



# Tennessee Traveling Senior Golf Association

## Message from the President

Our 2017 Season will start in April. Thanks to our Tournament Chairman, we have 28 scheduled events including two Team events. In addition to courses we have played in previous years, new courses (new opportunities for depositing golf balls) include: Temple Hills, Kings Creek, Nashboro Village, Twelve Stones, and Fairvue Plantation. Refer to our Web Site: [TTSGAGOLFERS.COM](http://TTSGAGOLFERS.COM) (Tab: Tournament Schedule) to access the complete 2017 schedule.

Items to Note;

- **Tee Times:** The **objective** is to be at our assigned starting hole at the stated Tee Time. Please arrive at the course to allow time to warm up at the range and be at your cart 15 minutes before the stated tee time so that any adjustments (i.e. insuring that all groups have at least a threesome) and brief announcements can be made.
- **Speed of Play:** The **objective** is for everyone to finish under **5 hours/round** (preferably 4 ½ hours). Let us play "Ready Golf". If you are ready to hit and the player away is not ready, then go ahead and hit. All groups should make every effort to keep up with the group ahead of them. Please limit searching for lost balls to 2-3 minutes. Slow Play is recorded as a concern by the membership and negatively impacted membership.
- **Late Entry-Withdrawal-No Shows:** If you are scheduled to play, but fail to appear without notifying the Tournament Chairman (email or phone) by noon two days prior to the outing, you will be recorded as a "No Show". Adequate time is needed to prepare and distribute the tournament pairings to the players. The golf courses are expecting a specific number of entrants.
- **Medical Emergencies:** If you have a known medical condition that might need attention on the golf course, let your foursome know. Each player with a known condition is responsible to tell his foursome what to do if an emergency occurs.
- **Course Maintenance:** TTSGA must maintain its great reputation for taking care of the courses that we play. Replacing divots, honoring nature areas, etc. are great examples of what we do.
- **Handicap System-existing membership:** As we did last year, we are using a software system that calculates the USGA Index for each player based on historical performance, the course being played and the Tee Boxes used by the player.
- **Handicap System-new membership:** Handicaps will be manually calculated until such time that the new member has played sufficient number of times to establish the USGA Index.



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- **New Process:** All members recognize there will be comments and concerns as the season progresses. Constructive statements are always welcomed. If any member wants to submit a comment, then share with either the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Warren Pettit) or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Bill Taylor) as your statement will be logged and addressed accordingly.
- **Rules Changes/Education:** Jerry Ashley, our Rules Chairman plans to be available at least 30 minutes prior to the Tee Times to cover new rules and even existing rules.
- **Web Site:** Our Web Site (TTSGAGolfers.com) contains vital information: Rules, Board of Directors and their contact information, Tournament Schedule, Bulletin Board, Announcements, etc.

- **2017 TTSGA Board of Directors**

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I am looking forward to a great 2017 Season and the opportunity to serve TTSGA as your President.

Sincerely

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