



## Men's Club

### Guiding Principles, Club Motto, and Bylaws – Updated 2.17.24

The “Guiding Principles” listed below will govern our actions as Members of the Men's Club at Gearhart Golf Links (GGL).

- ❖ We will treat others as we would have them treat us.
- ❖ We will conduct all of our activities with honesty and integrity.
- ❖ We will promote the game of golf and an atmosphere of fun and fellowship each time we play together.

### Our “Club Motto”

Friendship first, Competition Second, Fun Always.

(Alternate Motto: No Gimmies. No Mulligans. No Bullshit. Play Golf.)

*“Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what people do or say. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill.”* W.C.Fields

### Our “Bylaws”

#### I – Membership

Adult Men wishing to join the Club are required to establish a Handicap in the GHIN system and pay the annual fee, including Hole in One Insurance. Hole in One insurance covers up to \$200 in the bar. Funds left over will either be used for a party, or rolled over to the next year, per the President. An eligible Hole in One does not have to be made during a Men's Club game, but must be attested and occur at GGL. For a Hole in One to be eligible for insurance off campus, it must happen during a Men's Club sanctioned event, such as: Clatsop Cup, Coast to Cirrhosis, Border Battle, Traveling Cup, etc.

## 2 – Club Officers

The Club will have a President, Vice President, Treasurer, Handicap Chair and OGA Director. These positions may be held indefinitely. The General Manager will sit in on meetings in an advisory position, but will not vote. An annual meeting of all members will be held each February or March where the Board will present the budget, the Club bylaws, and the slate of Officers. Board meetings will be held five times a year, on a Saturday in February, April, June, August, and October. The time, location and date of each meeting will be posted in the locker room 1 week prior. The agenda will be set by the President, and the meetings are open to all members. You are asked to sign up on the meeting posting so we can pick the appropriate room to accommodate all interested.

## 3 – Tee Times

The Club will have the following standing tee times. (The Pro Shop staff may alter these times due to tournament play, and will notify the President as soon as possible:

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays – 9:00am\*. On Holiday Mondays or Fridays you are asked to make your own tee times.

(\*December, January, and February will be 9:30am)

Each member is required to notify the Pro Shop of their intention to play 2 days prior to the tee time. Inside 48 hours, the Pro Shop has the right to release un-booked tee times for Public Play. Men's Club members failing to make tee times may show up in hopes to play, but may be denied or delayed.

## 4 – Games and Pairings

Ten minutes prior to tee off, the Highest Ranking Club Officer will choose the team game for the day, and the payouts. If no officer is present, the Professional Staff will assist. Unless otherwise specified, the payouts will be as follows:

Low Gross - \$1 per player      Low Net - \$1 per player

KP on each par 3 - \$5. Greens not hit will roll over, with the "wrap around" in effect. This means, if #15 is not hit, that money will wrap around to whoever got #4. If no greens are hit, the \$15 goes back in the Pot.

Examples:

- #4 is hit, #11 is missed, #15 is hit. #4 wins \$5 and #15 wins \$10.
- #4 is missed, #11 is missed, #15 is hit - #15 wins \$15.
- #4 is hit, #11 is hit, #15 is missed. - #4 wins \$10 and #11 wins \$5.

The buy in will be \$10 per player. After the Low Gross, Low Net, and KP's, the remainder will be split amongst winning teams.

Each day except for Sundays, the pairings will be controlled by the Highest Ranking official (balls thrown in the air, height, weight, age, or some other random pairing method will be used.) On Sundays, players may pick their own teams, and pick the tees they would like to play. No player should ever feel excluded or uncomfortable, so if the game is not to your liking, you do not have to participate in the Pot, but you must play in the last group.

- ❖ Once you pay your \$10 and tee off, you are in the game and may not ask for your money back for foul weather, bad play or any other reason (except injury). If the golf course is deemed unplayable and play is stopped, all players will get their money back.
- ❖ ALL PUTTS MUST BE HOLED, or the player is disqualified from Low Gross and Low Net. He may still participate in the KP's and the team game. Any ball that is to count for the team game must be holed. If a player fails to hole out a putt, the other players in the group MUST call him on it, the ball must be replaced, and a 2 stroke penalty applies. The player who failed to hole the putt is not allowed to carry any ill will, this is for the good of the group, and the good of the game! 😊
- ❖ Players may play either the Stones, Black, White, Craic or Green tees, unless an "announced" team game is being played from a specific set of tees.
- ❖ Ties: In the case of a Tie for individual Gross or Net, the money will be split. In the case of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place in the team game, a true playoff will be held to determine the winner. This will be a one-shot putt off on the putting green, or a one puck shuffleboard toss. The highest-ranking Officer will decide the format. If there is a tie for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. the money will be split.
- ❖ Should you have to leave before the payouts happen, and you win money, that money will be placed onto your Member Balance and can be used for anything in the Pro Shop, including carts and green fees (different than Pro Shop credit, which can only be used for merchandise).

To encourage participation in GGL tournaments, the Club will add \$100 prize money in addition to the tournament prizes, for the best scoring Men's Club two-person team in the following;

1. True Oregonian.
2. Gross Better Ball.
3. Net Better Ball.
4. Fall Classic, Gross.
5. Fall Classic, Net. (You can only win one side of the Fall Classic, either Gross or Net.)

There must be a minimum of 2 MC teams per event, with both team members being in good standing. (Good standing means both your membership dues are paid and your handicap is active for the current year, by the registration deadline for each tournament.)

Other Men's Club events of note:

- ❖ Travelling Cup: Participants will pay cash in advance to our Pro Shop, to make the check-in process easier at each host club. \$5 will be added to the negotiated green fee, which will be held in our pro shop. This fund will be split 2/3 to the highest point getter of the season, and 1/3 to the runner up. Points will be based on Gross and Net scores. *Prizes will be Cash.*
- ❖ Match Play Championship: \$25 entry, *Cash payouts* to top 4 finishers.
- ❖ Men's Club Championship: \$25 entry, *Pro Shop credit* to top 3 Gross, and top 3 Net. In order to play in the Men's Club Championship, a player must:  
Be a member of the Men's Club in good standing, and must have played in a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday or Sunday game at least 6 times in the calendar year leading up to the Club Championship.
- ❖ Men's Club Majors: \$20 entry, *Cash payouts* to the top 1/3 of the field. These will occur on the Sunday of each PGA Tour Major. Each will be a different 2-player format, and players will pick their partner in advance.

## 5 – Member’s Weekend

Member’s Weekend is different than the Men’s Club Championship. Member’s Weekend was started to offer a Championship for the entire Gearhart Golf Links Membership. The winners of the Open, Senior, and Net (Stableford) divisions of the Member’s Weekend will be eligible to play in the OGA’s Tournament of Champions each year. Winning the Men’s Club Championship does not qualify you for this event. You are, of course, encouraged to play in both tournaments!

## 6 – Local Rules

- ❖ Preferred Lies/Winter Rules: When the committee deems we are playing the ball “up”, that means: When a player’s ball lies in a part of the general area cut to fairway height or less, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball in and playing it from within one club length of the spot of the original ball, not nearer the hole, and must be in the general area. Local Rule E-3. This decision can be made day to day, and has very little to do with the time of year. It has everything to do with course conditions being that would cause mud to adhere to the ball such that it interferes with the proper playing of the game. The decision will be made by the Professional Staff, and will be posted in the Pro Shop near the GHIN computer.
- ❖ Distance Measuring Devices: In this competition, a player may obtain distance information using a device that measure distance only. Rule 4.3a (1)
- ❖ Code of Conduct: All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:
  - Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
  - Showing consideration to others – for example, by playing at a prompt pace, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player. If a player plays a ball in a direction where there might be a danger of hitting someone, they should immediately shout a warning, such as the traditional warning of “fore”.
  - Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.
  - Music – Listening to music is allowed per the Rules of Golf, BUT, in doing so, consideration must be shown to others. Rule 4.3a (4). For competition, your playing partners must give you consent to play music, and as soon as

your group is within range of another group, music must be turned down so it is not heard.

There is no penalty under the Rules for failing to act in this way, except that the Committee may disqualify a player for acting contrary to the spirit of the game if it finds that the player has committed serious misconduct.

“Serious misconduct” is player behavior that is so far removed from what is expected in golf that the most severe sanction of removing a player from the competition is justified.

- ❖ Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green: If a ball lies off a putting green (eg. Sprinkler head), but not in a penalty area, and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the Player may take relief in accordance with Rule 16.1b. (1 Club Length, Drop) Local Rule F-5
- ❖ Out of Bounds: Defined by white stakes, perimeter fencing and the inner edge of public roads and parking lots.
- ❖ Ground Under Repair: Any old cart paths where gravel is still evident, any areas circled with white paint, any hydro seeded areas, any roped areas, and other areas clearly under repair.
- ❖ Practice Putting or Chipping: Between the play of two holes, a player MAY make any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, but must not delay play.
- ❖ Animal Hoof Damage, Animal Droppings: Both are considered ground under repair, Droppings may be considered loose impediments. Local Rules F-12, F-13. Rule 16.1 (1 Club Length, Drop) On the putting green, damage may be repaired.

## 7 – Guests

As a Member of GGL, you may bring a guest on Wednesdays and Sundays for a reduced rate equivalent to the posted 9-hole rate. You may also bring a guest any other day, but the posted 18-hole rate will apply. Guests are always welcome, but may only play in the money game once per calendar year. In order to play in the money game again, guests must join the Men’s Club.

## 8 –Peer review

Questions relating to a Member's Handicap will be handled in accordance with our Guiding Principles and Club Motto: with respect for the individual and the Club. The rules of the USGA handicap system will also be adhered to, including that each member will try to make the best score at every hole, in every round, and promptly post their resulting score during OGA season (March 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>). Score posting may be done at the computer at the GGL pro-shop or by accessing the GHIN system. To provide for peer review, a current listing of handicap indexes will be posted at the Club bulletin board. Random audits of players scores will be done by the Handicap Chairperson. Failure to post scores, or manipulating the handicap index will result in further review by the Board, per the Club's Handicapping Policy, which has been approved by the OGA.