



Bloomingdale Golfers Association

New Member Orientation Packet

Welcome to the Bloomingdale Golfers Association (BGA)! BGA is a non-profit organization with a history going back more than 40 years ago. Our goal is to allow our membership to experience the game in a unique way by offering:

- Yearly Handicaps
- Favorable Tee Times
- Discounted Green Fees
- Regularly Scheduled Events
- Special Tournaments and more . . .

Board of Directors. Our organization is led by a group of very dedicated individuals. If you have questions or comments on BGA please get with one of these individuals. Our current board:

- President/Tournament Director – James Kasch
- Vice President – Rich Aman
- Secretary – Tom O’Connor
- Treasurer – Don Lucas

Leagues. Our leagues meet often during the week to fit almost everyone's schedule: Tuesdays mornings, Thursday morning and Saturday mornings.

See our BGA Website for more information or ask a member.

Our Fees. We have a \$45 annual membership fee. For those who want to participate, there is an optional additional \$5 fee to participate in our Hole-in-One competition. (Holes-in-One must be witnessed by two BGA members in a regular game or tournament to count in this competition.)

Getting Information. BGA Email: BloomingdaleGolfers@gmail.com
BGA Website: <https://bloomingdalegolfersassociation.godaddysites.com/>
BGA Facebook Page: Bloomingdale Golfers Association
Bloomingdale Golfers Club website: <https://bloomingdalegolf.com/>

Local Course Rules. These are marked on each scorecard.

Local Game Rules. See Local Rules under Reports and Rules on the BGA Website.

Quarterly Meetings. There are four meetings a year, one held each quarter. They are held in conjunction with a tournament or special event. Make your association even better by attending these meetings and getting involved in association matters. If you are unable to make a meeting, read the minutes of the meeting that are emailed out and posted to our Association website.

Tournaments and Other Competition. Aside from all the weekly events we have several major tournaments like the *1-2-3 Tournament*, the *BGA Masters*, the *Red-White-Blue*, the *Jim Varner Memorial*, and the *Association Championship*. We also have an annual *Match Play Tournament* with two flighted divisions. Additionally, we have team competition tournaments with the *Presidents Cup* and the *Ryder Cup* alternating yearly. We end each year with the *Christmas Tournament* and begin each new year with the *Classic Tournament* – see below.

Sponsors. See sponsors at Website under sponsors. Sponsors pay a \$50 annual fee to have their name at our Website and a placard with their names at major BGA events.

Posting Your Scores. Once you have a GHIN account created you may post scores from the rounds you play at the Bloomingdale Golfers Club and at other locations that have an established course rating. Game rounds need to be posted the same day played, or no later than 24 hours after completion.

Golf Etiquette. Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. Say no to slow play. Keep pace. (While we're young)! There are some hints on how to avoid slow play posted on our bulletin board. Help the course: Fill fairway divots with sand, repair ball marks on greens and rake the sand traps.

E-Mail List. This is important. Our association sends out periodic e-mails that announce meetings and tournament information. Make sure you get your e-mail address to our BGA Secretary or one of our other officers and keep following up until you are sure you are on the list.

BGA. The Bloomingdale Golfers Club is the home of the Bloomingdale Golfers Association. We want to treat the course and also the staff members of BGC with respect. If you have a matter that needs to be brought to the attention of BGC, please do so through one of the BGA Board Members.

The Classic. The Classic is a tournament for BGA members who qualify to play. It is played in early January on a Thursday (Weekday players) and on a Saturday (Weekend players). A qualified player may play either or both days, but can only play for prizes on one of the days, and that day must be declared in advance (by the sign-up sheet). An individual qualifies for the Classic by earning 50 points in the calendar year (by December 31). Points are earned by playing in BGA games and tournaments, by attending meetings, by running games, and by bringing in new members. Fifteen of these points must be from attending at least one of the four quarterly meetings. Learn more about the Classic on our BGA Website.

A copy of this Orientation Package may be obtained on the BGA Website under **REPORTS & RULES**.