

New Member Club Information

Weekly Tournament Registration

We play each Thursday morning, weather permitting, excluding holidays. Check the club website, ECSMGC.com, for any cancellations due to weather. The first group tees off at approximately 6:45. You should report to the first floor stairwell lobby table to register for that morning's tournament. The registration desk is open from 6:45 until 7:30. At the registration table prize money envelopes from previous tournaments are laid out on the table. Check for an envelope with your name on it and collect your prize money. Return the empty envelope to a registration table worker. The "voluntary" tournament prize fund contribution is \$7 each week and is paid at the registration table. Correct cash is much appreciated and please note that checks, credit cards, \$50 and \$100 bills are not accepted. After you pay, check for your name on the roster of members and place a check mark next to your name to indicate that you are part of the tournament. If your name is not on the list, inform one of the table workers. They will add your name to the list and indicate that you have paid. Let the table workers know if you are part of a regular group or if you are playing as a single. They can suggest an open foursome for you to join that week.

Registration Table Responsibilities

On a rotating monthly basis, one or two members will be assigned to "man" the weekly registration table. Such assignments occur about once each year depending on the number of active groups/golfers. The schedule of table workers is available on the Club website ECSMGC.com. On the day of the tournament they are responsible for laying out the prize money envelopes, collecting tournament fees, making sure that participating players have checked off their names on the tournament roster, and general accounting tasks. They will give hole "closie" markers and measuring tapes to the first group to tee off and will be the last group to play and collect the markers and tapes. During the week after the tournament, one of the table workers will be responsible for preparing prize money envelopes based on the weekly results sent by email to the entire club membership and posted on the club website.

On Course Play

Pace of play is important! Please play “ready golf” and get to your ball with a club and be ready to hit when it is safe to do so. Fivesomes are discouraged, but may be permitted under certain rare circumstances. Regardless of the number of players in a group, they should be ready to tee off as soon as it is safe to do so. If lagging behind, players are encouraged to “putt out” (i.e. keep putting until the ball is in the hole) in addition to any other means to speed the pace of play.

Except as noted above, tournaments are conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf. There are no mulligans or gimmies (all holes must be holed out). The Membership has adopted the policy of allowing improved lies from the fairways (i.e. the ball may be “bumped” in the fairways only, not in the rough, bunkers, waste areas or penalty areas) except under a local rule, which allows free relief from a tree root in order to avoid injury. Because of the condition of the bunkers, the Club has adopted a local rule which allows a member to remove the ball from the bunker on a line straight back from the ball’s location to the pin without penalty. If the member elects to hit from the bunker they must continue to hit from that bunker until the ball is successfully hit out.

One member of each group is charged with keeping the official score card while another keeps a backup scorecard and attests to the scores. On the official scorecard players should be identified by last name to avoid any confusion. Guests or members electing not to participate in the tournament (i.e. did not pay the weekly \$7 contribution) should not be listed on the official scorecard.

Posting Your Score

Following your round, the official and backup scorecards should be compared to insure they agree. It is not necessary to include course handicaps or to compute net scores. The official card should then be signed by two members of the group and placed in the “brown wooden box” next to starter’s desk. You are responsible for posting your score into the GHIN handicap posting system (www.GHIN.com, or the GHIN mobile app) by the end of the date of play. If you are unfamiliar with the process please ask your playing partners, they should be happy to help you. It is not necessary to adjust your score based on ESC (Equitable Stroke Control).

Winners and Payouts

Winner's payouts are based on net scores of those who posted that day. The number of "winners" and the amount paid out is adjusted each week to reflect the amount collected from those participating in the Tournament. Also, based on the number of participants, the Club pays \$7 to \$10 for the five Closest To The Pin (CTP) holes (#3, 6, 8, 11, and 17). Regardless of the number of players, the Club pays \$3 for each Birdie. Your birdie MUST be circled on the scorecard; if it is not circled you will not collect your \$3. At the present time the Club does not have a Hole-In-One pot but the board has adopted a payout of \$50 for an Eagle and \$100 to the lucky member who scores an Ace.