To save money and thus provide for larger event prizes, our primary form of communication besides the bulletin board at the golf club, is e-mail. It is very important that you provide us with an e-mail address you check on a regular basis. Announcement of membership registration, election of board members, monthly newsletters, information on special events and many other notices are sent out ONLY by e-mail (besides posting on the bulletin board). Rest assured we will not sell or distribute your address to anyone. It is for our communication purposes only.