

February 1, 2018

To: Returning and Prospective Members
From: Hal McHarris, President
Re: Seniors Golf League 2018 Season

The News: We have 61 tournaments for 2018. We have added a play at Woodlake, Millstone and McDonald Hills. We have dropped Nolichucky (closed) and Ridgefields (participation).

Due to much feedback from our membership we have decided that all flights will play from the senior tees at all courses.

Rules Change- Putting with the flagstick still in the hole is allowed to help speed up play. Starting this year, you can move the ball one club length within a sand trap but no closer to the hole.

Annual Membership Fee is \$35.00. The membership fee is pro-rated to \$20.00 if you join after August 15th

Winner's Certificates: Winners certificates are mailed on the day of the tournament. You can accumulate your winnings. They may be redeemed at any club where the league played during the current year and from Golf Unlimited in Kingsport and Bristol Club Fitting in Bristol. Certificates are not valid after December 1st of the current year.

Hole-In-One Contest: Each tournament entry fee will include the Hole-In-One contest. If you make a Hole-In-One during a tournament you will win \$500.00. A Hole-In-One during a tournament that is called off will not be counted.

How to enter a tournament: Please do not mail entries more than two weeks in advance of the tournament date.

1. Enclose check or money order. Do not send cash.
2. Write or use address label for the following information on the envelope:
 - a. Your name and address in upper left hand corner.
 - b. Tournament (course name) in lower left hand corner.
 - c. If you are a member in good standing of the course we are playing, write a capital M in lower left hand corner.
 - d. If you have a special request, or question write "Request Inside" in lower left hand corner.
If you want to have a guest, write "Guest Requested" in lower left hand corner. Guests will pay the club directly and will not be eligible for tournament prizes.
3. We accept only one tournament entry per envelope and only one person per envelope.
This is the only way each pairings person can retrieve the checks for his assigned tournaments.
4. Mail entries to: **SENIORS GOLF LEAGUE
P.O. BOX 7483
KINGSPORT, TN 37664**

Arrive on Time: Please plan to arrive at the course and have your bag on your cart 15 minutes prior to tee time so we'll know you are there. Do not take your bag to the practice area!!! If you are running late call the Pro Shop and tell them to let us know.

Speed of Play: Our objective is for everyone to finish in under 4 ½ hours. Play Ready Golf. This means that if you are ready to hit, and the player away is not ready you should go ahead and hit. It often means grabbing the clubs you need and walking to your ball, as compared to sitting in the cart, and making no preparation. All groups should make every effort to keep up with the group ahead of them. Please limit searching for lost balls to a reasonably short time and certainly no longer than 5 minutes. Further explanation of Ready Golf is on the website.

Turn in your Scorecard: Scorekeeper should bring your group's card to the scoring desk before you go to your car.

If it rains: Tournaments will not be called off prior to 15 minutes after the scheduled tee time. An exception to this would be if the course management closes the course.

If we are rained out: All the checks will be torn up. Make-up dates for rainouts will be announced, and posted on the website schedule. If you wish to play the re-scheduled tournament, proceed as described above.

Late Entry – Withdrawal – No Show

If you are scheduled to play, but fail to appear without notifying us at least 12 hours before tee time you will be considered a “**No Show**” and will forfeit the \$6.00 prize fee. The rest of your entry fee will be refunded. If you notify us at least 12 hours before tee time we’ll tear up your check. Notification in any manner the morning of the tournament will be considered the same as a “**No Show**”.

Please help us by letting us know as soon as possible.

Because pairings responsibility rotates, it is critical that you notify all of the following people in one e-mail. **Note that Don Lofgren is now doing pairings.**

Contact	Phone	e-Mail Address
Hal McHarris	423-245-9833	halinkpt@aol.com
Vic Blevins	423-360-8707	victor@chartertn.net
John Ruskyniak	423-913-4033	jdruskyniak@yahoo.com
Don Lofgren	423-538-7535	dglflogren@charter.net

Send one e-Mail with multiple addressees (a group e-Mail). This way we all know that everyone received the e-Mail. It assures you that the message will get to the person doing the pairings. You will receive a confirming e-mail from one of us. If you don't get a confirmation, please call. No e-Mail? Call until you reach one person. They will direct you to the person doing the pairings. No Shows without notification cause problems. Please call the Pro Shop, and let them know.

Lost & Found: Label your clubs, rangefinders, and anything else you might lose on the course. Labeled Items are returned to their owner. Un-identified clubs will be left at the course where lost. If you lose something, call or e-mail Lewis Willingham, or any of the Committee Members or look under our website under Lost and Found.

Medical Emergencies: If you have a known medical problem that might need attention on the golf course please discuss it with one of the Committee at the beginning of the season. We would like to know how to deal with it if an emergency occurs. It will be the responsibility of each player with a known problem to tell his foursome what to do if an emergency occurs.

Media: Tournament results are sent to all area local newspapers. If your newspaper does not have them, call them and ask why.

Website: Visit our website at www.seniorsgolfleague.com. Tournament results are usually posted by 5 PM the day of the tournament. The website also includes Results, Schedule, Course List, Directions, Handicaps and other information.

Referral Program: Know someone who should be a league member? When they send in their application tell them to write your name on the “Referring Member” line. If they join and play at least one tournament, you will receive a \$10.00 certificate. Note that this does not apply to former members who wish to re-join the league.

Dress Code: Country Clubs are strict about not wearing jeans, tee shirts, and tank tops. Please respect their rules.

Committee Members

Hal McHarris	President / Pairings	423-245-9833
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