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P.O.E.T.S. Spring Newsletter

With the approaching Spring/Summer golf season it is time once again to revisit the structure of our group, how we will conduct play as a group and individually, and to outline the responsibilities that you as a player have to support the P.O.E.T.S. group. This spring/summer we will add Stonehenge to the course rotation. There will be no crossovers this year and late tee times now will start at around 10:30 – a big improvement from last year. The P.O.E.T.S. full field is 72 players on a weekly basis.

We will be making some changes to the playing format for this year and adding a membership requirement for REGULAR status.

PLAYER STATUS

Each player may elect to play as a REGULAR or as a SUBSTITUTE. REGULAR players will be scheduled each week unless “signed off”. SUBSTITUTES will be scheduled on a week to week basis to fill the field as necessary.

Important News! REGULAR “members” will pay an annual MEN’S CLUB DUES of \$10 prior to the start of the season. Included in this entry fee is:

- Recurring Hole in One Entry (regardless of how many aces are made and paid)
- Entry in season long money list contest—April 4 thru October 31.
- Entry in YEAR LONG Most Improved Golfer Award—established by the USGA.

Handicaps

As we have stated previously, each player is responsible for establishing a handicap by joining the “CLUB”, posting all scores (P.O.E.T.S. and ALL other scores) in a timely fashion, and to abide by any actions that may be taken by the CLUB Handicap Committee. Each competitive round that the P.O.E.T.S. play will be based on the most current revision of the player’s handicap using complete USGA rules and practices to establish a fair competitive field. **It is each Player’s responsibility to accurately post all scores and to conform to the handicap system.**

Play Format

We will play different formats but they will all be based on tried and proven formats –the basic elements each week will include:

- Individual low nets (gross score minus player course handicap)
- PROX award on designated par 3’s
- Individual gross skins

-Individual NET skins (NEW!)

- Two man team competition
 - Better ball (NET)
 - Both balls (NET)
 - Combination front nine and back nine

The weekly player entry fee will be \$6 with the extra \$1 going to the new NET SKINS pot.

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Gold Tee Play Restrictions (new) effective June 13

A player may play from any set of tees (Gold, White, Blue) as long as they have been rated by the USGA for course rating and slope. We will use section 3-5 of the USGA handicap manual to adjust player handicaps for fair competition with the playing field. As stated in section 3-5 there are two adjustments made – 1) the calculation for course handicap uses the slope for the tees being played instead of the white tees for the predominance of the field. And 2) a course rating adjustment is made by subtracting (adding) the course ratings difference between the tees played and the white tees.

Example:

Player A index 20.4

Gold Tees at Brae	Slope 109/CR 64.3
White Tees at Brae	Slope 122/CR 68.7 → white tees handicap =22

Slope Calculation adjustment = $20.4 * 109 / 113 = 19.7 = 20$

Course Rating adjustment --- 68.7 (white tees) – 64.3 (gold tees) = $4.4 = 4$

Player A's new handicap is now $20 - 4 = 16$ to compete with white players from the gold tees!! Player A's handicap from the white tees would have been 22 --thus a 6 shot adjustment has been made for the gold tees.

Please also note that under the USGA handicap system player A's ESC maximum for play from the gold tees will be 8 based on his course handicap of 20!

Play from the gold tees will only be allowed for players with current revised USGA handicap indexes of 18.0 or greater.

Schedule for Play

The season long schedule is posted on -www.frontiernet.net/~poets. Each week the pairings and course schedule will be posted as well. – www.frontiernet.net/~poets/. It is each player's responsibility to note his tee time, and to be present at the golf course each week and ready to play at least 30 minutes before designated tee time. Last minute

cancels will not be tolerated –cancellations for the week in advance (or in the future) should be emailed to the league director at cgweeks@frontiernet.net.

Tournaments

The P.O.E.T.S. conduct three major golf events each year. A Spring Invitational, Summer Couples Scramble, Fall Invitational. Entries for these events will be released separately and involvement by P.O.E.T.S. players is expected – either through direct participation as a player or through managing certain activities associated with the event (or both!!).

League Director Responsibilities

As with any large group such the P.O.E.T.S. there are and will be a number of different opinions and options regarding week to week decisions, conflict resolution and player actions. Each player as a condition of continued P.O.E.T.S. play agrees to abide by all decision making made by the league director or delegate(s) in any situation relating to P.O.E.T.S. play.

Here's looking forward to a great season of golf once again in Fairfield Glade!!

Chet Weeks