

LINCOLN SENIOR MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE INFORMATION -- 2011

FEES:

1. TEAM MEMBERS. Membership fee: \$ 25 per person. Registration deadline for teams: April 11, 2011.
2. SUBSTITUTES. Membership fee: \$15 [No deadline for registration as Substitutes.]
3. League membership fees cover general League operating costs, year end divisional prizes, and lunch at the Annual Meeting on August 31. Membership fees do not include any greens or cart fees, or entry fees for special events.

LEAGUE ORGANIZATION/SCHEDULE

Regular League competition is by two man teams.

Once all team entries for the year have been determined, the teams are assigned to divisions according to the sum of the beginning handicaps of the two players. In general, the 12 teams with the lowest team handicaps will be in Division 1, the 12 teams with the next lowest team handicaps will be in Division 2, etc. An eleven week schedule has been prepared to allow a round robin schedule in a 12 team division. If there are some divisions with fewer than 12 teams, the schedule will be adjusted accordingly, but the division will still have an 11 week schedule, which may then include 'Byes' or more than one match between two teams.

The 2011 calendar allows for an additional day of team match play. There will be a 'position' round on August 24. In each division the team in 1st place following the completion of the round robin schedule will play the team in 2nd place, the team in 3rd place will play the team in 4th place, etc., to determine final League standings for the year in each division.

Most divisions play 18 hole matches; there is at least one division which plays 9 hole matches.

Regular matches are held from May to August. The entire League schedule will be posted elsewhere on this web site when all the detail has been completed (probably about April 24th). Each individual member of a regular team will receive a 'short version' of this document which will include the league match schedule for his team and division prior to the beginning of the team competition.

All regular matches are Wednesday mornings in a rotation of four courses: the four 18 hole municipal courses, and Wilderness Ridge. When League play is scheduled at Wilderness Ridge, League members will be charged the same greens fees and cart fees charged at the public courses. [Exception: season tickets and discount tickets for the municipal courses cannot be honored at Wilderness Ridge.]

The League also maintains and sponsors a large number of 'extra events,' generally called "Fun Days," at both the municipal courses and other local courses. For schedule and other information see separate section [Fun Day Schedule] on this web site.

CHANGES FROM 2010

The Executive Committee has made very few major changes. One is in the 'Preferred Lie' section of the Rules for Play (which see). Another is that we will allow

two substitutes on the same team at the same time and still consider the match a 'legal' match.

CHOICE OF TEES (NO CHANGE FROM 2010):

ALL PLAYERS in the Senior League, regardless of what Division they play in, and regardless of age or handicap, may play during the 2011 season from the BLUE tees or the WHITE tees on the municipal courses. The choice is entirely up to the individual player. Partners on the same team may play from different tees if they choose. This choice will apply to all members of the League, including Substitutes, and including players in ANY division, even Division 1 & Division 2. Those people who play from the White tees at the municipal courses will play from the White tees at Wilderness Ridge; those people who play from the Blue tees at the municipal courses will play from the Gold tees at Wilderness Ridge. When League play is scheduled at Wilderness Ridge, the staff at Wilderness Ridge will set the White and Gold tees in such a way to be equitable with tee choices for members of our League.

EACH player must make his decision at the **BEGINNING** of League play for the season, and he cannot switch back and forth. He may not, for example, play from the Blue tees during most of the season in order to establish a relatively high handicap, and then decide to play from the White tees in a crucial match near the end of the season to gain handicap strokes in a match. [Also see note on beginning handicaps in section below.]

When Fun Days are held at courses other than the four Lincoln municipal courses, the use of tees will be specified in the rules for the day. The effort will be to make the event enjoyable for everybody while maintaining the spirit of fair competition as much as possible.

NOTE CONCERNING MONITORING OF THIS POLICY

Adherence to this policy, as well as many other League rules and policies, will be self regulating. The League will not monitor compliance. Players are their own referees, as they are for most of the Rules of Golf.

HANDICAPS

The Lincoln Senior Men's Golf League is a handicap league; all members must have a handicap used in all League events.

The League keeps its own handicaps, using only scores from League play to establish a handicap index for each player, calculated from 'differentials.' A 'differential' is the difference between the gross score and par of the course on which the score was recorded (no slope or course ratings are considered). The last six differentials are used: the high and the low differentials are thrown out, and the handicap index is the average of the remaining four differentials. When the next score is recorded, the oldest differential is replaced, and the handicap is recalculated.

The calculated handicap index is rounded off to the nearest whole number on scorecards to provide 'strokes' for matches (a .5 in the average is always rounded up).

If the Handicap System works as it should, handicaps for all players will adjust themselves so that match strokes 'given' will equalize competition in every division.

Beginning 2011 handicap indexes for returning players will be those current at the end of the 2010 season. The history (last six scores) from 2010 for returning players will be retained, and 2011 handicaps will result from continued use of that history as play progresses. EXCEPTION: If players change their choice of tees between 2010 and 2011, their handicaps may be adjusted if the situation can be recognized. The handicap system will 'settle in' to an appropriate level as play progresses through the season.

For those members new to the League in 2011, a beginning estimated handicap index will be established by agreement; but this handicap index will be used ONLY to determine initial placement in the League divisional structure. The handicap index the player will have on the first day of match play will be determined by the score he actually records on that day; consequently, the result of the match (including the hole by hole competition) cannot be determined until the match has been completed. The handicap index for the second match will be that actually achieved at the first match. The handicap for the 3rd time the member plays will be the average of the first two differentials. The handicap for the 4th time the member plays will be the average of the first three differentials -- and so forth, until 6 scores have been recorded and the handicap calculation will be 'normal.'

There will be one other change in this respect in 2011. Whenever a member of the League plays in a Fun Day in which each player plays his own ball throughout, on municipal courses or other courses, the resulting differential will be entered into the handicap system. We will do this for all players, but it will be most helpful with respect to new members of the League and for substitutes, because in this way we can establish a 'normal' (and thus more reliable) handicap for new members more quickly. And, we have quite a few substitutes who play in many Fun Days, but sparingly in regular League matches; using these scores for them will again result in more normal and more reliable handicaps.

Consequently, when the format of a Fun Day is a 'best ball' event in which players play their own ball throughout, it is VERY IMPORTANT TO RECORD ALL ACTUAL SCORES FOR ALL PLAYERS ON THE SCORECARD. [Previously, if a player's score is not going to count toward the team score, some scorers did not record the score on the card.]

When the scorecards are prepared, a 'match handicap' for each player will be entered on the scorecard. 'Match handicaps' will be the same as current rounded handicap indexes.

If a team has a Bye because of necessities in making the schedule, a tee time for the team will be scheduled, but the team will NOT be required to play to earn potential points. If the team, or only one of its members, does in fact decide to play, PLEASE keep an accurate scorecard and turn it in. We will post those scores in the handicap system.

SUBSTITUTES

Membership in the League will include many 'Substitutes.' When they are unable to play, players are responsible for getting substitutes. Try to get a substitute with a handicap reasonably close to that of the absent member. To be fair to all teams in your division, PLEASE make every effort to get a substitute when you will be absent OR arrange to play the match at a mutually agreeable time. [See 'Alternate Date'

below.]

In previous years we posted on the bulletin boards at the municipal courses current listings of substitutes with current handicaps. We ARE NO LONGER GOING TO POST THESE LISTS. It takes too much time, expensive gas, etc., for League officers to go around and visit each course in order to keep the lists current. And then, it is frustrating for League members not to have a copy of the listing, or know whether or not a listed sub is actually available.

The process of finding substitutes has been historically a big problem in the League. Many players simply give up looking for a sub because of the frustration of dozens of unproductive telephone calls; many subs complain that they are available but never get called. Especially by the end of the year, many matches simply are not played because subs have not been secured. In an effort to alleviate the problem, the League is now using available technology: the League web site:

lincolnseniorgolf.com

FINDING SUBSTITUTES ON THE WEB SITE

Marion Tatum will again serve as Coordinator of Substitutes, and he will maintain a section of the web site which will indicate which substitutes will be available for each date of scheduled match play (and, by omission, which substitutes will NOT be available on each date). The information will contain current handicaps and telephone numbers. **Process for using the web site to locate an available substitute:**

1. Go to **lincolnseniorgolf.com**
2. Click on **Substitutes**
3. The list will be maintained both by handicap and last name

Using this information should improve the process for everybody: those who are looking for a Substitute will have a limited group to consider, eliminating a lot of unproductive telephone calls; and those who are listed as Substitutes can avoid receiving repeated calls when they are not available.

Success of this effort will require the constant cooperation of members, especially substitutes, in providing Marion with accurate and current information about their availability on match dates.

When a member has agreed to sub for a regular team member, it is important for him to provide the date, team member, and division involved to Marion Tatum (402-261-8863, mariontatum@msn.com) so the web site can be updated AND to Bill Reese (402-730-5824, mdphotone@gmail.com) so that the scorecard can be prepared properly, especially if the substitution has been secured prior the the Sunday before the match date.

It should be emphasized that the responsibility for securing the Substitute will still be that of the member seeking the Sub. Marion will NOT 'assign' substitutes, although he will be happy to provide whatever kind of assistance he can. His primary responsibility is to provide current, accurate, updated information on the web site. The accuracy and timeliness of the information he can post to the web site will depend entirely, of course, on the accuracy and timeliness of information given to him.

This system will not solve ALL of our problems relative to Substitutes, but IT CAN'T HURT!

FOR MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE COMPUTER ACCESS TO THE WEB SITE

Although the vast majority of our members do have computer access to the web site, we know that some do not. In that case call Marion Tatum, 402-261-8863, and he will provide you with assistance.

CHANGE FOR 2011: TWO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED ON A TEAM

In an effort to avoid having so many matches canceled or forfeited because members cannot play scheduled matches because of unforeseen circumstances, and to make it possible for more substitutes to participate in the League (we have LOTS of substitutes in all handicap ranges), the Executive Committee decided this year to rescind the long standing League rule that "at least one regular team member must play to have a legal match."

This year we will allow two substitutes to play at the same time for the same team. We know that it would be possible for teams to abuse this arrangement, particularly at the end of the season in a 'crucial' match; but we believe that possibility is negligible. The purpose of the league is for people to play golf and have fun, and we believe this change will create that opportunity for more people in the long run.

ALTERNATE DATE:

A team unable to play at the scheduled time for whatever reason may arrange with the opposing team to play on another date or a time of day different from the scheduled tee time. The match must be played at the scheduled course and prior to the original date or no later than the Friday following the original date, and the scorecard must be turned in to the handicap coordinator (Jim Augustyn) no later than the Saturday following the match.

Teams are not REQUIRED to accommodate requests for changes in time or date, but all members are urged to be as considerate as possible. The team requesting the change will be responsible for arranging a tee time and date with the course involved.

[Note regarding matches played early: Because there will be no provisions for make ups this year for rain outs, if you have made up a match in advance, and the matches in your division are canceled because of weather on the day you would regularly have played this match, the results of the match will NOT count in the League standings. Just feel lucky that you got to play golf when others didn't.]

EMERGENCY SUBSTITUTES

If all else fails and you cannot obtain one of the League's substitutes on a given day, but you can recruit a person who is not currently a member of the League to play, it may be possible to sign him up for the match. The substitute must be a person eligible to be a member of the League, agree to other conditions (including payment of the \$15 Substitute membership fee as soon after the match as reasonable), and we must establish an appropriate handicap. If you want to use this option, call Ned Hedges (402-488-3113) for further information.

SCORECARDS

1. PLEASE WRITE ACTUAL SCORES (NOT 'NET' SCORES) FOR EACH HOLE ON THE SCORECARD. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT: the Handicap Coordinator must be able to read the numbers accurately. Any notations on the scorecard other than scores should NOT be made on the line containing the scores; put them above, below, on the back, or anywhere else on the card. It is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT this year that the official scorecards be CLEARLY marked.
2. Special League scorecards will be available on the day of play at the scheduled golf course indicating:
 - a. The date of play, division, teams, and scheduled tee time.
 - b. The names on the card will be paired according to the matches to be played.
Lower handicap player of 1st team vs. Lower handicap player of 2nd team
Higher handicap player of 1st team vs. Higher handicap player of 2nd team
 - c. Strokes: a player will receive as many strokes in the match as his match handicap is higher than that of his opponent. Stroke holes will begin with the #1 handicap hole on the course, then # 2, etc. [For example: Player A has a handicap of 22; his opponent, Player B, has a handicap of 17. Player A will receive strokes on the 5 holes on the course which are the #1 through #5 handicap holes as marked on the scorecard.].
 - d. Strokes holes will be marked on the scorecard. [But please check them out. The people who prepare the scorecards have been known to make mistakes--VERY RARELY, of course!]
3. The Handicap Coordinator will do the actual scoring of matches based on hole by hole scores, but golfers are encouraged to do their own computations and compare their results against posted results. This year we are quite certain that results will be posted efficiently on the web site in a manner more accessible to all. Any discrepancies should be referred to Jim Augustyn (402-464-2480), Handicap Coordinator, without delay.

SUBSTITUTES ON SCORECARDS

When Substitutes play in matches, the scorecards must include the Substitute's name, membership number, and current handicap.

If you know about a substitute in advance (typically by Saturday or Sunday preceding the match) please inform Bill Reese (402-730-5824, mdphotone@gmail.com) so that information can be put on the scorecards).

If you do not know about a substitute that far in advance, or if for any reason the substitute's name is not on the prepared scorecard, the following steps MUST be taken:

- a. Identify the substitute's name, MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, AND CURRENT HANDICAP.
We hope that the substitutes themselves will keep themselves aware of these numbers.
- b. Compare the substitute's handicap to his teammate's handicap to determine which player is to be matched against the lower handicap player of the other team.
- c. Enter the substitute's MEMBERSHIP NUMBER, NAME, and HANDICAP in the appropriate place on the card, moving his teammate's name if necessary to make

sure that the lower handicap player of the two is matched against the lower handicap player of the other team.

NOTE: If you have not made these adjustments, the Handicap Coordinator will have to make them before he 'scores' the match. If you have not followed these steps, you may be surprised at what you see when you look at the posted official results, because it may very well be that the matches that were played did not match opponents as you expected when you were playing.

POINTS

1. Six points are awarded for each match:
 - 2 points for each individual match (match play)
 - 2 points for low combined net team score (medal play)
2. In case of ties, the two points are divided between the teams.
3. Absent teams forfeit all 6 points, but the OPPOSING TEAM MUST PLAY to receive points.
4. If one member of one team fails to show, that team forfeits 2 match points plus the 2 for low net team score.
5. If one member of both teams fail to show, the remaining players play a match with only FOUR points at stake: TWO points for the match play, and TWO points for the low net medal score. The other two points (for the match that is not played) will not be awarded to either team.
6. If there is an uneven number of teams in a Division, resulting in a BYE being built into the schedule, the team with the BYE will have a tee time scheduled if they wish to play. But the team is not required to play, and NO POINTS will be awarded involving matches with a BYE.
7. If one team member is 'out for the season' and a new team member is found, teams will continue play in the Division, and points scored for (or against) the original team will count in final standings.
8. If a team is dissolved at any time during the season, all opponents (both those played before the dissolution and those scheduled after) will receive all 6 points. [There will be a tee time in the Course Schedule for the 'opposing team' to play if they wish for the remainder of the year; but in this case the opposing team does not have to play to receive the points.]

[POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE 9 HOLE DIVISION]

At this writing, there are some changes being considered in terms of formats to be used, handicap calculations, and necessary changes in point calculations. When these considerations are complete, an appropriate entry will be inserted here in this document.

RESULTS

Team standings (points) will be posted each week on the web site. If any member who does not have computer access to the web site wishes to receive a report of current standings, call Marion Tatum, 402-261-8863, and he will see that you get one.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

Cancellations due to weather will be made by the **DIVISION COORDINATOR**, not by the Executive Committee of the League or by Golf Course Personnel, unless the golf course has not been declared “open for play” by the Course Superintendent. Because of variances in tee times, or local conditions at different golf courses, or even just the tolerance of players in the division, it is entirely possible that some divisions will have weather cancellations on the same day that other divisions hold and complete competition.

The Division Coordinator should make his decision in as timely a fashion as reasonable and inform the pro desk personnel at the golf course in question.

Individual players should CONTACT THE PRO DESK AT THE GOLF COURSE SCHEDULED FOR PLAY to determine if your Division is playing.

Please don't call Board members: they won't know anything, you will just waken their late sleeping wives, and they will 'get you' in the long run. Do you like to start on Fun Days at Highlands on the 13th tee?

NO MAKE UPS FOR WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

By vote of the membership at the 2001 annual meeting , there will be no make ups for weather cancellations in any divisions. If you are rained out, you are simply rained out: it's the 'rub of the green.'

HOLE IN ONE:

Any League Members (including Substitutes) who score a hole-in-one during League play, INCLUDING Fun Day events, will receive a Gift Certificate for \$100. When it occurs, tell the Pro, get verification of your playing group, and see that the information gets to your Division Coordinator. [And see that the information gets to the Publicity guy, Dick DeLorm (402-466-3948, rdelorm@msn.com) so that you get all the recognition and good natured ribbing you deserve. “A driver? on a 146 yard hole?” “Sure, of course I use a driver on such a hole. Doesn't everybody?”]

CELL PHONES ON THE COURSE:

This year the Executive Committee will again attempt to see to it that at least one cell phone will be available on the course in each Division. If we can find the tall bicycle whip antennae, or can get some new ones, the carts which have the cell phones will be so marked.

DEFIBRILLATORS

Defibrillating equipment has been made available at each of the municipal golf courses through the contributions and cooperation of various groups, including the Senior Golf League, and personnel at each of the courses have been trained to use the equipment in case of emergency. If there is a potential need for this equipment for anybody in your group, use your cell phone (or the one available in the division) to call both the clubhouse and 911.

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF PACE OF PLAY

Although it sometimes seems to us to be a bad rap, far and away the number one complaint about play in our League, by players in the League, by golf course personnel, and by other golfers who play behind us, is and has always been 'slow play.'

[**Special emphasis again in 2011**]: Groups must keep up with the group ahead of them. If your group cannot maintain, or does not wish to maintain, this pace without an open hole ahead, and following players are consistently waiting, you must allow the following group to play through.

Other suggestions

On par 3 holes, if things clog up on the tee, once all players in a group have reached the green, before putting out they are encouraged to wave the following group to hit tee shots.

We certainly do not want to encourage anybody to hit into players in front of them, or to cause any fist fights, but be cognizant of your own limitations. For example (and this is only one example), there is almost always a pile up of groups at #13 at Pioneers, the long par 3. In most divisions of our League, there are very few players who have reached that green from the tee for a dozen years. If you know that you have no chance in the world of reaching a green, why wait and wait for the 'green to clear'? If your new \$400 driver and some sort of unconscious perfectly timed swing combine to produce a miracle shot that rolls up on the green for the first time in ages, it probably isn't going to be going hard enough to knock the polish off of somebody's golf shoe. And as for those people on the green who know you--they are much more likely to offer you a high five than to threaten you with a 5 iron. There are lots of other similar situations that occur during our normal play.

Be sensible about simple things. You can make your own list, but the six most repeated suggestions from Executive Committee members when they get involved in discussions about this issue (that is, at every meeting) are the following. Try to follow these suggestions and make them **habits**.

- (1) Park carts (pull carts as well as mechanized carts) while finishing play on a green so that you exit the green immediately to the rear or the side rather than to the front, recording scores on the next tee.
- (2) After you hit a shot, move on **BEFORE** you put your golf club 'away' in your bag. [Rule of thumb: never sit down in a golf cart without holding the club you have just used in one hand. At the next stop you will have plenty of time to put the club away and select the next one without holding up play of those behind you.]
- (3) Try to establish a pre-shot routine which limits the number of practice swings you normally take (to maybe one? or at the most two?)

(4) On the green, line your putt up as much as you can, and make decisions about it, as soon as you reach the green. Of course you want to concentrate and make your best effort, but do not wait until it is your 'turn' and then walk all around and stalk the putt like the pro's do on TV. Watching golf on television has probably done more than anything else to create the epidemic of slow play at golf courses everywhere-- and not just, or even mostly, by Seniors. And try continuous putting if you can be comfortable with it rather than marking a remaining two foot putt and waiting once again for your 'turn.' Watching the group ahead of you go through all of these SLOW, SLOW processes on a green is probably the most frustrating thing in the game of golf. How many times do YOU want to yell: "C'MON! GET THE HELL OFF THE GREEN!"? Try not to be the one yelled at.

(5) If your group is obviously falling behind, players in your group who have finished putting on a green could immediately move to the next tee and tee off rather than waiting to watch all the remaining two foot putts.

(6) And above all, although we do not want to completely destroy a sense of common courtesy central to participating in the honorable game of golf, we would urge you to almost completely FORGET the notion of **HONORS**: PLAY "READY GOLF." HIT YOUR BALL WHEN YOU ARE READY, AS LONG AS IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE PLAY OF OTHERS. AND-- **BE READY!**

You would be amazed at the cumulative effect of saving only 20 seconds of waiting time occasionally, especially for the group having the last tee time of the day.

SPECIAL 2011 RULES FOR PLAY: LINCOLN SENIOR MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE
[NOTE: A SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE FOR 2011 IN SECTION 1, PREFERRED LIE--READ IT.]

League play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf as modified by local rules (see individual course scorecards) and the following special League rules.

1. PREFERRED LIE

Players will be allowed a *preferred lie* in all locations during the entire season in League play. ["All locations" includes all locations in the rough as well as the fairway, and in all hazards, including sand bunkers and all water hazards marked with red or yellow stakes or lines.]

To use a *preferred lie*, a player may move his ball without penalty no nearer the hole within one club length from the spot where the ball originally came to rest. The player may lift, clean, and place the ball, or move it around with a club. The player may move the ball without penalty one club length no closer to the hole with the following exceptions: the player may not move the ball without penalty (a) from off the green to on the green; (b) from the rough to the fairway; or (c) from a hazard to outside the boundary of the hazard--but see special note re: sand bunkers below.

[NOTE: This provision is different from the Rule in use in 2010. Also respect an **emphasis in 2011**: One club length means **ONE** club length, not two or three. If one club length will allow a player to avoid having a tree or bush interfere with his stance, line of intended flight of the ball, etc., so be it. But if he wishes to move the ball more than one club length to avoid those problems, he must invoke the 'unplayable lie' rule, take a one stroke penalty, and proceed according to the rule.]

EXCEPTION TO THE ABOVE PREFERRED LIE RULE: For regular competition in Divisions 1 and 2 the 'preferred lie' rule will be limited to balls 'in your own fairway' and in sand bunkers. If a player believes he should legitimately receive a free drop in a place that should have been marked 'Ground Under Repair,' he may take a drop without penalty with the agreement of his opponent, but the player must be prepared to accept good naturedly the decision of his opponent. In such cases, the ball should be 'dropped,' not placed. It is the hope of the Executive Committee that this provision could lead to more fair and sportsmanlike competition, not to disputes and confrontations. Other divisions may choose to exercise this Exception. The Division Coordinator in each case may poll the regular members of the Division. Majority rules!

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING SAND BUNKERS

The Senior League frequently plays on courses early in the morning before sand bunkers can be prepared properly. Consequently, we allow players to use a *preferred lie* in the bunkers. Players may use all conditions of the *preferred lie*, including moving the ball without penalty no nearer the hole within one club length of its original spot as long as the new spot is *within the bunker*. In addition, if they can do so without unduly delaying play, players may rake the spot where they place the ball.

Furthermore, if a player finds his ball in a sand bunker that is so full of water or so barren of reasonable sand that it is not possible to find a spot within the bunker *no closer to the hole* that will provide relief from the faulty condition of the bunker

(including stance and lie), the player may:

(1) place the ball, without penalty, at the nearest point within the bunker which provides relief from the faulty condition, *even if* that point is *closer* to the hole than the spot where the ball originally lay; or,

(2) place the ball, under the penalty of one stroke, outside the bunker, keeping the point where the ball originally lay directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is placed, with no limit on how far behind the bunker the ball may be placed.

The player shall be the sole judge of 'faulty conditions' to warrant application of this procedure.

2. LOST BALL, BALL OUT OF BOUNDS, BALL IN HAZARD

When a ball is lost, hit out of bounds, or hit into a water hazard or a lateral water hazard, players should proceed according to the following general principles. This extremely liberal rule has been adopted by the League primarily to enhance pace of play. [Water hazards are marked with yellow stakes, and lateral water hazards are marked with red stakes. Note: a hazard does not have to contain water to be a 'water hazard' within the rules.]

a. Drop or place a ball at a spot, no nearer the hole, normally within two club lengths of the point the ball was lost or last crossed the margin of the hazard or the boundary, but choosing a spot *which also provides "reasonable relief" from a virtually unplayable lie*. Take a one stroke penalty, and play on.

b. If a drop area is provided for or marked for any shot on any hole on any course, after hitting only one ball into any hazard involved, you have the option to place a ball in the drop area, take a one stroke penalty, and play on. We strongly encourage you to use this option. For League purposes, consider the front tee areas to be drop areas if a different drop area is not marked. [Note: You may 'place' the ball. Unless you are hitting the shot from the same spot you hit the original tee shot, you may NOT place it on a tee.]

c. You may always, of course, opt to use a specific USGA rule applicable in any case, instead of these League options, if you believe it is to your advantage, and if you are certain that your understanding of the USGA rule is accurate. If your choice results in holding up play, you MUST wave the following group through.

3. **PUTTS:** All putts must be holed out, unless conceded by opponent.

4. **SEARCH FOR LOST BALL:** Limit any search for a lost ball to 3 minutes (as opposed to USGA limit of 5 minutes).

5. RULINGS AND DISPUTES

The player in each group who holds the lowest current handicap will be responsible for his group's observance of League rules during play. If an issue arises concerning the application of any of the Rules of Golf (other than these special League rules) and there is doubt about a ruling, the proper procedure is for the player to play a provisional ball and then consult the course Professional for a ruling after the round is completed.

If there are any unresolved disputes or questions arising from application of these special League rules, the matter shall be referred to the RULES COMMITTEE:

Glen Schmieding, Chair, 402-261-5737, gschmieding@neb.rr.com

Other members: Handicap Coordinator Jim Augustyn, and Duane Stokebrand.

LEAGUE SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENTS

[SEE 'FUN DAY SCHEDULE' ON THE WEB SITE FOR THE SCHEDULE]

ALL League members including Substitutes are eligible for all extra events, but participants MUST sign up in advance for these events. Substitute do NOT have to wait to be called as a substitute to play in any special event. Sign up sheets are posted at all municipal golf courses, usually about one month prior to the event. Or, you may sign up by sending a clear e-mail message to Ned Hedges (enhedges@gmail.com).

The deadline for signing up is normally one week and one day prior to each event (so the course can begin accepting other reservations one week in advance). If an established limit has been reached prior to the normal deadline, Ned Hedges will maintain a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Carts are required at events held at courses other than the municipal courses or Wilderness Ridge. But you must indicate whether or not you want a cart reserved for events at the municipal courses and Wilderness Ridge.

JUNIOR COURSE BENEFIT EVENTS

Warmup Scramble, April 13, AGER, 9:00 Shotgun

Scramble for Seniors only. The cost is \$20 for each senior (considered a donation: season tickets are not 'good' for this event). A limited number of carts can be made available on advanced request; normal cart fees will apply for those who need them.

Junior/Senior Scramble, Thursday, June 16, AGER, 9:00 Shotgun

Senior golfers are 'paired' with junior golfers (any boys or girls 14 years of age or younger), usually in teams of two seniors and three juniors. Senior golfers are encouraged to bring their 'own juniors,' but there will be plenty of other junior golfers available. The cost is \$20 for each senior (considered a donation: season tickets are not 'good' for this event); juniors enter free. A limited number of carts can be made available on advanced request; normal cart fees will apply for those who need them.

Please consider participating in any way you can: playing, helping secure support, etc., or even just making a cash donation. Contact Dennis Lacquement (435-8750) for further information.

FORMATS FOR FUN DAYS

The format used for each Fun Day will be identified on the sign up sheet and thoroughly described in the Rules prepared for each event. Formats will be chosen in order to provide a variety through the year. Basic formats include:

SCRAMBLE: All players hit from the tee. The team chooses which ball to use, and players hit from that spot. The team again chooses which shot to use, and players again hit from that spot, repeated until ball is holed.

BEST BALL: Every player plays his own ball throughout the round. All players are given strokes according to the League handicaps, and the team score depends upon net scores on each hole.

SHAMBLE: A hybrid of the other two. All team members hit from the tee, and the team chooses which ball to use. But from this spot each player plays his own ball throughout the rest of the hole.

NOTE VARIATIONS OF BASIC FORMATS: Each of the basic formats has a number of variations which will be explained on the Rules sheets for the event. [Number of players on team, required shots, number of net scores used, % of handicap allowed, etc.]

TRIFECTA: Two man team event. Each team plays two man scramble for 6 holes, two man best ball for 6 holes, and alternate shot for 6 holes.

TWO MAN MEDAL PLAY: All scores count, handicapped & flighted.

ORANGE BALL SPECIAL. Actually, only a variation of a Best Ball event.

COULD'A, WOULD'A, SHOULD'A. Almost sinful fun! It is a 'one man scramble.' Yes, you get a Mulligan on every shot.

EMPHASIS IN 2011: The total schedule for 2011 will include approximately an equal number of events in each of the basic three formats. The Executive Committee has determined that more variations will be used this year intended to emphasize team play and team strategy. These variations will be fully explained in the Rules for the day of the event.

GUEST POLICY FOR FUN DAYS

League members have been allowed to invite guests (such as visiting relatives, prospects for membership, etc.) to play with them in some League sponsored events under certain conditions. League members have priority if limits have been reached in any event. A person may not play as a guest more than once during the season without paying the \$15 Substitute membership fee. Call Ned Hedges, 402-488-3113, for information if you would like to invite a guest for any event.

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