

## *Laytonsville Friday Night 2-person Golf League 2024*

**Starts April 12th, 2024**

**TO SIGN UP OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL LVGC at (301) 948-5288 or**

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### **COST:**

- All players will pay a one-time league fee of \$85
- The weekly Greens fees are \$25 per player (additional MCG discounts will apply)
- The Cart fee is \$10 per person – the MCG will provide 1 cart per every two (2) players. A request for an additional cart to ride as a single will be subject to a surcharge of \$17 per cart (additional MCG discounts will apply)

### **FORMAT:**

- 2-person\* 9-hole Match Play
- 9-point scoring (1 point per hole)

\*We will permit 3-person teams to allow for the greatest flexibility of team members with summer commitments. Each person is required to pay the registration fee. Additionally, each team member is required to play a minimum of 5 regular season matches to be eligible to play in the playoffs.

### **MATCHES SCHEDULE:**

- Matches will be played every Friday night beginning on April 12<sup>th</sup> and go through September 13<sup>th</sup>. The season will be 21 weeks long which includes the double bracket playoffs.
- There will be NO matches on July 5<sup>th</sup> or August 30<sup>th</sup> (Independence Day or Labor Day weekend). These two-week BYES are not included in the season number of weeks.
- This league will be maximum 16-team round-robin event – meaning every team will play each other team at least once (weather permitting). If the league is unable to secure the sign up of 16-teams, then some teams may play another team more than once.
- There may be a BYE week but only if there is an odd number of teams signed up for the league.

### **RESCHEDULING:**

- If a team cannot play a match on the scheduled day, they are responsible for contacting the opposing team to reschedule.
- All rescheduled matches must be played within 1 week of the scheduled match – this includes up to 2 days prior (Wednesday) to the scheduled Friday or no later than 4 days (Tuesday) after the scheduled match. If rescheduling within the window is not doable, then the team unable to play the originally scheduled match will receive 0 points and their opponent will receive 9 points.
- If neither team can play a match on the schedule date, and rescheduling within the required window is not doable, then both teams will receive 0 points for that match.
- Rescheduled matches will not be able to enter the corresponding week's SKINS or CTP contests.

### **SCORING:**

- Each match is worth 9 points – 1 point per hole
- Maximum score per hole will be no more than net bogey; upon reaching that score pick up your ball.

- Each scorecard must be signed by a member of each team and the scores must match and be legible. If the scores do not match, the holes with different scores will be processed with the highest score listed for the hole(s). Both scorecards must be turned in to the Pro Shop. \*\* It's always good to take a picture of your scorecard before turning it in.

#### TIES:

- On any hole during the match where each team has the same net best ball total – the point for that hole will be split and each team will receive ½ point
- If a playoff match ends in a tie – the tiebreaker will be comparing team scores on each hole beginning with the lowest handicap hole, then the next lowest, etc. until the tie is broken

#### FORFEITS:

- At least ONE of the two team members must play the match in order to earn points
- If neither team member can play the match, then it will be considered a forfeit by that team and they will receive 0 points; their opponents will receive 9 points
- Matches can be rescheduled if both teams agree on a date and time in advance of the match and the league coordinator is notified
- Teams must be on-time. If one team member is running late, the course must be notified and the match will start at the assigned time. The member who is late may join the match and begin play but only after the hole currently being played has been completed. The match will be scored as the net score for the number of holes the one team member played alone plus the net score for the number of holes in which both players completed as a team
- If neither team member shows for the match at their assigned time, and the course was not notified in advance of the tee off, then that match is considered a forfeit by the no show team and they will receive 0 points. The opponents of this no-show team must play 9 holes in order to receive the 9 points.

#### HANDICAPS:

- All league players (and subs) must have a USGA/GHIM certified handicap
- To start the season, the league will use
  - the handicaps of players in last year's GLS/FNL league OR
  - an established (documented) USGA GHIN handicap
- If a sub or new player does not have an established USGA/GHIN handicap, the handicap starting point will be 0 until that player can establish a handicap through the play of additional matches
- If any player wants to establish a USGA/GHIN handicap for tournament play or other league play, Laytonsville can assist in this with a discounted annual fee
- A maximum of 7 strokes will be given for the 9-hole play. Those strokes will be given on par 4s and 5s based on the course's lowest handicap holes; no strokes will be given on par 3s.
- Players will establish their handicaps from either blue, white, gold, or silver tees; those tees will be their designated tee for all match play.

#### PACE OF PLAY:

- No match should take more than 2 hours, 15 minutes to play (this equates to 15 minutes per hole)
- Players must keep pace with the group on the hole in front of them
- LVGC will have a marshal during the matches to maintain the pace of play and ensure all matches are completed timely
- If slow play occurs, call the pro shop and the marshal will come out to see what the issue is
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time is a warning (players taking more than 15 minutes per hole)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> time – all players (both teams) will be asked to skip a hole and 0 points award for that hole

- USGA rules allow 3 minutes to look for a ball
- If a shot is lost
  - consider the shot as “not out of bounds” AND
  - play it as a lateral hazard with a ball being dropped from knee height (not placed) and assessing a 1 stroke penalty ALSO
  - use drop areas if applies

#### TEE BOXES:

- Players will tee off from the color of the tee box in which their handicap was established
- Players must declare their tee box at the beginning of the season and either play from that tee box the entire season or if they chose, they can move to a tee box farther back but their handicap will remain as established (no additional strokes for moving to a back tee box)
- Men < 60 will play from the blue tee boxes; Men > 60 may play from either the blue or white tee box
- Ladies will play from either the gold or silver tee boxes
- The color of the assigned tee box for all players will be shown on both the scorecard and the roster

#### SKINS:

- Both Net and Gross skins will be paid out
- SKINS will have a cost of \$5 per person each week
- When signing up, you must let the LVGC staff know you are playing for gross or net SKINS. If you do not notify the LVGC staff of your preference then you are considered as playing for net SKINS
- To be eligible for SKINS – the ball must be holed – no gimmes will be counted for the contest

#### PLAYOFFS:

- Will consist of a 16-team double elimination bracket with consolation round playoff
- Team match ups will be created from a blind draw.
- 4 teams will be awarded prizes
  - Top 2 teams from the playoffs (Winner and runner-up)
  - Top team from the consolation round
  - Team with the highest number of points from the regular season matches
- A team may win both a prize from the playoffs/consolation round as well as the prize for being the highest point scorer in the regular season
- If there is a point tie for 2 teams, the prize will be combined and split equally

#### PRIZES:

- Throughout the season, there will be individual closest to the pin (CTP) contests on both par 3s in the match. The player field will be split into 2 brackets based on handicaps. 4 players will receive prizes; only one prize will be awarded to any given player for CTP during the match.
- Since the playoff will be a double elimination bracket with consolation bracket, 4 team will be awarded prizes:
  - Top 2 teams from the playoffs (Winner and runner-up)
  - Top team from the consolation round
  - Team with the highest number of points from the regular season matches
- A team may win both a prize from the playoffs/consolation round as well as the prize for being the highest point scorer in the regular season
- If there is a point tie for 2 teams, the prize will be combined and split equally

### GENERAL RULES:

- USGA rules will govern all play
- Any Local Rules implemented for match day play will be provided by the Starter
- Any player in a match may concede a stroke to a player on the opposing team at any time
- At least one player from each team MUST hole out (putt ball in the cup) for the hole to count in the match but no more than NET BOGEY for handicap purposes

### LOCAL RULES:

- All unmarked tall grass will be played as a lateral hazard
- On hole #7, when hitting from the blue tees, if the tee shot does not clear the hazard, there is a designated drop area to be used
- Typically, the match will be played as stroke play, play the ball down, no lifting of the ball for any reason (or you will be penalized 1 stroke)
- No more than a 1 stroke penalty will be applied to the score of any player who breaks a rule (either local or USGA) during match play; if 2 rules are broken on the same hole – then 2 strokes penalties will be applied to that player's score on that hole. If a team disagrees with the penalties to be applied, continue to play out the rest of match and bring the issue to the league commissioner who will make the decision
- If a shot is lost
  - Consider the shot as “not out of bounds” AND
  - play it as a lateral hazard with a ball being dropped from knee height (not placed) ALSO
  - use drop areas if applies
  - assess a 1 stroke penalty
- On days where the course is very wet, the Starter will let the players know on the first tee box if the “lift, clean, place” rule is in effect
- If any team(s) drops out during the season, all matches played to date will have the 9 points shift to the opponent's score. Future matches scheduled to play will have the 9 points assigned to the opponent in those matches (and the matches will be qualified as in a forfeit)
- If any team misses 2 consecutive weeks without communication to the league coordinator, this will be considered as a team dropping out of the league
- If both members miss 5 matches, that team is considered as dropping out of the league
- If one member of a team drops out of the league, a sub may permanently replace that player if the replacement takes place prior to week 15
- A single member of a team may continue playing the matches on their own, but only their score will be used for the match play

### RAIN DAYS/INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- Matches scheduled on days when inclement weather is forecasted, a decision will try to be made to call the match as soon as possible – hopefully by 3 pm the league coordinator will send out an email to all players as well as post on the league website
- On match days where it is “walking only” on the course, no matches will take place and there will be no makeup for this match date
- If the league has an even number of teams, and there is a BYE week where matches are called for inclement weather – no points are awarded to any team
- If league play has not been cancelled prior to tee times, players will wait at least 15 minutes past the first tee time before determining to cancel matches for the day. The exception will be lighting or if the golf course is not allowing use of motor carts

- If play has already begun when inclement weather has rolled in – Points will be awarded in the following ways depending on the scenario – all scenarios assume that every effort has been made to play the round.
  - Both teams may agree not to play before teeing off, resulting in 0 points being awarded to both teams
  - If one team decides not to play, but the other team plays, it will be treated as a forfeit and all 9 points will be awarded to the team that plays. Should the weather worsen while the team is playing, the points are still awarded to the team that is playing
  - If both teams are playing and the weather worsens, then both teams decide to quit the round, the points earned from play are awarded accordingly – and any remaining points from holes not played are awarded equally (as split points)
  - If during the round one team decides to quit, points earned on holes played by both teams are awarded according to play, and remaining holes and points will be awarded to the team that plays the rest of the round
  - If players complete 5 holes or more before quitting a round due to weather, the remaining holes will be played and scored in a make-up round. Leaguers that played less than 5 holes will not record a score that week and a makeup match will be scheduled.

#### DISPUTES:

- If a dispute arises about a rule during a match, play a second ball, hole out both balls, then ask commissioner or LVGC management at the end of the round for a decision on the rules. Do not sign the score before a decision is made.

#### SUBS:

- Teams must contact league coordinator prior to league day match to inform of any player changes
- Subs must have an established USGA GHIN handicap OR the sub will start with a 0 (scratch) handicap for the match day play and continue playing as such until a handicap is established
- Subs will incur fees as follows:
  - No fee provided the sub records fewer than 3 scores and the season has at least 10 events
  - \$5 provided the sub records no more than 5 scores and the season has at least 10 events
  - \$10 in all other cases
- NO SUB will be allowed to play in the playoff matches unless:
  - The sub has permanently replaced a regular team member prior to week 15 OR
  - If the sub has played in 10 or more matches during the season

For a list of subs and their contact information go to the GLS site or contact Sue Burtner at [sue.burtner@yahoo.com](mailto:sue.burtner@yahoo.com)

#### COVID:

This league will abide by all COVID Regulations that are in place. For additional information please go to [www.MCGGolf.com](http://www.MCGGolf.com) to see COVID Regulations in detail.

If a situation occurs that is not covered above, or if there are any extenuating circumstances, a decision will be made by the LVGC GM or AGM or the league coordinator. Email any/all questions or concerns to [sue.burtner@yahoo.com](mailto:sue.burtner@yahoo.com)

**DISCLAIMER:** The LVGC management and or league commissioner may make changes to the rules as necessary throughout the season.

**Good Luck to all leaguers in 2024!**  
**The Friday Night League is a social league and the goal is to HAVE FUN!!!**