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WELCOME TO THE 2023 GOLF SEASON

Gentlemen, welcome to the 2023 Sheridan Park Golf Club season. This year is the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Sheridan Park Golf Course and (separately) the formation of the Sheridan Park (Men's) Golf Club. As President of the Club, I've taken it upon myself to lead the Club and the Town in commemorating this grand occasion.

Much of the history of the Club lies in the memories of our long-time members. While we've documented some of the history of the course and the Club on our website for years, I think a good understanding of the history was not well documented until a great Facebook post was created in 2021 by a former Town employee which provided a pretty detailed overview of the creating of the golf course. It did not, at all, address the history of the Club and unfortunately the only physical records that remain about the Club are from the 1930's through 1960's after many records were sadly destroyed in a basement flood. The electronic records we have are what's on our website.

I found a website called Newspapers.com which allows you to search archives of major newspapers and I did extensive searching on terms like 'Sheridan Park Golf' in the Buffalo News archives. I later found a site that has archives of the Courier Express and the Tonawanda News and found additional information. I've put together a page in the history section of our website that has links to about 60 newspaper pages that have articles that mention the Club or Course over the last 90 years.

The first mentions of the Golf Course were in 1932 and the course was officially opened as a 9-hole course on Saturday May 13, 1933 with a small parade in the park and a ceremonial round of golf with the Town Supervisor, the Club President and other local golf officials. The photo below accompanied an great article about the course opening in the May 14, 1933 edition of the Buffalo Courier Express and an image of that page is available in the History Section of our website.



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1933 was one of the worst years of the Great Depression, in fact one of the main purposes for building the course was to create jobs. 1933 was also the end of Prohibition, with the Beer and Wine Act passing in March and liquor and other spirits available later that year. I envision the first golfers that day getting their knickers and bow ties on, driving their Ford Model A to Sheridan, stuffing their golf bags with cold beer and/or bootleg whiskey, and enjoying the new course. I wouldn't be surprised if there was some tailgating in the parking lot afterwards!

Some interesting things I found along the ways was that the women's club was formed the next year in 1934. I also found an announcement in 1935 that the Sheridan Men's Golf Club and Sheridan Women's Golf Club were holding a dinner dance. I was disappointed that they didn't publish tournament results of local clubs like the Buffalo News does nowadays with their Local Golf results on Sundays as we don't have any records of who won the Club Championship from 1933 to 1951. The Club Champions boards in the Clubhouse start in 1952 and while we've always wondered if there's a board for 1933 to 1951 somewhere, we recently found a letter the Club sent to the Town in what appears to be 1957 asking if the Town has any records of who won.

Jim Duggan and I spent an afternoon with the Town Historian at the Town archives going through records and artifacts the Town has. A lot of it was not really noteworthy but they do have 3 physical copies of the official program for the 1962 Publinks at Sheridan plus a Bumper Sticker promoting the event. Photos of those and a beautiful ash tray/candy dish from that tournament are on our website.

We're planning to have some fun with the 90th anniversary celebration. We're working with the Town Board to commemorate the anniversary with a recreation of the Opening Ceremony on Friday May 12th. Our 1st Tournament - the 2-Man President's Cup kickoff - will be played on Saturday May 13th - exactly 90 years to the day after the course opened.

Take a look at the newspaper clippings and the rest of the updated history section of our website. We included full pages instead of just the articles because I found it interesting to read some of the other stories on the pages from those days. I hope you gentlemen enjoy the read.

Lastly, I hope you'll join me and thousands of members before us in being extremely proud to be a member of this historic club playing this fantastic golf course.

Mike Zimmer, Club President



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2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday May 12th

Spring Party - 6:00 PM at Noco Pavilion

Saturday, May 13th

2-Man Presidents' Cup, 1st Round Matches

*Saturday, May 20th

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

Sunday, May 21st

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

Sunday, June 4th

"Club Clash" vs. Elma Meadows @ Elma Meadows

Sunday, June 11th

Legends Memorial 2-Man Scramble

*Saturday, June 24th

*WNYPLGA Team Championships at Hyde Park

Sunday, June 25th

Stableford Tournament

Saturday, July 8th

Senior Club Championship - Round 1

Sunday, July 9th

Senior Club Championship - Round 2

*Friday & Saturday, July 14th & 15th

*WNYPLGA Individual Championship at Sheridan Park

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2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

*Tuesday, July 25th

*WNYPLGA Senior Individual Championship at Seneca Hickory Stick

Sunday, August 6th

Club Championship - Round 1

*Friday, August 11th

*WNYPLGA Senior - 2-Man Better Ball at Sheridan

Saturday, August 12th

Club Championship - Round 2

Sunday, August 13th

Club Championship - Round 3

Wednesday, August 16th

Summer Party - 6:00 PM at NOCO Pavilion

*Saturday, August 26th

*WNYPLGA 2-Man Scramble at Elma Meadows

Saturday, September 16th

Director's Cup vs Brighton at Brighton

Saturday, September 23rd

Memorial 4-Man Scramble

Saturday, September 30th

Nightmare 2-Man Scramble

Friday, October 27th

Fall Party at 6:00pm NOCO Pavilion

*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 WNYPUBLINKS.COM or email wnyplqa@gmail.com



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1955 Clyde Famam 1954 Norman Taft 1953 Charles Weidman 1952 Line Hellenbeck 1951 William Caset 1950 Lewis Wallace 1949 Harry Naab 1948 Gene Williams 1947 Leo Barley 1946 Carl Schmit 1945 William Rutler 1944 Harry Naab 1943 Charles Spies 1942 Flmer Gifford 1941 Farl Forester 1940 Leo Gibbin 1939 Carl Heni 1938 Rudolf Spilzer 1937 August Kirchner 1936 Walter Voisnet 1935 William Campion 1934 Louis Deltschler 1933 Louis Deltschler

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YR	'AA' Class	SCR	'A' Class	SCR	'B' Class	SCR	'C' Class	SCR
2022	John Haberman Jr	230	Joe Gugino Sr	235	Scott Lawton	248	Chris Curtain	271
2021	Brian Engl	224	John Lindner	ohn Lindner 237 Tim Dean		256	Wayne Hitt	270
2020	Kris Boyes	220	Bill Lindner			250	Dave Notaro	266
2019	John Haberman Jr	223	Dave Prinzbach	Dave 225 Rob Lombard 243		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	artsch Jim Clau			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	m Inzinna		
1995	John Scive		J. Minkiewicz	J. Kasperek			M. Hakes	
1994	Tom Gantress		D. Spiesz	J. Kasperek			J. Lucchese Jr	
1993	Charlie Card		A. Sweeney		Joe Contino		E. Coley	

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1992	B. Lindner		J. Gugin	0	H. Hout	
1991	J. Mohan		J. Gugin	0	G. Zinaty	
1990	J. Lindner		G. Herbe	rger	M. Annalett	
1989	C. Lomanto	Sr.	E. Nobili	0	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. Efren		N. Christou	
Year	'A' Class	'B' Class		'C' Class	D' Class	
1981	J. Scive	D. Sterner	r	J. Edholm	J. Triantafillou	
Year	'AA' Class	'A' Class		'B' Class	'C' Class	
1980	B. Lindner	M. O'Grad		V. Cielencki	M. Johnson	
Year	'A' Class		'B' Class		'C' Class	
1979	B. Lindner		A. Thom		H. Nix	
1978	R. Muranyi		J. Kovacl	า	W. Rowell	
1977	B. Lindner		M.Krzes		J. Corbo	
1976	B. Lindner		E. Smith		R. Williams	
1975	B. Lindner		R. Wydy:		P. Mitchell	
1974	B. Lindner		E. Chmie	elewski	L. Chapman	
1973	J. Gram		E. Chmie	elewski	G. Babyak	
1972	W. Weber		E. Baltha	asar Jr	B. Denton	
1971	S. Witter		F.W. Pelu	ISO	R. Mills	
1970	W. Weber		D. Kenne	edy	E. Balthasar	
1969	L. Radosevio		T. Luzak		J. Logie	
1968	D. Rexford		E. Chmie	elewski	K. Stuhlmiller	
1967	B. Weber		J. Paar		E. Warner	
1966	D. Rexford		E. Chmie		C. Ahrens	
1965	L. Radosevio		E. Decke	r	E. Balthasar	
1964	R. Gray		E. Zak		J.A. Kamman	
1963	C. Hutt		P. Molna		B. Shanahan	
1962	J. Hill		T. Sapier	nza	G. Warner Jr.	
1961	C. Hutt		B. Johns	on	C. Carlson	
1960	D. Rexford		K. Lipps		C. Carlson	
1959	J. Hill		D. Donal		G. Kirschner	
1958	J. Kamman		G. Warne	er	F. Walter	
1957	J. Kamman		J. Paar		E. Balthasar	
1956	F. Berlinger		D. Tuttor		D. Lieber	
1955	C. Hill		D. Tuttor		F. Walter	
1954	H. Oates		J. Dwyer		W. Buck	
1953	C. Hill		J. Morse		H. Farley	
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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.



HOLE 11 - Road on right (Sheridan Drive) is Out of Bounds. You do get relief from the sidewalk down Sheridan Drive. Fence behind green is protective (so you do get relief). Road behind green is Out of Bounds. Heavy grass area to the left of fairway and rough are considered a penalty area – drop at nearest point of entry. Ball located on grass behind the green between the fence and the road (East Park Dr) is considered in bounds and player may take 2 club relief inside the fence no closer to the hole.

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 twostroke 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.



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 manmade 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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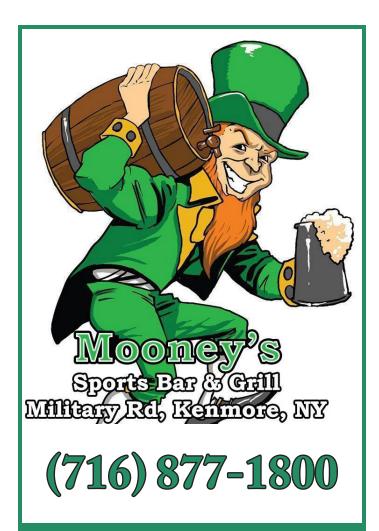




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ball, with the player able to drop in the fairway across from where the previous ball is estimated to have come to rest.

This will significantly speed up play by not forcing somebody to go backwards on the course to replay a shot after learning that a ball is out of bounds (or lost).

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/2019/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.usqa.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 Holeby-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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 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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Report that shows details on the scores each Member has posted year-to-date on our website. Those Reports can be found by clicking on the Reports icon just above the 2023 News section on the website.

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. 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 23rd and continuing through September 3rd (exceptions for Mondays May 29th and September 4th). 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:

 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



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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 \$75 in gift certificates
- 2nd Place \$50 in gift certificates
- 3rd Place \$25 in gift certificates

Note that the prizes went up from 2022 when they were \$60, \$40, and \$20. Also 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.

<u>Individual President's Cup</u> – 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.

2-Man President's Cup – this tournament does have a kickoff event with reserved tee times on May 13th.

There's a limit of 32 2-Man teams and it is expected that all first round matches will be played on May 13th. Any exceptions must be made in consultation with the Tournament Chairman.

- Once 1st round matches are completed on May 13th, 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 stokes
 - 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

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Individual Match Play tournament), we have reserved blocks of tee times on weekends. Members sign up to play in these tournaments using the new Tournament Registration form available on our website and in the Men's Locker Room. Registration closes 1 week prior to each event. Registration by mail only & tournament fees are due at registration. Skins and Closest to the Pin contests are optional and collected day of the event. Prepaid fees will not be lost if you cancel at least 48 hours prior to the event.

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.

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 you 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 4th "Club Clash" vs Elma Meadows at Elma Meadows
- Saturday, June 24th WNYPLGA Charles Barton Team Championships @ Hyde Park
- Saturday, September 16th Town of Tonawanda Director's Cup vs Brighton at Brighton

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.



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- 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

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• 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.



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2813 Wehrle Suite #06 Williamsville, NY 14221 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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