

## **Information about Tournaments at Storm King Golf Club**

The purpose of this document is to clarify some details for new members or anyone who has not played in the tournaments at the Club.

- 1) Does it cost money to enter a tournament?
  - a. With the exception of the Vice President's, President's, and Championship tournaments, all other tournaments require a \$5 fee at time of play.
- 2) Are there assigned tee times for the weekly tournaments?
  - a. The only tournaments that will have assigned tee times are the Vice President's Tournament, the Club Championship and possibly the President's Tournament. The Member Member event also will have assigned tee times. For all other events you play your rounds and just post your score.
- 3) How do you enter a tournament
  - a. For most weekly tournaments there will be a sign up sheet each Saturday and Sunday morning. All you need to do is put your name on the sheet, play your round and post your score. For the Vice Presidents Cup, Club Championship and Member Member you need to sign up, qualify, and then your group and tee times will be posted in the Club House
  - b. Most tournaments run Saturday and Sunday. Assuming the tournament format allows – which it normally does, you can play with a different group on Saturday and Sunday. The only limitation is you can only win 1 prize per event – meaning if you play on a team that won first and a team that wins third – you only win the first place award – unless of course you want the third place award instead
- 4) Are Handicaps used in the tournaments
  - a. Unless posted otherwise, all tournaments are played at 90% of your handicap, against either the course or the differential of your opponent. Two examples:
    - 1) You are playing in a tournament where you just post a score. Assume your handicap is 20, 90% would be 18; you simply reduce your score by 18 strokes when you post it.
    - 2) You are playing a match play event; you are a 20 and your opponent is a 13. The differential is 7, you would get a stroke on the 6 hardest holes on the course (marked on the score cards). If the differential times 90% results in anything with a .5; the number is rounded up – a 4.5 would be 5.

#### 5) Formats:

- a. 2 Man Best Ball – you and a partner play as a team. Your teams score per hole is the lower net of the two of you. For example on hole # 1 you score a 6 and your partner scores a 5 and he was getting a stroke there – your team score would be 4 for the hole.
- b. 4 Man Best Ball – same as above but each team has 4 players who have a chance to get the team the lowest score for the hole.
- c. 4 Man 2 Ball – basically the same except that the team score is the combined number for the 2 best scores for each hole – so the course par in this case is 144
- d. 4 Man 3 Ball – again the same thing but 3 of the 4 scores for each hole count (cumulative – so a par 4 is really a par 12)
- e. Yellow Ball Tournament – is a 4 Man Best Ball with a twist – each team will be provided a “special” ball before starting. The team must have a different player using the yellow ball on each hole ( each player will have the ball at least 3 holes) The trick here is if you lose the ball, you are out of the tournament – you have to return it to post your score – honor system.
- f. Medal Play – Otherwise known as stroke play – it’s what the guys on the PGA Tour play – just your ball, all putts need to be putted out and even if according to handicap rules you can not score higher than an 8 (Equitable Stroke Control) if you make a 15, the 15 counts in the tournament and you’ll have to adjust your score before entering it into the computer.

#### 6) Groups

- a. It’s preferred that all groups play as 4 but sometimes it is not possible, if you only have 3 and it’s a 4 man best ball you can still enter. For 2 man best ball you need to have a least 1 other player with you to attest to the score

#### 7) Prizes

- a. There is a prize for first, second, and third for all tournaments. If the tournament has more than 1 flight there is 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> for each flight. There is a sheet posted on the bulletin board each week listing who has won what.

#### 8) Events requiring qualifying

- a. If an event requires qualifying there will be posted in the club house and tournament schedule the dates when you can qualify. You always have to have a member who is in the tournament with you to attest to your score. Some qualifying may be gross score and others net. The purpose of qualifying is to set flights and seeds within flights. Once all qualifying is completed, the field, matches and tee times will be posted in the club house and if time allows on the web site.

If anyone has any questions regarding anything listed here or anything else regarding tournaments please fell free to contact either Dave Orr or Chris McLoughlin.