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## **2022 MEMBER HANDBOOK**

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# SHERIDAN PARK GOLF CLUB

## WELCOME TO THE 2022 GOLF SEASON

Gentlemen, it's my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 2022 Sheridan Park Golf Club season. It's the Club's (and the Course's) 90th season (although 89th anniversary) and there's a lot that's new this year:

- This Member's Handbook is new and intended to give everyone a handy overview of our Events, our Club, and the Rules and Regulations that our Club uses to enable us to issue Official USGA Handicaps and to ensure fair and honest competition.
- New Forward (Gold) Tees have been installed on Holes 5, 10, and 15 and a new 'Gold Tee' division will be created in the Senior Club Championship and Club Championship to enable older golfers who've lost some distance the opportunity to compete in Club Tournaments.
- New "Club Clash" tournaments against the Elma Meadows Club and against the Dande Farms Club have been added to the existing Director's Cup against Brighton and the Publinks Team Championships to give us four events where our Club competes against other Clubs. We've also designed a new "Tournament Team" shirt that those who qualify to play in these events will be given to wear during those events so we look like a team.
- Lastly, we've renamed the Steak Roast to the Summer Party and we plan to offer a more varied menu to accommodate more Members.

All of these changes are the result of Member suggestions on how we could make the Club better. I'd like to encourage everyone to share their suggestions with the Club by emailing them to [SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com](mailto:SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com) or by talking with one of the Members of the Board of Directors.

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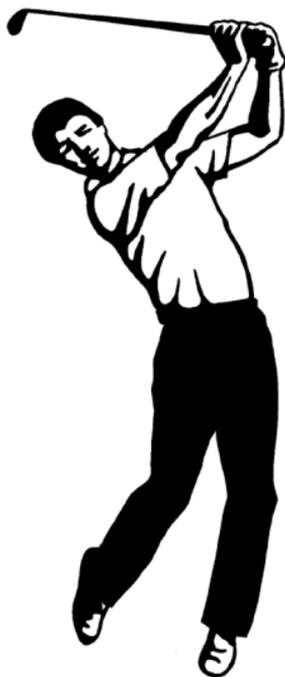
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**John Kajfasz  
On Staff PGA Professional**

Our main communications vehicle is email to our Members and posting to our website (<http://SheridanParkGolfClub.com>) but we also replicate information to our Facebook page and in the Men's Locker Room as well.

Lastly, I encourage everyone to volunteer to help the Board of Directors with tournaments and other events. Our Board is ten gentlemen who volunteer their personal time to facilitate fair and honest competition on the golf course, run Club Parties, and make being a member of the Club fun for everyone. We'll periodically ask for help running tournaments and/or setting up or cleaning up at parties - but please don't wait to be asked, we'd greatly appreciate your offer to help!

Mike Zimmer,  
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There are several ways Members can communicate with the Club's Board.

1) eMail the Club at [SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com](mailto:SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com)  
(preferred)

2) Reach out to a Board Member by phone or text

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### **Friday May 13th**

Spring Party - 6:00 PM at Noco Pavilion

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### **Saturday, May 14th**

2-Man Presidents' Cup, 1st Round Matches

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### **\*Saturday, May 21st**

*\*WNYPLGA Bill Boyle 2-Man Better Ball at Dande Farms*

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### **Sunday, May 22nd**

4-Man Kick-off (teams created by handicap system)

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### **Sunday, June 5th**

"Club Clash" vs. Elma Meadows @ Sheridan

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### **Sunday, June 12th**

Legends Memorial 2-Man Scramble

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### **\*Saturday, June 25th**

*\*WNYPLGA Team Championships at Hyde Park*

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### **Sunday, June 26th**

Stableford Tournament

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### **Saturday, July 9th**

Senior Club Championship - Round 1

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### **Sunday, July 10th**

Senior Club Championship - Round 2

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### **\*Tuesday, July 26th**

*\*WNYPLGA Senior Individual Championship  
at Seneca Hickory Stick*

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### **Sunday, August 7th**

Club Championship - Round 1



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## 2022 EVENT SCHEDULE

### **Wednesday, August 10th**

Summer Party - 6:00 PM at NOCO Pavilion

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### **\*Friday, August 12th**

*\*WNYPLGA Senior – 2-Man Better Ball at Sheridan*

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### **Saturday, August 13th**

Club Championship - Round 2

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### **Sunday, August 14th**

Club Championship - Round 3

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### **Saturday, August 20th**

"Club Clash" vs. Dande Farms at Dande Farms

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### **\*Saturday, August 27th**

*\*WNYPLGA 2-Man Scramble at Elma Meadows*

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### **\*Fri & Sat, Sept. 9th & 10th**

*\*WNYPLGA Individual Championship at Grover Cleveland*

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### **Saturday, September 17th**

Director's Cup vs Brighton at Sheridan

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### **Saturday, September 24th**

Memorial 4-Man Scramble

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### **Saturday, October 1st**

Nightmare 2-Man Scramble

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### **Friday, October 28th**

Fall Party at 6:00pm NOCO Pavilion

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*\*Note: These events are WNYPLGA (Publinks) events and not Sheridan Club events. They are shown here for the convenience of our members as many play in these events. All registration and administration for those events are done by the Publinks organization – for details see WNYPLGA.COM or email wnyplga@yahoo.com*



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2021 Keith Sawyer	1987 Ted McDaniel	1953 Charles Weidman
2020 Joe Gugino Jr	1986 Ted McDaniel	1952 Line Hellenbeck
2019 Joe Gugino Jr	1985 S. Achramovitch	1951 William Caset
2018 Joe Gugino Jr./Ryan Reed	1984 Mike Sheehan	1950 Lewis Wallace
2017 Joe Gugino Jr./Gerry Ricketts	1983 Ron Willed	1949 Harry Naab
2016 Jim Duggan/Joe Gugino Jr	1982 Tom Wilson	1948 Gene Williams
2015 Jim Duggan/Dave Spindler	1981 Tom Wilson	1947 Leo Barley
2014 Jim Duggan/Dave Spindler	1980 Hank Nix	1946 Carl Schmit
2013 Jim Duggan/Dave Spindler	1979 John Rudolf	1945 William Butler
2012 Mike Zimmer	1978 Leo Dill	1944 Harry Naab
2011 Mike Zimmer	1977 Bud Shanahan	1943 Charles Spies
2010 Mike Zimmer	1976 Joseph Mulvey	1942 Elmer Gifford
2009 Mike Zimmer	1975 Don Kennedy	1941 Earl Forester
2008 Joe Gugino Sr.	1974 Bill Peluso	1940 Leo Gibbin
2007 Kevin Sawyer	1973 Dennis Dwyer	1939 Carl Heni
2006 Kevin Sawyer	1972 Ross Simpson	1938 Rudolf Spilzer
2005 Kevin Sawyer	1971 Ross Simpson	1937 August Kirchner
2004 Dave Enders	1970 Jim Logic	1936 Walter Voisnet
2003 Neil Downey	1969 Bucks Welsh	1935 William Campion
2002 Neil Downey	1968 Dennis Dwyer	1934 Louis Deltshler
2001 John Scive	1967 Tom Ryan	1933 Louis Deltshler
2000 Keith Sawyer	1966 Ed Balthasar	
1999 Keith Sawyer	1965 Don Gray	
1998 Keith Sawyer	1964 Bill Eschborn	
1997 Jim Lyons	1963 Leo Dill	
1996 Jim Lyons	1962 Bud Shanahan	
1995 Jim Lyons	1961 Harry Naab	
1994 Bob Mills	1960 Joe Kamman	
1993 Bob Mills	1959 Tom Ryan	
1992 Bob Mills	1958 Bucks Welsh	
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2021	Brian Engl	224	John Lindner	237	Tim Dean	256	Wayne Hitt	270
2020	Kris Boyes	220	Bill Lindner	240	Mike Zimmer	250	Dave Notaro	266
2019	John Haberman Jr	223	Dave Prinzbach	235	Bob Lombard	243	Mike Zimmer	263
2018	Glen Gast	225	Dave Morgante	237	Larry Oliveri	245	Gerry Ricketts	255
2017	Glen Gast	221	Joe Abbarno	238	Joe Roncone Jr	251	Chris Curtin	274
2016	Kris Boyes	140	BJ Neinhaus	152	Joe Abbarno	161	Scott Wilson	181
2015	Mike Knott	145	David Bywra	155	Sam Crisante	165	Bob Lombard	178
2014	Jon Benson	146	Kevin Kush	151	Bob Trimper	165	Bill Osborne	170
2013	Joe Gugino	216	Cris Robey	228	Bob Trimper	244	Jim Mary	266
2012	Mike Knott	217	Joe Gugino	234	Joe Venezia	243	Jim Inzinna	265
2011	Kris Boyes	212	Tim Urban	231	Mike Zimmer	239	Dave Rechin	258
2010	Mike Knott	218	Jay Robbins	231	Jim Clauss	231	Guido Burridge	253
2009	John Scive	220	Chuck Partsch	222	John Haberman	232	Jay Rimes	259
2008	Liam Knott	217	Chuck Partsch	230	John Staerker	242	Jim Lyons	259
2007	Tom Gantress	217	Keith Sawyer	230	Tim Dean	242	Steve Fox	262
2006	Glen Gast		Chuck Partsch		Tom Osborn		J. Perillo	
2005	Tom Gantress	212	Carl Lomanto Sr	226	Joe Roncone	247	Larry Noonan	264
2004	Corey Lindner	217	Jim Clauss	237	Paul Stefanick	246	J. Perillo	274
2003	Charlie Card		S. Newman		B.J. Nienhaus		D. Walter	
2002	N. Montanaro		J. Dowd		Norm Niemanen		G. Zinaty	
2001	N. Montanaro		Chuck Partsch		Jim Clauss		Dave Notaro	
2000	Tom Gantress		C. McGuire		Dave Enders		Jim Lindner	
1999	Charlie Card	212	Dave Kerling	230	Bob Lombard	246	Vince Vara	267
1998	Mark McIntosh	213	Tim Reilly	226	Paul Stefanick	242	D. Messana	259
1997	Tom Gantress		Keith Sawyer		P. Rittling		M. Bowe	
1996	M. McIntosh		Jim Lyons		Jim Inzinna		D. Ortolano	
1995	John Scive		J. Minkiewicz		J. Kasperek		M. Hakes	
1994	Tom Gantress		D. Spiesz		J. Kasperek		J. Lucchese Jr	
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1992	B. Lindner	J. Gugino	H. Hout	
1991	J. Mohan	J. Gugino	G. Zinaty	
1990	J. Lindner	G. Herberger	M. Annalett	
1989	C. Lomanto Sr.	E. Nobilio	T. Larkin	
1988	F. Garcia	J. Lyons	R. Schiesser	
1987	T. Wilson	D. Sterner	G. Woolsey	
1986	T. Wilson	C. Allard	D. Mango	
1985	G. Neuschel	C. Allard	G. Lockyer	
1984	J. Lindner	M. Krzes	W. Wagner	
1983	G. Neuschel	J. Herberger	J. Furdell	
1982	J. Lindner	J. Efen	N. Christou	
Year	'A' Class	'B' Class	'C' Class	D' Class
1981	J. Scive	D. Sterner	J. Edholm	J. Triantafillou
Year	'AA' Class	'A' Class	'B' Class	'C' Class
1980	B. Lindner	M. O'Grady	V. Cielenski	M. Johnson
Year	'A' Class	'B' Class	'C' Class	
1979	B. Lindner	A. Thomas	H. Nix	
1978	R. Muranyi	J. Kovach	W. Rowell	
1977	B. Lindner	M. Krzes	J. Corbo	
1976	B. Lindner	E. Smith	R. Williams	
1975	B. Lindner	R. Wydysh	P. Mitchell	
1974	B. Lindner	E. Chmielewski	L. Chapman	
1973	J. Gram	E. Chmielewski	G. Babyak	
1972	W. Weber	E. Balthasar Jr	B. Denton	
1971	S. Witter	F.W. Peluso	R. Mills	
1970	W. Weber	D. Kennedy	E. Balthasar	
1969	L. Radosevich	T. Luzak	J. Logie	
1968	D. Rexford	E. Chmielewski	K. Stuhlmiller	
1967	B. Weber	J. Paar	E. Warner	
1966	D. Rexford	E. Chmielewski	C. Ahrens	
1965	L. Radosevich	E. Decker	E. Balthasar	
1964	R. Gray	E. Zak	J.A. Kamman	
1963	C. Hutt	P. Molnar	B. Shanahan	
1962	J. Hill	T. Sapienza	G. Warner Jr.	
1961	C. Hutt	B. Johnson	C. Carlson	
1960	D. Rexford	K. Lipps	C. Carlson	
1959	J. Hill	D. Donaldson	G. Kirschner	
1958	J. Kamman	G. Warner	F. Walter	
1957	J. Kamman	J. Paar	E. Balthasar	
1956	F. Berlinger	D. Tutton	D. Lieber	
1955	C. Hill	D. Tutton	F. Walter	
1954	H. Oates	J. Dwyer	W. Buck	
1953	C. Hill	J. Morse	H. Farley	
1952	H. Oates	L. Carlson	G. Scherer	



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## Local Rules (Revised 2021)

**HOLE 1** - All roads including the driveway and parking lot of the NOCO Pavillion and Ensminger Rd (behind the green) are Out of Bounds. Ball drop area west (left) of water at the footbridge. A lost ball right of the creek will require you to go to the drop area and incur a two stroke penalty. If you enter the water on the right side before the drop area, then you drop where the ball enters the water. The curb on Ensminger Rd. is in bounds if you are over the curb, it is out. The bare ground behind the left sand trap is Ground Under Repair.

**HOLE 2** - Fence to right of tee, use obstruction rule.

**HOLE 3** - Roads to right of and behind green are Out of Bounds. The white line on the road is out of bounds line. You can play the ball off the shoulder as it lies no relief. The mound (berm) lining the right side of the fairway is not Ground Under Repair.

**HOLE 4** - There is no relief from the two big rocks next to the dam in front of the creek.

**HOLE 5** - Stakes to left, edge of water, road to left is Out of Bounds. Fence behind green is Out of Bounds – no relief.

**HOLE 6** - Fence posts on left mark Out of Bounds (NO swing relief from fence posts).

**HOLE 7** - Fence posts on left mark Out of Bounds (NO swing relief from fence posts). Water to right is lateral hazard. Spoil pile to the right of fairway (approx. 280 yards from tee) is Ground Under Repair.

**HOLE 8** - Road to left (marked by white line) is Out of Bounds. You can play the ball off the shoulder of the road as it lies no relief.

**HOLE 9** - Stakes to right of and behind green as well as parking lot are Out of Bounds. There is no relief from the rocks lining the cart path right of the green play the ball as it lies.

**HOLE 10** - Road and sidewalk on right is Out of Bounds. Fence south of Club House (enclosing golf carts) is Out of Bounds. This includes cement base of fence. Fences north of Clubhouse are protective - this includes the practice green. Protective fence behind the green gets relief. The wooded area left of the hole is a penalty area drop at nearest point of entry.



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**HOLE 12** - Hole will be lined entirely as a water hazard. A ball that lands on the other side of the water but rolls back into the water must be played as lies or from designated Drop Zone at the end of the cart path. The wooded area left of the hole is a penalty area drop at nearest point of entry.

**HOLE 13** - Road behind green is Out of Bounds. Fence behind green is protective. The bare area to the left and behind the green is ground under repair drop at nearest point of relief no closer to the hole. The wooded area is a penalty area drop at point of entry no closer to the hole.

**HOLE 14** - Areas around Parks Department maintenance area on right are marked WHITE (Out of Bounds). A Drop Zone adjacent to the foot bridge will be utilized. Roads right of and behind green are Out of Bounds. Fence to right of the green is protective.

- For balls in the water, if the ball can be identified you proceed to the drop area with a one stroke penalty. If your ball is lost or cannot be identified proceed to drop area and you incur a two-stroke penalty.
- A ball coming to rest against the fence around maintenance area or against the foundation of the maintenance building does not get relief and ball must be played as it lies or as an unplayable.
- Balls coming to rest inside or against the fence around weather station get relief – not nearer the hole. Since the weather station is considered a man-made hazard, you also get swing relief and line of sight relief.
- The hazard line is the top of the stone wall lining the creek, if your ball is between the grass and the wall you get relief of one club length no closer to the hole.

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**HOLE 16** - Fence to left is Out of Bounds. Road behind green is Out of Bounds. Guard rail behind green is an obstruction. The wooded area behind the green is a penalty area drop at nearest point of entry with a one stroke penalty. Drop area located on tee side of bridge for ball assumed lost in trees or the water.

**HOLE 17** - Roads on left and behind green are Out of Bounds. Staked area from road to creek is Out of Bounds. Water from tee to GRASS BRIDGE/Out of Bounds stakes is LATERAL hazard. Fence to left of fairway and the green is protective. Bare ground behind and left of green is Ground Under Repair. On a tee ball hit to the left, unless player can see their ball come to rest from the tee, he should assume it lost and declare and hit a provisional. The area of the creek between Out of Bounds stakes is considered Out of Bounds.

**HOLE 18** - Fence behind the green is protective.

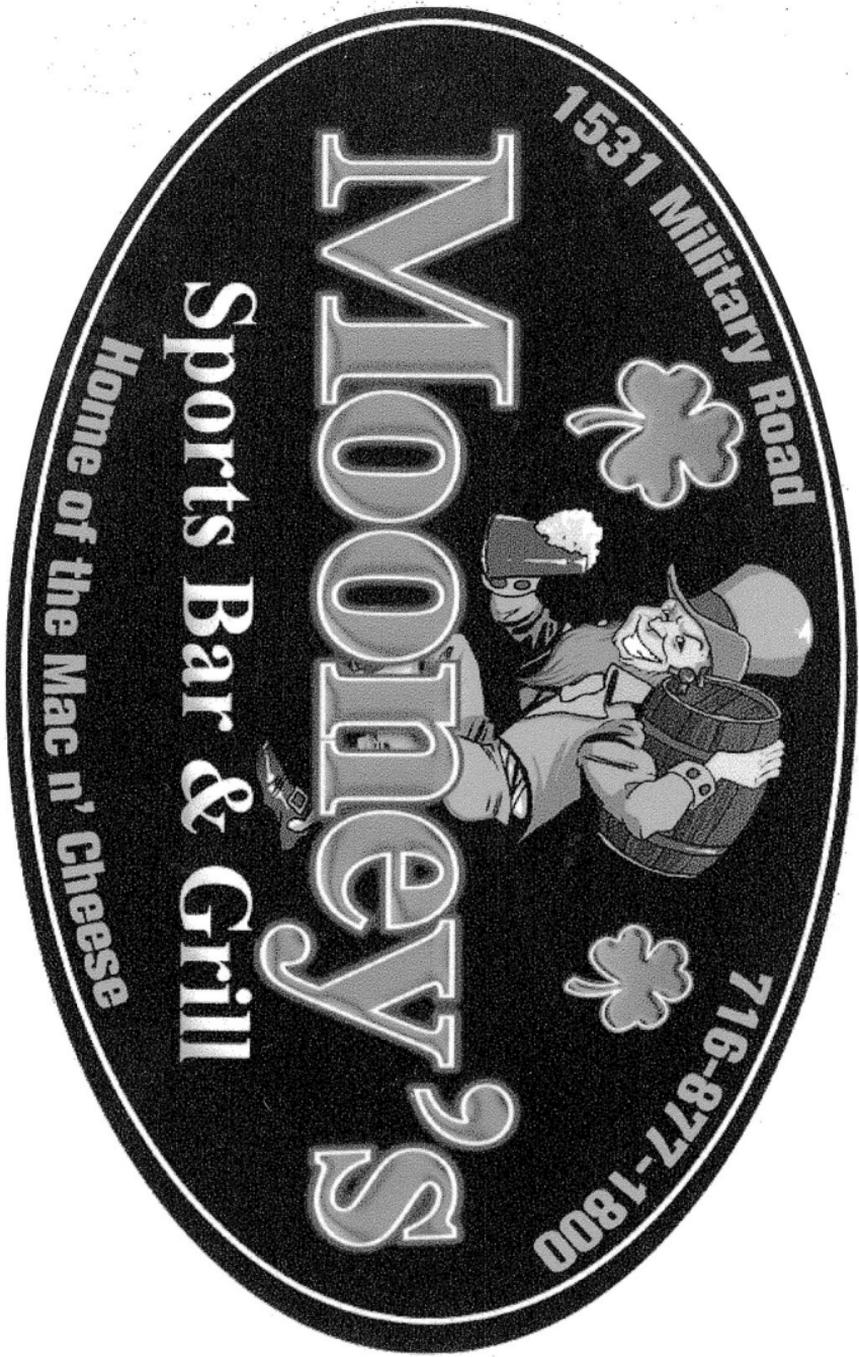
**PROTECTIVE FENCE RULING** - Take swing relief and line of sight relief (if needed) no nearer hole. Please do not hit over protective fences. No penalty incurred.

**150 Yard Posts** - All 150-yard marker posts are considered man-made hazards so you do get swing relief and line of sight relief.

**Bridges** - you get no line of sight relief from cart or walking bridges. You do get swing relief if your normal stance and club selection or swing contacts the bridge and poured curb

**Reforestation** - downed trees, tree stumps, and surrounding areas that have not been mowed are considered as ground under repair. Small mounds of dirt that were removed to plant new trees are also Ground Under Repair. You are entitled to relief from new staked trees under the Immovable Obstruction rule.

**USGA Local Rule E-5 -Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds** - This USGA Local Rule is intended to speed the pace of play by providing an alternative to a player returning to the spot of the previous shot in the event of a lost ball or a ball out of bounds. It allows the player to take a drop in the nearest spot of the fairway (within two club-lengths of the edge of the fairway), no nearer the hole than where the ball crossed the OB line, with a two-stroke penalty. The same local rule applies to a lost



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ball, with the player able to drop in the fairway across from where the previous ball is estimated to have come to rest.

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For example, if a player sends a tee shot out of bounds and proceeds under this local rule, they will play their fourth shot after dropping near the edge of the fairway. This is the same as them taking the stroke-and-distance penalty, returning to the tee, and then hitting a drive to the edge of the fairway – either way the next shot is their fourth. If you are not sure, hit a provisional, if you end up not being able to find your ball or its out of bounds, do not go backwards on the course – use this Local Rule.

**NOTE:** In Tournament Play, if you are unsure of how to interpret a rule on a specific hole, please play a second ball (where possible), record both scores for the hole, and as soon as you finish your round, bring the situation to the Tournament Committee's attention in the Clubhouse so they can decide which score for that hole is correct.

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# Rules for Score Posting

## 1) Rounds to Post

Our Club follows all rules of the USGA. The rule on what rounds are acceptable for handicap purposes is explained in a 1-minute video at [https://www.whs.com/articles/2020/acceptable\\_scores.html](https://www.whs.com/articles/2020/acceptable_scores.html). Please watch this video!

In summary, rounds played in match play, stroke play, and team formats where you play your own ball and all putts are holed (no gimmes) must be posted in the GHIN system for handicap purposes – as long as you:

- play during an Active Handicap Season (April 15 to October 31 in Western NY – *see our website for link to Active Handicap Seasons in other part of the Country*)

-and-

- play by the Rules of Golf (many Rules have changed recently see: <https://www.usga.org/rules-hub.html>)

## 2) Club Members must:

- **Report Gross (unadjusted) scores for all Tournaments** - including weekly tournaments, 'major' tournaments, and qualifiers for multi-club tournaments.
- **Adjust scores prior to posting in the GHIN System** - you must adjust scores to a maximum of Net Double Bogey (defined below) for each hole before posting them in the Handicap System.
  - We **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** that all members post their scores using the Hole-by-Hole method (available in Smartphone app, Clubhouse Computer, and online) because it automatically adjusts your hole scores to the Net Double Bogey maximum - relieving you of the math. This also allows the Club and NY State to track hole scoring by holes and potentially change the Handicap Ratings of the holes.
  - **Net Double Bogey is** = Double Bogey +/- any handicap strokes received on a hole (minus applies to plus-handicap players). For example: a member with an 18 handicap receives 1 handicap stroke on each hole so his maximum score on any hole for handicap purposes is 3 over Par (Double Bogey + 1 Handicap Stroke) – so 6 on a Par 3, 7 on a Par 4, and 8 on a Par 5. **Make life easy - post hole-by-hole and you avoid this!**
- **Post adjusted scores to GHIN the same day the Round is played** - this is because at the end of each day, a Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) takes place automatically, behind the scenes to determine if scores made at the course that day were significantly higher or lower than expected. If scores were unusually low or high, a PCC adjustment will be applied to your score differential calculation.
- **Get in the habit of posting your score immediately after you finish your round and use the Hole-by-Hole method.**

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- Not finishing a hole by “X’ing out” or by picking up does NOT relieve you of the requirement to post your score. By USGA Rules, when a player starts a hole but does not hole out for a valid reason, the player must record their “most likely score” or net double bogey, whichever is lower, as appropriate for the situation and depending on the format of play.
- If you play at least 7 holes, you must post a 9-hole score. If you play at least 14 holes, you must post an 18-hole score. Simply score unplayed holes as Net Double Bogey.
- During non-tournament rounds, feel free to pick up after you reach Net Double Bogey on a hole and record your score on that hole as Net Double Bogey. It helps speed play!
- During tournaments, if you don’t finish a hole, you are automatically disqualified from the tournament but you still need to post your score for handicap purposes.
- **Club Members are expected to post their own adjusted scores to the GHIN system immediately after all tournaments including the Senior Club Championship and the Club Championship.** Failure to post scores from those rounds is grounds for disciplinary action including (but not limited to) forfeiting any tournament wins and prizes.
- For the Club Championship, members must have posted 5 rounds in the same calendar year as the event with at least 3 of those scores being posted at Sheridan to be eligible to compete in the Club Championship.
- Any member who is found to have not posted all of their scores accurately may be disqualified from playing in the Club's handicapped tournaments. This is because the Club has no way to determine their true handicap so allowing them to play in handicapped tournaments is not fair to fellow Club Members.

## Handicap Classes

The Club’s Handicap Classes are as follows:

- Class AA – 5 and lower
- Class A – 6 to 10
- Class B – 11 to 16
- Class C – 17 and higher

However, for weekly tournaments we combine the AA and A classes into one and have just three classes for Weekly Tournaments.

## Handicap Reports

Each Monday morning at 5am a Handicap Report is run and will be posted in the Men’s Locker Room. While handicaps now change nightly, we use the handicaps from the Monday Handicap Report for all Tournaments.

The Club will also post Handicap Reports along with a Rounds Posted report that shows how many rounds each Member has posted year-to-date and a Scores Posted



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### **Fair, Friendly Competition**

It is each Member's responsibility to 'protect the field' and peer review has always been the central tool for monitoring handicaps. If you play with Members who are not posting all of their scores, please strongly encourage them to post all of their scores. If the problem persists, please notify the Board by email to [SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com](mailto:SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com). Being licensed to issue official USGA Handicaps means we need to enforce the USGA rules and posting all eligible rounds is the USGA rule and the very foundation of fair and honest competition.

### **Weekly Tournaments**

For weekly tournaments, we use just three handicap classes:

- Class AA & A –10 and lower
- Class B –11 to 16
- Class C –17 and higher

Weekly Tournaments run from Tuesday thru Sunday each week, starting May 24th and continuing through September 5th (exceptions for Mondays May 31st and September 5th). Each member can only play 1 round for each weekly tournament. Weekly tournaments are handicapped and although handicaps now change daily, in order to make things simple, your handicap for each weekly tournament is your handicap from Monday of that week. The Club will post Handicaps in the Locker Room each Monday and that handicap is what you use for a Weekly Tournament. All weekly tournaments must be played with another Club Member who can attest your score.

### **The process to play in a Weekly Tournament is as follows:**

1. Sign your name and add the date you are playing on the Weekly Tournament sheet in the Locker Room before you start your round.

2. Play your round

3. Write your Gross Score for each hole, the total Gross Score for the round, your Handicap (from the Handicap Sheet in the Locker Room) and your Total Net Score on the Weekly Tournament sheet in the Locker Room.

**Note:** If you signup, please write your scores on the sheet afterwards even if you had what you consider to be a 'bad round' as oftentimes in the past, only one or two prizes were awarded in a handicap class because only one or two scores were posted. Write it in, you might win!

4. Complete your scorecard, have the Member you played with Attest your score by signing your scorecard in the Attest Box at top, and then put the card in the box next to the Showers.

5. Immediately post your score in the GHIN system using the Hole-by-Hole score method but you shouldn't designate it as a tournament round. That's because the the Tournament Round designation works best for our 'majors' and adding weeklies dilutes the math.

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## **Weekly Tournament Prizes**

We award three prizes for the lowest 3 Net Scores in each handicap class each week. The prizes are:

- 1st Place - \$60 in gift certificates
- 2nd Place - \$40 in gift certificates
- 3rd Place - \$20 in gift certificates

**Note** that your score absolutely must be in the GHIN system for you to win a prize - we will check!

## **Match Play Tournaments**

Our Club has two Match Play Tournaments – both the Individual President's Cup and the 2-Man President's Cup. Members who sign up to play in these events will be seeded in Tournament Brackets that are posted in the Locker Room and sent out by email. These are both single elimination tournaments meaning that you are eliminated by a single loss. Note that when you sign up, you absolutely must include your phone number to facilitate communications among Members.

**Individual President's Cup** – this tournament does not have a kickoff event with reserved tee times.

- There's a limit of 64 participants and the 16 Members with the lowest handicaps will be seeded in Class AA bracket, the next 16 lowest in Class A bracket, the next 16 in Class B bracket, and the last 16 in Class C Bracket.
- Once the brackets are made and sent out it is each Member's responsibility to contact their assigned opponent to schedule and complete the match as promptly as possible. The Tournament Committee will put target dates for the completion of each round and matches that are not completed by the target dates may be decided by a coin flip by the Tournament Committee to keep things moving.
- For each Match, use the Weekly Handicaps posted in the Locker Room to determine who has the lower handicap and the difference between those Handicaps is used to handicap the Match. For example, if player A has a 10 handicap and player B has a 12 handicap, the difference is 2 strokes so Player B gets 1 handicap stroke on the two hardest holes (the #1 and #2 handicap holes on the scorecard).
- Standard USGA Match Play rules must be used.
- We recommend that all matches be played from the White Tees using the White Tees handicaps. However, if both players typically play the Forward (Gold) Tees and both agree to play the match from the Gold Tees, they can do so using their Gold Tees Handicaps. In no case should players ever play a match from different sets of tees.
- If a Match is tied after 18 holes, the tie must be broken in a playoff. Please ask the Starter to go out again on the 1st tee as soon as possible. If the 1st tee is backed up, ask if you can go out the back 9 to break the tie. Continue playing until one person wins the match. NOTE: The Starter is under no obligation to put you out immediately - so please ask nicely and do not pressure them.
- The Winner should write the result on the Bracket Sheet in the Locker Room and contact their next opponent immediately.

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**2-Man President's Cup** – this tournament does have a kickoff event with reserved tee times on May 14th.

There's a limit of 32 2-Man teams and it is expected that all first round matches will be played on May 14th. Any exceptions must be made in consultation with the Tournament Chairman.

- Once 1st round matches are completed on May 14th, it is each Member's responsibility to contact their assigned opponents to schedule and complete their 2nd round match as promptly as possible. The Tournament Committee will put target dates for the completion of each round and matches that are not completed by the target dates may be decided by a coin flip by the Tournament Committee to keep things moving.
- For each Match, use the Weekly Handicaps posted in the Locker Room to determine the handicap of each player. The Player with the lowest handicap plays Scratch (i.e., gets no handicap strokes) and the other three players' handicaps are determined by the difference between their Handicap and the lowest Handicap. For example, if player A has a 10 handicap, player B has a 12 handicap, player C has a 15 handicap and player D has a 20 handicap, then the handicaps are set as follows:
  - Player A who has a 10 handicap gets no strokes
  - Player B who has a 12 handicap gets 2 strokes (1 on each of the two hardest holes as determined by the handicap ratings for holes on the scorecard)
  - Player C who has a 15 handicap gets 5 strokes (1 on each of the five hardest holes)
  - Player D who has a 20 handicap gets 10 strokes (1 on each of the ten hardest holes)
- Standard USGA Match Play rules must be used.
- If a Player has the lowest net score on a hole, he wins that hole for his team.
- We recommend that all matches be played from the White Tees using the White Tees handicaps. However, if all players typically play the Forward (Gold) Tees and all of them agree to play the match from the Gold Tees, they can do so using their Gold Tees Handicaps. In no case should players ever play a match from different sets of tees.
- If a Match is tied after 18 holes, the tie must be broken in a playoff. Please ask the Starter to get your group out again on the 1st tee as soon as possible. If the 1st tee is backed up, ask if you can go out the back 9 to break the tie. Continue playing until one person wins the match. NOTE: The Starter is under no obligation to put your group out immediately - so please ask nicely and do not pressure them.
- The Winner should write the result on the Bracket Sheet in the Locker Room and contact their next opponent immediately.

### **Major Tournaments**

Our Club runs a series of tournaments listed on the Tournament Schedule which we consider Major Tournaments. For all of these tournaments (with the exception of the Individual Match Play tournament), we have reserved blocks of tee times on weekends. Members are given ample time to sign up to play in these tournaments either electronically or by adding their name to a sign-up sheet in the Men's Locker Room.



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These tournaments will assign Members to specific tee times and we will communicate those tee times electronically (by email and on our website) and by posting them in the Locker Room. The Rules for each tournament will be communicated prior to each event and some (but not all) also include a 'Skins Game' and 'Closest to the Pin' contest you can pay to get into prior to playing if you would like.

The Club Championship is our marquee tournament and is a three round, scratch event. Note that while handicaps are not used to determine winners in the Club Championship, there are several different flights based on handicap. After the first two rounds, there is a cut - so not everyone is guaranteed of playing in all three rounds. Gross scores for all three rounds are added together to determine final scores and the Club Champions of each Class. While the Club intends to include a new Class in 2022 to be played from the Gold Tees, specific details on which Members can play in this Class were not finalized in time for the publishing of this book but will be communicated well ahead of the Tournament.

These tournaments typically give members a pre-filled scorecard when they check in for their teetime. Members should exchange scorecards so you never score your own round. You can of course keep your own unofficial card to check that your scorecard is kept accurately. At the end of the round, the Scorer does the math and signs and dates the card and you then sign in the Attest box and date it. Then your scorecard can be turned in.

**Club Members are required to post their own adjusted scores and designate them as Tournament Scores in the GHIN system immediately after all major tournaments including the Senior Club Championship and the Club Championship.** Failure to promptly post your scores from those rounds is grounds for potential disciplinary action including (but not limited to) forfeiting any tournament wins and/or prizes.

**Posting all scores accurately is the very foundation of fair & friendly competition.**

### **Tournaments Against Other Clubs**

Our Club now has multiple tournaments where our Club plays a Ryder Cup style match against other Clubs.

These events include:

- Sunday, June 5th - "Club Clash" vs Elma Meadows at Sheridan
- Saturday, June 25th - WNYPLGA Charles Barton Team Championships @ Hyde Park
- Saturday, August 20th - "Club Clash" vs Dande Farms at Dande Farms)
- Saturday, September 17th – Town of Tonawanda Director's Cup vs Brighton at Sheridan

**Our Club's teams for these events will be selected as follows:**

- For the Town of Tonawanda Director's Cup against Brighton we select four Members per Handicap Class. The top 3 finishers in each Handicap Class in the Club Championship are automatically invited to represent our Club in this event and the Club Champion in each Class has a "Captain's Pick". If any of those members cannot play, the next highest finisher is invited until we have four members per Class.

- For the other tournaments, we will run a Qualifier Event. All members will have a chance to play a qualifying round to represent Sheridan at those events. Qualifiers will be announced at least 1 month prior to each event by email, on our website, and posted in the Locker Room.
- Qualifiers work similar to Weekly Tournaments:
  - Each member can only play 1 Qualifying Round for each Event
  - Qualifying rounds must be played in the presence of another Club Member who will attest to your score
  - You must sign your name on the Qualifier Sheet in the Locker Room prior to starting your qualifying round
  - Play your round
  - When done, write QUALIFIER in big letters on your scorecard, have the other Club Member you played with attest to your score by signing your scorecard in the Attest box, and put your scorecard in the Box near the Showers
  - Post your GROSS SCORE on the Qualifier Sheet
  - Post your ADJUSTED SCORE to the GHIN Handicap System
  - Approximately one week prior to the Event the Tournament Chairman for that event will remove the Qualifier Sheet and go through the scores and start contacting members in the order of lowest gross score to let them know they qualified and to gain their commitment to being at the event (we can't have any no shows)

**Members who qualify and agree to represent the Club at matches against other Clubs will be given a Sheridan Park Tournament Team shirt to wear while representing our Club at the event and the shirt is theirs to keep. Each member can only get at most one shirt but may qualify to play in multiple events.**



If, after committing to represent the Club, you have an emergency and cannot play immediately:

- send an email to [SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com](mailto:SheridanParkGolfClub@gmail.com)

**-and-**

- call the Tournament Chairman for the event who contacted you to play

**We cannot have any no shows!**

### **Playing Conditions, Winter Rules and Score Posting**

Like most courses in our region, early Spring and late Fall weather often makes the course very wet. Our Board consulted with the NY State Golf Association on the topic of how best to play in these conditions so we are doing what our governing body recommends for member clubs.

They recommend that the ball be 'played down' – using the standard rules of play of not touching the ball from the tee to the green. There is of course always relief for embedded balls and you can always touch it to identify it. They do allow local clubs to make local rules like adopting "Winter Rules" (aka "Preferred Lies") only for very adverse conditions and for very short periods of time. They also noted the following paragraph from the USGA that limit what local clubs (they call them Committees) can do:

"In addition, Committees must not write a Local Rule that goes beyond the authorized Local Rules in ways which compromise the basic principles of the Rules of Golf. As examples, allowing players to use preferred lies throughout the general area or giving free relief from divot holes in the fairway compromise the basic principle of playing the ball as it lies."

Given that, USGA Member Clubs like our Club can only:

- authorize Winter Rules/Preferred Lies for a limited time when conditions warrant
- cannot authorize local rules for moving the ball in your own fairway all year
- cannot authorize local rules for divot relief

The Sheridan Park Golf Club's Board of Directors strongly agrees with the NY State Golf Association's recommendations and will play Winter Rules for very short periods of time when course conditions are poor but will primarily play the ball down – by the standard rules of golf.

For details on the USGA Rules "Ball Played as It Lies; Ball at Rest Lifted or Moved" visit: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rule-9.html>

The Board will communicate via email, on our website, and by a sign posted in the Locker Room and in the Starter's Shed whether Winter Rules are in effect or not.

**We require that ALL ELIGIBLE ROUNDS – even those played using Winter Rules – be posted in the GHIN system immediately.**





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