

MEN'S LEAGUE 2010 MEETING NOTICE
MAY 12 – 5:30 PM

A meeting of the men's league is scheduled as noted above. Plan any pre-meeting golfing so you are done in the club house at 5:30 pm. We need as many to attend so that we can discuss the future of the men's league

Last year's men's league, for the most part, was a wreck. First of all we started out with 14 teams and had two people quit right away and had to deal with a 13 team schedule that forced us to use a dummy score to make things work out. Next we would have as many as 5 or 6 people not show up each week and who made no arrangements make up matches or notify their opponent that they weren't coming. This caused people to sit around and wait for their opponent to show up and they weren't even coming. Foursomes were assigned each week, but we had people make up their own foursomes, fivesomes, or even larger groups go out and play which left some of their opponents waiting and wondering what was going on. We would have some that would play in the afternoon and then leave a card for their opponent to match with. Matching cards on a regular basis defeats the purpose of competitive play. There simply was a complete lack of common courtesy concerning last year's league. Several players have complained and some have indicated they don't intend to play league this year because of the above situations.

Men's league was intended to be played against your opponent with starting times between 4:00 pm and 5:10 pm in assigned foursomes. This eliminated the need for T-times because you had an hour and 10 minute window in which to tee off. You knew in advance who your opponent was and who you played with. The club house is open all day on Wednesday and most other days during league time. There should be no excuse to not leave a message if you are going to be late or an emergency has come up and you won't be there to play your match. Vacations and meetings are usually scheduled in advance so players should be able to make arrangements to play their matches.

The men's league is a vital part of the Newell Golf Course and to see it go away would be a severe blow. Until the last couple of years the league has run pretty smoothly under its present format. Maybe we need to try something different. Those that have complained or have threatened to quit or have quit have offered little or no solutions. We need suggestions on how we can fix things or change things to make the league work. The following are some things to consider.

1. Not have a league.
2. Leave the league as it is and play by the guidelines that have been previously established.
3. Change the league format to something else.
4. Go to set tee times.
5. Play your league matches and then go out and play whatever you want to.
6. Limit league play to groups of 3 to 5. No 1 or 2 somes or groups of 6 or more.
7. Increase penalty for not playing matches during league from 1 to ?
8. Other suggestions