

## Lady Links Event Information

Here is some helpful information regarding the league and the league events:

- Our league is a pay as you go league. This means you do not pay for the entire league or for the first ½ but you pay as you play and the prize fund is built into the rate you pay that evening.
- The league fee you pay at the beginning goes towards providing you with a USGA/MGA handicap and contributes towards the goody bags at the beginning and end, and to the league championship trophies.
- Each evening that you play a \$5.00 prize fund is built into your rate. This prize fund is paid out to the winners each week in the form of gift cards which you can redeem for merchandise in the pro shop.
- Since you do not commit to playing in every event you **do not need** to have a substitute for the nights you are unable to play. You do need to book a tee time if you plan on playing. If you are booking for your group the shop attendants will ask you for all the players' names in the group. This expedites the check in process on Monday night. You may make a tee time up to a week in advance. **It is important that you cancel your tee time in advance if you are unable to play. No shows are a significant problem. Please respect the club and other players by keeping your tee time commitment or by canceling in a timely manner.**
- Since we do not collect the fees for the league upfront you need to check in and pay each night. On the nicer weather evenings when more people are playing this can cause a log jam in the pro shop. It is important to try to get here early enough so we can check everyone in when it is a shotgun start so we can get started on time .
- You may purchase any number of pre-pay tickets in advance of the league. With a pre-pay ticket you may bypass the check-in process in the pro shop by dropping your pre-pay ticket in the box on the pro shop counter and proceed directly to the bar for a drink and then to your cart.
- If you are a walking group please tell the shop attendant when making your tee time that you will be walking and we will attempt to assign you a hole close to the club house in the event that the evenings play is a shotgun. If you do walk and are assigned to a hole quite a ways from the club house you may take a cart with you, leave it at your finishing holes green, and use the cart to return to the clubhouse at the conclusion of your round.
- Most events will be **Tee-Times**. Lady Links Members may play anytime of the day. The tee times between 3:30 and 6:00 pm will be held for Lady Links members until the Friday prior to the event. At that time any unused tee times will be release to the general public. If there is an outside event on Monday, shotguns will occur. The club will make every effort to book outings before 1:00 to facilitate a 6:00 pm start time. A schedule of the event start times will be posted three to four weeks in advance.
- A shotgun start is where everyone starts at the same time and in this case on one side of the course or the other (front nine or the back nine). We will assign your hole and put your name and hole assignment on your cart. Carts will be lined up below the clubhouse near the driving range. Depending upon the number of players some or most all the holes will have two groups starting on each hole. Groups will be identified as an A group or a B group. For example 1A and 1B. The 1A group will tee off first followed by the 1B group. Groups will play the course in hole progression. If you are playing the front nine that night, after finishing hole number 9 you will proceed to hole number 1, then 2 and so on. If on the back nine when finishing number 18 you will proceed to hole number 10, then 11 and so on. Once you have completed your last hole of play you return to the club house and turn your scorecard into the pro shop.

- We will be using the app based scoring system golf genius to score each event. At least one person in your 4-some must have the app downloaded to their phone. Each week you will receive an email with a link to register in Golf Genius for the next week's event. You must register in Golf Genius in order to be able to score your round through the app. **It is very important that you also make sure to schedule your tee time in the pro shop, as your Golf Genius registration does not guarantee you your tee time.** We also request that you turn in a physical scorecard at the end of your round so that we can verify the scores and fix any scoring issues. If you have any Golf Genius questions, please email Stacy, our Event Mgr. and she will be able to help you out. Her email is: [events@golfthelinks.com](mailto:events@golfthelinks.com).
- We try to vary the events that we play to keep them fresh and interesting. All events are handicapped and many are flighted. Your handicap is a number that is generated from the USGA/MGA handicap system and is why you post all your scores into that system. Let's say you have a 20 handicap for 18-holes, 10 for 9-holes. If during the league night you shot a 50 your net score is 40. This is the way we equalize the event for players of different abilities since the scores can vary a lot between league members. Most events are scored gross and net. Flighting an event means we take the field and divide it in half or quarters by handicap then score the event within the flights. In this type of event you are playing against other league members with similar playing ability. Some events are blind draws. You will not know who you are playing with that night. After the event has been played we will do a blind draw to determine partners then score the event.
- We have a rule that says you can only win once. That's to say if you won 1<sup>st</sup> on the gross side you cannot also win first, second, or third on the net side, but if you were 2<sup>nd</sup> on the gross side but 1<sup>st</sup> on the net you would be the net winner and the next highest score on the gross side would replace you as the 2<sup>nd</sup> place gross winner. The gross score will supersede the net score. We will always try to make the events fair and spread out the prize fund to as many participants as possible.
- Since we do pay a prize fund it is important that scores are accurate and all strokes are counted. We consider this league a social league but to maintain the fairness we need to be accurate. Penalty strokes should be applied and counted where applicable and the rules of golf should be followed.
- We have a Birdie Tree which is in the bar area for each event. If you make a natural birdie put your name on a bird and add it to the tree. All the members with a birdie on the tree are recognized at the final banquet.
- Pace of play can be an issue. As a club we will do what we can to keep the pace moving, but everyone within the group must be aware of their position on the course, and keep pace with the group in front of them. A shotgun start with multiple groups starting on each hole is not conducive to speedy play. Everyone's cooperation in contributing to a good pace will make the night more enjoyable to all.
- Above all else our goal is for everyone to enjoy the golf and the camaraderie that comes with it, and to have fun before, during, and after the round. We encourage everyone to take the opportunity to meet other members and to create new friendships. Golf is a game to be enjoyed for a lifetime and should be enjoyed with friends.