

**LINKS CUP RULES AND POLICIES
AN INVITATIONAL CALCUTTA TOURNAMENT**

SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 2024

1:00PM SHOTGUN START

CALCUTTA STARTS AT NOON IN THE CART BARN. PLEASE BE ON TIME.

*****ALL ENTRANTS MUST HAVE CURRENT USGA HANDICAP SUBJECT TO COMMITTEE VERIFICATION. ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.*****

The Format:

Modified 4-person scramble

- **Teams will be drawn at random from a pool of players ranked top to bottom by USGA index**
- **Each player designation will be A, B, C or D**
- **NO CHEATING.**
- **There are no gimmie putts. All putts must fall!**
- **Each player hits a tee shot. Whichever drive is chosen, that player may not hit the next shot. Continue this until the green is hit. No player may hit consecutive shots until the green is reached.**
- **Once on the green, all players may putt. Fringe does not count as green. If any part of the ball is on the green, it is considered on.**
- **The ball may be moved one club, no closer. You may not change the lie (rough to fairway, sand to rough etc.) and you may not tee it up. Ball may be placed.**
- **No practice putts or provisional shots may be taken.**
- **Only one person may putt the par 3's. A-17, B-12, C-4, D-7**
- **In the event of a tie, at the discretion of the club we will either playoff continuously on #9, or start on #1, and play until a victor emerges. If there is no availability on the course the practice loop will be used to determine the winner. If the event is called by light, ties will be broken first by most eagles, second by most birdies, last USGA last nine (back nine), last six, last three, hole by hole starting with hardest handicap hole.**

- We will be playing a mixed tee. 6 holes green, 6 holes gold, 6 holes black.

The holes will be as follows:

1: GREEN	7: GREEN	13: BLACK
2: BLACK	8: GOLD	14: BLACK
3: GREEN	9: BLACK	15: GREEN
4: GOLD	10: GREEN	16: GREEN
5: BLACK	11: GOLD	17: GOLD
6: GOLD	12: GOLD	18: BLACK

THE GAMING

- 25\$ per player skins game. This is not optional. If you don't want in, maybe this isn't the event for you. If no skins are won, pool remits to Calcutta pool.
- The Draw Party will be determined. You will be notified.
- Each player will be listed 1 through the field in order of USGA index. The top 25% will be the A player, the next 25% the B and so on.
- Further, each group will be divided into Low A/ High A and placed in individual envelopes.
- Each blind draw team will feature Low A/High B/Low C/High D
- Once the field has been drawn, the list will be up in the clubhouse and emailed to every participant
- A time place and time will be chosen for the Calcutta. Each team being a minimum bid of \$400. Any team that does not get one qualifying bid will be put into a pool of teams to be bid on at the end.
- Whoever wins the bidding will be the "owner" of that team. That owner will be required to offer a minimum of 10% per player to each member of the team. Team members are not required to buy in, but I always want my players to have some skin in the game. Maybe someone only want 5% or something. Everything is negotiable.
- Depending on the field, and we will cover this prior to the event, we are looking to do a 60/30/10 payout for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. All money in the Calcutta will be paid out. The event committee is pro-bono.
- In other events like this, players tend to form "consortiums" or groups and pool money together. Maybe 4 guys each want to toss in a hundred bucks and buy parts of multiple teams. It's what I'm going to do!

Committee members: Dan Hewitt, Jay Lemcke, Brian Meyer, & Jeff Schlink

