



New Member Orientation

Welcome to the Sheridan Park Golf Club, we've excited to have you as a member. Our club holds several tournaments and social events throughout the year. An event calendar is posted in the Men's Locker Room at the Sheridan Golf Course and on our website <http://www.SheridanParkGolfClub.com>.

Getting a Handicap - The first thing you need to do is establish a handicap. Our club follows all Handicapping Rules and Procedures of the USGA, uses the USGA's GHIN Handicap Computer System, and is licensed by the USGA to issue official USGA handicaps. If you're coming from another club and have a USGA handicap on the GHIN system already that handicap will be brought forward to our club. If you don't already have a handicap, you'll be starting from scratch. Scores for all 9 and 18 hole rounds played at Sheridan and all other courses must be posted in the GHIN system. Members who don't post all scores accurately are subject to possible membership suspension.

If you don't already have a handicap, once you are in the computer system you can start posting scores. Handicaps are revised every two weeks on Fridays using scores posted by 9pm Tuesday. You need to have a minimum of 5 scores posted by Tuesday evening of a revision week in order to get a handicap with that Friday's revision. Revision dates and Official Handicaps are posted in the Locker room and on our website.

Once you have a handicap established you must start adjusting the scores you post using the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) procedure. ESC adjusts the scores you post for handicap purposes only and must not be used to adjust scores posted for tournaments. Details on how to adjust scores are posted above the handicap computer, in the locker room, and on our website.

For full details on USGA Handicap procedures are available at <http://www.usga.org>. Please contact our Handicap Chairman Mike Zimmer via email (preferred) SheridanParkGolfClub@adelphia.net or by phone 510-5153 for questions on handicapping.

Tournaments - Once you have a handicap established you can start playing in Club Tournaments. Our club hosts several large tournaments each year and also has a weekly tournament. For weekly tournaments you can play your round anytime between Wednesday and Sunday. You must sign and date the tournament sheet in the locker room prior to starting your round and must play the round with a fellow club member who scores your round. You can only play one round per weekly tournament. You must post your gross score (not adjusted for ESC) on the tournament sheet and put your scorecard (signed by the scorer and attested by you) in the tournament scorecard box. The club has 3 handicap classes and prizes are awarded weekly for the best 3 scores in each handicap class. Winners are posted weekly and prizes (normally \$20 gift certificates to local establishments) can be picked up at Lindner's Golf Shop across the street from the course.

For the larger tournaments, a signup sheet is posted in the locker room prior to each event. Please signup to participate and please (as a courtesy to those running the tournaments) cross your name off the signup sheet, call a board member, or call the course to let us know if you cannot attend after you have signed up.