

LINCOLN SENIOR MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE -- 2011

You will notice a label in the upper right hand corner of this page. It is important for you to have your own copy of this leaflet because we have included the schedule for **YOUR** division ONLY as the last page.

We will **NOT** publish our entire League booklet for each member as we have done in the past. This shorter version of League information is intended to contain only those things that you may need to have immediately available and should probably carry in your golf bag. All of the League policies, procedures, rules, and general information contained in the full League booklet will be available on the website at

www.lincolnseniorgolf.com

If there are members who do not have access to the website who would like to have a complete copy of the booklet, call Ned Hedges, 402-488-3113, and he will see that you receive one.

SCHEDULE OF TEAM COMPETITION

The most obvious change from last year is the inclusion of Wilderness Ridge in the regular course rotation for team competition. See your schedule. Because 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 first place following the completion of the round robin schedule will play the team in second place, the team in 3rd place will play the team in 4th place, etc., to determine final standings in each division.

CHOICE OF TEES (NO CHANGE FROM 2010--but be sure you understand):

ALL PLAYERS 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 (and the equivalent GOLD and WHITE tees at Wilderness Ridge). The choice is entirely up to the individual player. Substitutes must make their own choice as well. They may want to consider which divisions they normally sub in. But all players, including substitutes, must observe the rule that once they make their choice, they must use those same tees throughout the year. Appropriate handicap calculations depend upon it. Special rules may apply on Fun Days; if so, they will be described in the Rules for the day.

SUBSTITUTES

When he is unable to play, each player is responsible for getting a substitute, trying to get one with a handicap reasonably close to that of the absent member. Lists of Substitutes will be posted periodically on bulletin boards at the municipal courses.

Marion Tatum will again serve as Coordinator of Substitutes and will maintain a system of identifying available substitutes using the web site [www.lincolnseniorgolf.com]. The site & its operation are much improved over 2010 and should be easier to negotiate. If you have problems, contact Marion, (402-261-8863, mariontatum@msn.com) and he will cheerfully provide assistance.

TWO SUBSTITUTES ALLOWED ON THE SAME DAY (Change from 2010):

Prior to this year, League Rules specified that "AT LEAST ONE REGULAR TEAM MEMBER MUST PLAY to have a legal match." This year we will allow a team to use two substitutes on the same day.

HANDICAPS

For new members, an estimated handicap will be used for the purposes of placing a team in an appropriate division, but the handicap index for the player on the first day of match play will be determined by the score he actually records on that day. The handicap index for the second match will be that actually achieved at the first match: The handicap index used on the 3rd day will be the average of the two recorded previously--and so on until six scores have been recorded and the handicap is managed in regular fashion.

This year we will also enter into the handicap system scores recorded on Fun Days when a player's full and actual score is recorded on scorecards for the event (i.e., for certain 'Best Ball' events).

POINTS

Six points may be awarded in each team match. For all the possible variations, see the section on the web site.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS:

Decisions concerning cancellations due to weather will be made by the **DIVISION COORDINATOR** in consultation with golf course personnel including the Course Superintendent, not by the Executive Committee of the League. Individual players should CONTACT THE PRO DESK AT THE GOLF COURSE SCHEDULED FOR PLAY to determine if your Division is playing. If decisions are made sufficiently in advance to make it practical to do so, notices will be posted on the League web site. Division Coordinators will also be supplied with e-mail addresses of all division members and may be able to notify members in a timely manner.

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: For regular competition in Divisions I and II 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 place the ball:

(1) 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) 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

The other members of the Committee: Handicap Coordinator Jim Augustyn, and Duane Stokebrand,

SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE OF PACE OF PLAY (AGAIN & AGAIN)

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.'

If your group cannot maintain, or does not wish to maintain, this pace without an open hole ahead, and following players are consistently waiting, allow the following group to play through.

PLEASE do the simple things. Rule #1: **Never** sit down in a golf cart without holding in your hand the club you last used. Go around and put it back in your bag in the back of the cart at your NEXT stop. Rule #2: Do not park your cart--riding cart or pull cart--in front of the green. Rule#3: FORGET the notion of HONORS: Hit your ball when you are ready, as long as it does not interfere with the play of others. and-- **BE READY!**

LEAGUE SPONSORED SPECIAL EVENTS ('FUN DAYS')

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

There is a small credit card sized billfold card available with a listing of events. There is a full listing of events with a more complete description of formats and other information included in the booklet available on the web site. The days of events are included on your individual schedule (next page)

SIGNING UP:

You may sign up on sheets posted at all municipal golf courses,; or by sending a clear e-mail message to Ned Hedges (enhedges@gmail.com) or by calling him at 402-488-3113.

'PERMANENT' SIGN UP FOR ALL EVENTS: There are ways to sign up, either as individuals or as teams as appropriate, for all events. Contact Ned Hedges.

SIGN UP INDIVIDUALLY OR MAKE UP YOUR OWN TEAM

Players may sign up teams or parts of teams for Fun Days held at 'out of town' courses and for two man team events (such as Trifecta, 2 Man team medal play, etc.) at 'in town' courses. Those events are starred (*) on League schedules. Otherwise, players should sign up as individuals and teams will be made by the coordinator of the event. One of the long term League objectives has been to have people meet and play golf with players they might otherwise never get to know. Many, many lasting friendships have resulted from this practice.

JUNIOR COURSE BENEFIT EVENTS: Warmup Scramble, Junior/Senior Scramble

The cost is \$20 for each senior (considered a donation: season tickets are not 'good' for these events); 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 making a cash donation. Contact Dennis Lacquement (435-8750) for further information

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