



Tennessee Traveling Senior Golf Association

Message from the President

Our 2018 Season will start April 2nd at Two Rivers. That is assuming the entire world is not under water. We are planning on having 30 scheduled events including two team events. I believe that there is only one open week in our schedule this year. In addition to courses we have played in previous years, new courses include: Ted Rhodes, Clarksville CC, and Old Fort. We will also be returning to some of last year's new course: Temple Hills, Kings Creek, Twelve Stones, and Fairvue Plantation. (Although, I don't know if we can really include Fairvue Plantation in the list since our only outing there was cancelled.) Refer to our Web Site: **TTSGAGOLFERS.COM** (Tab: Tournament Schedule) to access the complete 2018 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, pay, 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. At a minimum, please plan to be at the course 30 minutes before the stated tee time.
- ✓ **Speed of Play:** The **objective** is for everyone to finish in under **5 hours** (preferably 4 ½ hours). 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. **And because of this, the board has voted on some changes with the intent to speed up pace of play. The rules committee will be sending out an updated rules sheet. I encourage you to read through it. Burl will also be sending out some information on this topic as well. But I wanted to make you aware of a significant change and I am hoping that if you see it multiple times, you will be well aware of it. Rounds will not take longer than 5 hours and 15 minutes. Any scorecard that is submitted after 5 hours and 15 minutes from when we head out to the tees will be disqualified.**
- ✓ **Late Entry-Withdrawal-No Shows:** Remember, by definition you are scheduled to play in each tournament. If you plan on not playing in a tournament, then you are to notify Burl Young by Friday noon prior to that tournament. If you fail to notify Burl and do not show up for 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



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of the courses that we play. Replacing divots, honoring nature areas, etc. are great examples of what we do. Since most members of our group have a low ball trajectory into the greens, odds are that your ball mark will not be next to your ball. Please look for your ball mark where the ball landed on the green and not where it ended up.

- **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. Burl will be sending out additional information on this topic.
- **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.
- **Comments and Concerns:** We recognize that 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 it with either, me, Warren Pettit or the 1st Vice President (Bill Taylor) or 2nd Vice President (Bob Hill) as your statement will be logged and addressed accordingly.
- **Rules Changes/Education:** If you have questions about the new rules or even exiting rules, please talk to the members of the rules committee: Jerry Ashley, our Rules Chairman, Charlie Morris, or Jerry Wendling.
- **Web Site:** Our Web Site (TTSGAGolfers.com) contains vital information: Rules, Board of Directors and their contact information, Tournament Schedule, Bulletin Board, Announcements, etc.

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Hopefully we will have gotten all of the rain out of the way and this will be a good year for golf with no cancellation.

Sincerely,

Warren Pettit