

# Team Play FAQs

**What is Team Play?** Each club hosts all the member clubs on predetermined dates during the season. Each club sends 8 players who make up 4 teams of two in handicap order. On a given play day, each club will be playing another club that day for gross and net points. Each hole has both a gross and a net point to be won or lost, and ties result in a half point for each team. A club's cumulative points during the season determine the gross and net winner.

## **What are the benefits of participating in Team Play?**

- The opportunity to play private clubs in the area that you might not otherwise get to play.
- The opportunity to meet ladies from other clubs who you might consider asking to our member/guest or to a league guest day. And you may be asked by them.
- Learning the rules and strategies of match play and how it differs from stroke play.
- The opportunity to get to know other BWGA members you might not normally play with.

**Who is eligible to play?** If you are a dues-paying member of The Bluffs in good standing and keep a handicap, you are eligible to sign up. While Team Play rules require each club to bring the lowest 8 handicaps who sign up, even if you carry a higher handicap, there's a good chance you will get to play at some point because there are times when lower handicaps are not available to play. There is no handicap index limit, but if you are higher than a 30 index, you are limited to a 30.

**What does it cost to play?** \$75 away and \$55 at home covers green fees, carts, and lunch.

**How is it determined who I will play with?** Teams must be paired in handicap order, so your group will consist of similar handicaps.

**If I sign up to be on the Team Play roster, will I have to play every time?** No. Even if you only expect to be able to play one time, sign up to be on the roster.

**What if I don't play to my handicap? Won't I hurt the team if I have a high score?** Contrary to common misconception, a handicap index does not represent the score you are expected to shoot every time; rather, it represents your demonstrated ability - in other words, what you are capable of shooting. The good news is in Team Play, you have a partner, and only one ball has to count for the gross or net point on any given hole. If you are having a bad hole, you can rely on your partner. Just do your best and have fun.

**On what day of the week does Team Play occur?** It varies but is always on a weekday vs. weekend. The most common days for Team Play to be scheduled are Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. All the dates for the season are set at the beginning of the year, so you can look at the calendar to see when we are scheduled to play and where.

**What is the start time? Do I have to stay for lunch?** 8:30am shotgun start is the norm. Lunch is served immediately following play. You do not have to stay for lunch, but you will still be charged, as the \$75 is a flat fee for both golf and lunch at away clubs and \$55 at home. To go boxes may also be an option if you have to leave shortly after play.

**Can I carpool with other team members?** Yes. At nearly every play day, we will have at least one carpool.