



P.O.E.T.S.

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P.O.E.T.S. Golf Club Spring/Summer 2012 Season Newsletter

Here we go with another action packed season of fun and male bonding with the P.O.E.T.S. ! Welcome back old friends, create new ones, and get even with your asshole buddies for abuse suffered last season! A few things to remember as we embark:

Membership Fee -- \$10 per player is due upon the season start on or around April 1. This fee covers the following :

- Hole in One insurance and Reinsurance—each HIO plays \$100 and all members are automatically reinsured—regardless of how many HIO's POETS members make!
- Season long money list contest. Top ten finishers for the season will be awarded cash prizes based on the total membership pot generated this season—net of HIO payouts.

Schedules—I will put out the weekly schedule with purely RANDOM pairings each week at poetsgolfclub.com. Expect changes each week due to unexpected cancels, priorities, emergencies, etc, etc so stay loose until the night before the schedule play date. Guest players are very much appreciated, and accommodation in pairings and groups will be made for guest players. We will not and do not flight pairings although but will attempt to accommodate player needs for guest hosting as requested.

Players should cancel for the current week by circling their name on the official scorecard, and by emailing me at cweeks26@comcast.net. Longer absences should be emailed as soon as known. Generally, in the spring/summer expect to play if the golf course is open—unless specifically noted on the web site! **Of course, last minute cancels within 24 hours of the play date are not acceptable—as are no shows!**

Weekly Play Formats and Rules—Member should expect to always “play by the rules”. This means compliance with USGA rules governing play at all times and local rules as posted for weekly play competitions. Formats for each week will be our tried and true stroke play competitions (individual and two man teams within the foursome), individual gross and net skins, and par 3 proximity “PROX” prizes. If you don't know the rules, ask before you do something stupid! Just another reminder—all putts must be holed out—unless Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) has been invoked! Provisional balls should also be given consideration if there is any question on whether a ball is in play or not! And we will always allow a provisional ball to be played if there is any question of a ball being in a lateral hazard!

Pace of Play—It is up to each member of the foursome to maintain pace—and consistent ignorance of this will result in assessment of player penalties to ALL MEMBERS of the foursome! We have also instructed the rangers to rigorously enforce the golf course pace of play policies without exception during regular P.O.E.T.S. play. In the event that the rangers notify a group that they must skip a hole to “catch up”—all players will receive ESC max as their score on the skipped hole.

Handicaps—Each player will be required to have a USGA handicap issued from an authorized USGA golf club. For FFG residents, this simply means joining the handicap system (GHIN) here are Fairfield. \$19 per year—see Rag or Dawn at Druid if you haven't already done so. Since handicaps are now updated on the 1st and 15th of each and every month, it will be likely that in some cases handicaps will be updated on the actual play date—so don't be confused! Sign up for email handicap notifications from TGA to eliminate some of this confusion! We will attempt in all cases to use the most current revision on the actual play date!

Each P.O.E.T.S. player is responsible for posting each and every score—competitive play as well as all other rounds played during the year. Each player's scoring record will be made available on www.poetsgolfclub.net to facilitate peer review and oversight. Rounds played when rules are fractured (gimme putts, stableford scoring, etc, must also be posted). Any questions relating to handicaps can be addressed to our local handicap committee (Chair: Chet Weeks , cweeks26@comcast.net).

Tournaments/Events—The P.O.E.T.S. run three major events through the summer season—Spring Invitational (June 1,2), the Couples Scramble (August 26), and the Fall Invitational (October 12-13). These events are open to all but it is expected that members will be the major volunteer workers and participants.

Senior Tees—All players should consider using senior tees (gold tees) as a way to enhance their enjoyment of the game and the competition. Any player with a handicap index greater than 18.0 for the weekly play will have that option! All players may select to play the white or blue tees before play starts. Handicaps will be adjusted to reflect this difference. Players may also request senior tees as required due to injury or aging factors.

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Best of luck to all and good health through the coming golf season.

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