

TALLWOOD MEN'S CLUB 2011 NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

THE CLUB

The Tallwood Men's Club is an organization of 250+ avid golfers that began in 1970. This brochure is intended to help the new member learn a little more about the club, its operations, and to make his first season a little less intimidating.

The club is run by a Board of Directors that meets monthly throughout the year. It is comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Past-President, and committee chairmen - Social, Handicap, Membership, Communication and Tournament. The officers are elected at the Fall General Membership Meeting with terms starting in November.

Club business is transacted at two general membership meetings during the year - one in the Spring and one in the Fall. These meetings are held in the evening at Tallwood and all members are encouraged to attend. (Free beer & soda are an added enticement!)

The only requirement for membership renewal is playing in a minimum of 10 Men's Club tournaments during the year. Since the tournament schedule spans over 30 weeks and includes over 75 tournament days, meeting the minimum is usually not a problem. Two-day tournaments count as two tournaments. Rainouts, if you have gone to the club, are also counted. However, if you find that you are unable to meet the minimum requirement due to physical, business, or family problems, you should write a letter to the Board of Directors, addressed to the current Membership Chairman, explaining your situation and requesting a waiver. This should be done

as soon as you become aware that you will have a problem. You will receive club information in the monthly Tallwood Men's Club Newsletter. These newsletters announce club happenings and information of general interest. Also included in these mailing are sign-up forms for social and special golf events. Certain tournaments that require extensive preparation necessitate that you return the sign-up form together with the fee. Social events such as the Kickoff Dinner (late Winter) and Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance (Fall) also require sign-up by mail.

If you move from the area and will not be able to participate in club activities, please write a letter to the Board of Directors, addressed to the current Membership Chairman, explaining your situation. This is important, by leaving in good standing; you may receive special consideration if you return to the area and wish to rejoin the club.

TOURNAMENTS

You will sign up for most tournaments on the sign-up sheets posted on the club bulletin board. Sign-up sheets for Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday tournaments are posted two weekends in advance and remain posted for over a week.

Starting times range from dawn until about 10:00 A.M. If you are a single, just look for an unfilled group and add your name. You are allowed to sign up to a MAXIMUM of ONE FOURSOME. Remember to take note of your starting time on your tournament schedule card which is available at the Kickoff Dinner, Pro Shop or at the Spring meeting. Also, alert any other members that you have signed up of their starting times. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE GREENS FEE IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP TO PLAY ON TIME.** If no acceptable starting time is available, add your name to the waiting list and you will usually be accommodated.

When you sign up for a starting time with the Men's Club, you are obligated to play in the Men's Club tournament for that day. Only Men's Club members use these starting times.

Weekend starting times can be canceled WITHOUT PENALTY by calling the course before 1:00 pm Friday for Saturday and 1:00 pm Saturday for Sunday. If, during the week, you find you are able to play the following weekend but haven't signed up, call the course and they will try to work you in.

Please keep in mind your playing ability and pace when signing up for a starting time. It is preferable to have faster players in the early starting times and slower players in the later ones. The earliest groups usually get around the course in 4 hours or less.

PLAY

Be sure to arrive at the course at least 20 minutes before your tee time. Check in at the front desk and pay your green and cart fees. Then check in at the Pro Shop to pay your tournament fees. Ten Men's Club tournaments have been prepaid and you will receive a card that will be punched until this prepayment is used up. After that, a cash payment of \$5 tournament fee is required. Every tournament day there are usually optional Pro Shop tournaments and kickers which have their own entry fees.

Following the round, check your score to be sure that it is correct. Then "adjust" your gross score according to the USGA Equitable Stroke Control guidelines and mark the "adjusted" score on the scorecard and enter it into the computerized handicap system. (These USGA guidelines are posted on the club bulletin board).

Scores - gross and net - for the day's tournaments are

entered on the tournament score sheets on the club bulletin board. Your gross score is simply what you shot for the day. The net score is your gross minus your handicap. You will see that individual tournaments are divided into flights - A, B, and C - based on handicap to make the competition more equitable. There is also a Callaway flight in the early season tournaments for new members without handicaps.

If you have a handicap or a GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) number from another club, tell the Pro and the Handicap Chairman. If you don't have a handicap, you must play in the Callaway flight until you turn in five attested 18 hole scores, from any course, for the current golf season. If you still don't have five scores by the time the Callaway tournaments end, you will be assigned a handicap based on the scores you have.

Another tournament to keep in mind is the season long Ringers Tournament. For this tournament you keep track of the best score you shoot on each hole in the Men's Club tournament. At the end of the season, gross and net prizes are awarded. Be sure to post any Ringers scores in the Ringer book after each tournament and have them attested.

Finally, all signed, adjusted, and posted scorecards should be turned in to the Pro Shop. These cards will be checked to verify scores and tournament winners.

RESULTS AND PRIZES

The PGA Professional and his Pro Shop staff determine tournament results. Results are posted on the bulletin board, usually the day following the tournament. The Pro Shop will also post the results on the Web Site. Prize winnings, in the form of Pro Shop credit, are recorded in a ledger kept in the Pro Shop along with any Pro Shop spending. It's a good idea to check your balance occasionally to make sure that you or the Pro Shop hasn't made a mistake. Members are permitted to

carry a small negative balance in the books, but are expected to pay it off promptly. Credit must be redeemed by the end of the year, usually December 1st. Please check with the Pro Shop for the exact policy that they currently have in place.

WEBSITE

The men's club website is www.tallwoodmensclub.com. You will find on the website: tournament results, the current newsletter, a message board to ask questions to the board or other members, board of directors contact information and some photos from the course. Please stop by as it is updated frequently.

KEY CONTACTS

2011 President: Steve Liteplo ttopsteve@yahoo.com

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FINAL COMMENT

What you have read may seem like a lot to remember, but after a tournament or two, it will be second nature to you. If everyone follows the rules, more members will get to play because there won't be many "No Shows", your round will be faster, you will have a fair shot at winning, and everyone will enjoy his golf more.

If you have any questions about the club, please feel free to ask anyone on the Board of Directors.

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE A GREAT SEASON



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