

Battle Creek Men's Club Rules/Event Descriptions

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MEN'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- Membership is **INCLUDED** for Wednesday Men's League members
- \$58.00 for all others
- Membership includes:
 - USGA Handicap Card
 - Twice monthly handicap revision and Online score posting
 - One year subscription to Minnesota Golfer Magazine
 - Eligible to play in all Club events (*unless restricted by age*)
 - MGA and MPGA dues
 - Monthly Handicap Revisions/Online Posting
 - Eligibility to play in **MGA tournaments** at courses like Wayzata CC, Northland CC, Dellwood CC, and Rochester GCC and member days at courses like Hazeltine NGC and White Bear Yacht Club
 - Administrative expenses (score cards/mailings/trophies/etc....)
 - Eligible for Club Championship (Must have played in at least one event/team/match play)
 - Eligible for 16-Man Team Match Play
 - \$3 goes towards "Hole in One" insurance
 - To be split (cash) with any & all "Hole in One's" at the end of the year
 - Must be in Men's League or Men's Club event
 - **EXCLUDED: Match Play, Mystery Tour, Fall League or any event that restricts entry**
 - If there are no "Hole in One's", the pool will carry over to the next season

GUEST PARTICIPATION

- Guests can play in any Ponds only events
- They are excluded from playing in the Club Championship and Season Long Match Play
- Guest fee for each event is double the Members entry fee (i.e. \$10 for member, \$20 for guest)
- Guest can join Membership at any time and use any guest fees towards Membership (if a guest played two events and paid extra \$20, they will receive \$20 discount on Membership)

PACE OF PLAY POLICY: See pace of play addendum *****Acknowledged when registered as member*****

USGA Rules will apply to all events along with PBC Competition Local Rules:

Practice Rounds

- Practice rounds are NOT allowed for any Men's Club events

Handicap Parameters

- The Battle Creek Men's Club uses USGA's GHIN Handicapping system
- NEW members with a history of having a GHIN card, when you register, please give us your old GHIN number as we will be able to transfer to our club
- NEW Members that have never had a GHIN card will need five 18-hole scores to establish a handicap
- Posting of all event scores will be done by the Men's Club and will be entered as Tournament Scores

Weather – Cancellation/Postponements

- The Battle Creek Men's Club will play in adverse conditions.
- There are a couple of automatic no brainer circumstances when we will cancel the event:
 - I. Dangerous weather including lightning, very high winds, and torrential rain.
 - II. Carts not allowed on the course
- If either of those two things occur, we cancel play immediately.
- Decisions will always try to be made as soon as possible
- If a decision has been made to cancel the event, we will post online and send emails

- If weather causes a delay during an event, we will wait one hour at the most and decide at that point
 - If all players have completed 9+ holes, the event will use the completed holes by the entire field for official results
 - This also applies to the Club Championship

Event Descriptions and Rules

BEST BALL-BOTH BALLS

- Two person teams
- Best Ball scoring on the front nine
- Both Balls scoring on the back nine
- **Blue/White** combination tees with **DOUBLE Blue** on hole 7(16)
 - Starting with blue on the 1st hole.
 - Seniors over 60 and with a handicap of 14 or higher can play the **White/Gold** tees (**DOUBLE White** on hole 7 & 16)
 - In accordance to USGA recommendations when playing a competition from different set of tees, Seniors playing from the white/gold will lose 2 handicap strokes from their white/gold handicap
- All putts are to be holed out. NO GIMME'S!
- Players without handicaps will have handicaps calculated after the round using the Callaway System
- Gross and Net Team Payouts
- Gross & Net Individual Payouts (depending on number of entries)

SHAMBLE

- Two person teams
- Both players hit tee shots. The best tee shot is selected. From within one club length of the selected tee ball--and no closer to the hole—both players will play the rest of the hole with their own ball from this spot and the process is repeated until 18 holes are completed
- LIFT, CLEAN, & PLACE on TEE SHOTS ONLY within one club length & no closer to the hole (scorecard length on green). After the tee shot, play the ball down everywhere else.
- You must use each player's tee ball a minimum of 6 times
- We are using the best one score on each hole for the team score in both gross & net
- **Blue/White** combination tees with **DOUBLE Blue** on hole 7(16)
 - Starting with blue on the 1st hole.
 - Seniors over 60 and with a handicap of 14 or higher can play the **White/Gold** tees (**DOUBLE White** on hole 7 & 16)
 - In accordance to USGA recommendations when playing a competition from different set of tees, Seniors playing from the white/gold will lose 2 handicap strokes from their white/gold handicap
- All putts are to be holed out. NO GIMME'S!
- ALL Handicaps are reduced by 60% in this format
- Players without handicaps will have handicaps calculated after the round using the Callaway System and reduced by 60%
- Gross and Net Team Payouts
- Gross & Net Individual Payouts (depending on number of entries)

RANGE BALL

- FOUR person teams
- All teams will receive and start with 2 “Range Balls”
 - Additional “Range Ball” can be purchased for \$20.00 & goes into prize fund.
*****RECOMMENDED*****
- “Range Ball” rotation

- Each team can choose their rotation
- Score card will be marked accordingly with “Pink” boxes indicating “Range Ball” holes.
- If a team has a no show player, rotate the “Range Ball” every three holes
- To get a 4th score, we will draw randomly by computer
- Scoring is based on 2 out of 4 best net scores and one score **MUST** be the “Range Ball”
- Teams **MUST** return with at least one “Range Ball” to qualify for team prizes
- PAYOUTS will be top 4 in **TEAM NET**
- Gross & Net Individual Payouts (depending on number of entries)
- **Blue/White** combination tees with **DOUBLE Blue** on hole 7(16)
 - Starting with blue on the 1st hole.
 - Seniors over 60 and with a handicap of 14 or higher can play the **White/Gold** tees (**DOUBLE White** on hole 7 & 16)
 - In accordance to USGA recommendations when playing a competition from different set of tees, Seniors playing from the white/gold will lose 2 handicap strokes from their white/gold handicap
- Players without handicaps will have handicaps calculated after the round using the Callaway System
- All putts are to be holed out. NO GIMME'S!
- Gross and Net Team Payouts
- Gross & Net Individual Payouts (depending on number of entries)

ONE+TWO

- Three person teams
- This is a Best Ball & Singles Event
- The Team Score is a cumulation of best ball score and singles score.
- Two players (team choice) will play a Best Ball on the front nine
- The remaining teammate will play his own ball on the front nine
- After nine holes, you rotate and the single now plays with one of the others in best ball on the back nine
 - Singles play in foursome with other singles
 - 2-somes play in foursome with another team.
- ****There will be slight delay between nines to accommodate teammate changes*
- **Blue/White** combination tees with **DOUBLE Blue** on hole 7(16)
 - Starting with blue on the 1st hole.
 - Seniors over 60 and with a handicap of 14 or higher can play the **White/Gold** tees (**DOUBLE White** on hole 7 & 16)
 - In accordance to USGA recommendations when playing a competition from different set of tees, Seniors playing from the white/gold will lose 2 handicap strokes from their white/gold handicap
- All putts are to be holed out. NO GIMME'S!

BATTLE CREEK MEMORIAL

- This is a 9-hole stroke play qualifier for a singles Match Play tournament
- Match Play matches are 9-hole matches
- There will be two 8-player brackets (one gross & one net)
- Single elimination with consolation bracket
- To qualify, you must finish top 8 in gross or top 8 in net
- We take top 8 gross before taking the next to 8 net score
- Players will be seeded based on qualifier results
- Blue Tees
 - Seniors 55+ can play whites with ONE less handicap stroke calculated from white tees
 - Seniors that play the white tee in the 9-hole qualifier are not eligible for the gross bracket
- Players without handicaps will have handicaps calculated after the round using the Callaway System
- \$20.00 Entry fee ***CASH ONLY – We payout cash in this event****

- Greens fees are 9-holes plus each additional 9-hole round will be charged at the replay rate.
- PAYOUTS will be top 2 in each bracket (there will be no 3rd place matches)
- TIE-BREAKERS – If any matches end in a tie, the following tie-breaker will take place:
 - Most holes won in the match
 - Lowest qualifying score
 - Last six holes in qualifier
 - Last 3 holes in qualifier
 - Last hole in qualifier
 - Lowest score on handicap holes in qualifier starting on handicap #1

ODDS and EVENS

- Two Person Teams
- The TEAM score is based on using “Best Ball” score on the “Odd” numbered holes and “Both Balls” scores on the “Even” holes
- **Blue/White** combination tees with **DOUBLE Blue** on hole 7(16)
 - Starting with blue on the 1st hole.
 - Seniors over 60 and with a handicap of 14 or higher can play the **White/Gold** tees (**DOUBLE White** on hole 7 & 16)
 - In accordance to USGA recommendations when playing a competition from different set of tees, Seniors playing from the white/gold will lose 2 handicap strokes from their white/gold handicap
- All putts are to be holed out. NO GIMME'S!
- Players without handicaps will have handicaps calculated after the round using the Callaway System
- Gross and Net Team Payouts
- Gross & Net Individual Payouts (depending on number of entries)

MYSTERY TOUR

- Four Person Team Mixer
- Players are rated by course handicap as A, B, C, or D
- Teams will be done by random draw
- Each team will have an A, B, C, and D player
- Team score is based on the following:
 - One gross score
 - One net score
 - Cannot be the same ball; must use two different scores

TRIFECTA

- Two Person Teams
- The first SIX holes of play will be played in a "Best Ball" format. Each player will play their own ball for the entire hole
- The middle SIX holes will be played in a Pinehurst Alternate Shot format
 - Both players tee off, and then they switch balls. Player A plays Player B's drive, and vice-versa. Each player hits the second shot. They then select the better of the second shots, and from that point until the ball is holed they play only one ball in an alternate shot format. The player whose second ball was not chosen MUST play the third shot.
- The last SIX holes will be played in a “Scramble” format
 - All shots for SCRAMBLE ONLY will be played as “winter rules” (lift, clean, and place). Players will be able to improve their lie on every shot. Ball must be played within one club-length (no closer to the hole) and in the same cut of grass/hazard
- Payouts will be for Team in GROSS and NET
- For the Handicapping, each team will receive a team handicap based on the following: (We will use player handicaps of 5 & 10 for 18 holes as an example)

- Scramble: add both players' handicaps (15), divide by 4 and round to the nearest whole number ($3.75/3=1.87$ rounded to 2). Apply to appropriate holes starting with the lowest handicap holes first.
- Pinehurst: The partner with the lower Course Handicap receives 60 percent of Course Handicap. The partner with the higher Course Handicap receives 40 percent of Course Handicap. Example: Player A with a Course Handicap of 5 and Player B with a Course Handicap of 10. Player A ($5 \times 60\% = 3$) + Player B ($10 \times 40\% = 4$) Combine those two numbers, then divide by 2 & round to whole number, & apply those strokes appropriately.
- Best Ball: each player receives the full 9-hole handicap strokes & apply strokes to appropriate holes for each player.
- We are using Club Championship Teeing Areas (68.0 – 127)
 - Seniors over 60 can choose to play from the Senior Championship teeing areas
 - Seniors moving up will lose 4 handicap strokes calculated from the forward tee (64.0 - 119)

SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- Must be at least 55+ in the same calendar year
- This is a ONE Day 18-Hole Gross and Net event
- There are two Flights
 - Senior Flight 55+
 - Super Senior Flight 65+
- We are using the following teeing areas
 - Senior Championship is playing the white/gold alternating tees
 - Super Senior Championship is playing the gold/red alternating tees
- Payouts: Gross and Net in each flight pending the number of entries
- **NO GIMME'S**
- **Tiebreaker for the Championship**
 - Should we have a FIRST Place tie in GROSS in any flight, the tie will be decided by a sudden death playoff starting on hole 1
 - In all other ties, the prize money will be split amongst the ties.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

- This is a Two-Day Gross and Net event
- Flights are determined by handicap with payouts in gross and net in each flight and Seniors
- We are using Club Championship Teeing Areas is playing at 5,702 yards (68.0 – 127)
- Payouts: Each day will pay gross and net in each flight and the 36-hole total will also pay gross/net
- You must play both rounds to qualify for the Club Championship & 36-hole payout
 - Players from either flight can qualify for the Club Championship
 - FLIGHTS ARE DETERMINED USING SATURDAY SCORES
- **NO GIMME'S**
- **SUNDAY TEE TIMES:** Sunday tee times will be based on Saturday's results
 - We will play in groups of three
 - B Flight will start the day
 - A Flight will follow the B Flight
 - (ties for tee times will be broken by USGA recommended tie-breaker)
- **Tiebreaker for the Championship**
 - Should we have a FIRST Place tie in GROSS in any flight, the tie will be decided by a sudden death playoff starting on hole 1
 - All other ties, including single day scores, prize money will be split amongst the ties.

Prize Fund

- The Men's Club prize fund comes from several places
 - Men's League Members are also Men's Club Members (\$25)
 - Men's Club Membership (\$55 less MGA GHIN fees)

- Event entry fee's (\$10 - \$20 for CC)
- Guests Event entry fees (\$20)
- Each regular event will have Event entry fees
 - Men's Club will supplement each event by \$5 per Men's Club Member entered (Club Championship approximately \$50)

Optional Games

SINGLES Season Long Match Play - Gross & Net Brackets

- Matches start in June
- DEADLINE to signup is May 30th
- This tourney is for individuals only
- It will take place throughout the entire summer culminating at the end of August
- **Cost:** \$20 for the tourney plus any greens fees for each match
- **Payouts:** 1st Place 42%, 2nd Place 26%, 3rd Place 18%, 4th Place 14%
- **Location:** All matches will be played at The Ponds at Battle Creek
- **Eligibility:** Any member of the Wednesday Men's League or the Men's Club
- **Matches:** Match-play
 - **Gross Bracket - All matches are 18-hole matches**
 - **Net Bracket - 9-hole match play (18-holes can be played if both players agree) SEMI-Finals and FINALS will be an 18-hole match**
- **Ties:** All ties will be decided by sudden-death playoff holes. In the Net division, handicaps do apply in the sudden-death playoff. *(Please check with the course before moving on)*
- **Blue tees are the DEFAULT tee –** Players can decide to use any tee they agree on; if no agreement can be made, the blue tee is the default tee to be used
 - In the NET BRACKET: Those that have a USGA handicap Index of 25.0 or greater may choose to play from the white tees.
 - Handicap is calculated from white tees and you **lose one stroke** in 9-hole match and **2 strokes** in 18-hole match
 - **EXAMPLE:**
 - Player A (with index of 10.0) plays from blue tees.
 - Player B (with index of 29.0) plays from the white.
 - Player B has a handicap index of 29.0 and calculates to a 31 for 18-hole match.
 - Because Player B is playing from a different tee than his competitor, there is another adjustment based on course rating; blue 33.8 & white 32.9, a difference of 0.9 or 1 stroke in a 9-hole match, thus Player B's 9-hole handicap would be $29/2=14.5(15)$ less 1 stroke adjustment for different tee = 15.)
 - SENIORS that are 55 years old or older and have a USGA handicap Index of 14.0 or greater, you may also play the white tees
- **Net Bracket Handicapping:** In a 9-hole match (18-holes can be played if both players agree) using updated USGA handicaps, check the GHIN computer for each player's course handicap. Take the players "Course Handicap" (not the index) divide by two and round to nearest whole number. In an 18-hole match, the full handicap is used *(Unless player was eligible to move up tees)*
 - Handicaps are applied as follows: Scott Albright has an 18-hole course handicap of 6 and Mike Murray CH of 11. In an 18-hole match, Albright will give Murray 5 strokes on the toughest 5 holes as rated by the course handicap. In a 9-hole match, divide those course handicaps by 2; Scott $6/2=3$ Murray $11/2=5.5$ (round to 6) Scott will give Murray 3 shots in a 9-hole match.
 - **SEMI-Finals and FINALS will be an 18-hole match**
- **Rainouts/bad weather:** A match will be considered official after 6 holes have been completed. If you are forced off of the course because of weather before your round is done, even if you've completed 6 or more holes, you must allow one hour for the weather to clear before calling the match for the day

Before you go any further, a word of caution. If you are restricted to the day and time you can play your matches, or are planning a prolonged vacation this summer, you are strongly urged NOT to sign up for match play. There is normally a two-week time allotment in which to play your match. By sometime in August, this competition will be complete. You are responsible for arranging your matches. The Tournament Committee will monitor all matches. If both parties cannot agree to play the match in a reasonable amount of time, a coin flip will decide the winner of the match, regardless of which round it is. This is a fun competition that can be ruined by those that are habitual tardy matchmakers. If this describes you, save yourself the aggravation and do not sign up.

- **Scheduling Matches:** Matches must be completed by the scheduled deadline listed on bracket board. Both Members are responsible for contacting the opposing Member and scheduling the match. A roster sheet will be supplied at the start of the tourney. *The schedule will be made once we have the field set*

TWO-Person Team Season Long Match Play *GROSS Bracket ONLY*****

- Matches start in June
- DEADLINE to signup is May 30th
- \$20 per player to enter
- This is a “**FOURBALL**” competition -- or “**BETTER BALL**” -- where two players from one team take on two players from another team, each playing their own ball. The lowest **GROSS** score for each side will be used as the score for each hole.
- To play better ball match play, two golfers - we'll call them A and B - partner against two others, C and D.
 - On the first hole A scores 4 and B 5. The A/B team's score is, therefore, 4.
 - C scores 6 and D scores 5. the C/D team's score is, therefore, 5.
 - So, A/B wins the first hole against C/D, 4 to 5, going 1-up.
 - And so on, until one side clinches victory in the match.
- Either 9-hole or 18-hole matches can be played but must be agreed upon by both teams. If no agreement can be made, the default length of the match is 9-holes. (semi-finals and finals are 18-hole matches)

MIXED 2-Person SCRAMBLE Season Long Match Play *Gross Bracket ONLY*****

- This is a “**SCRAMBLE**” Match Play competition with male/female teams
- The lowest score on each hole will win the hole
- 9-hole matches for the entire event
- Matches start in June
- DEADLINE to signup is May 30th
- \$20 per player to enter

TWO-Person Team Season Long Match Play *Net Bracket ONLY*****

- Matches start in June
- DEADLINE to signup is May 30th
- \$20 per player to enter

- This is a “**FOURBALL**” competition -- or “**BETTER BALL**” -- where two players from one team take on two players from another team, each playing their own ball. The lowest **NET** score for each side will be used as the score for each hole.
- To play better ball match play, two golfers - we'll call them A and B - partner against two others, C and D.
 - On the first hole A scores 4 and B 5. The A/B team's score is, therefore, 4.
 - C scores 6 and D scores 5. the C/D team's score is, therefore, 5.
 - So, A/B wins the first hole against C/D, 4 to 5, going 1-up.
 - And so on, until one side clinches victory in the match.
- **Handicaps:** Handicap allowances for better ball match play are covered in the USGA Handicap Manual in Section 9-4a(iii). Here is what the USGA says to do if playing better ball match play using handicaps:
 - **Allowance:** The Course Handicap of all four players is reduced by the Course Handicap of the player with the lowest handicap, who then plays from scratch. Each of the three other players is allowed 100 percent of the difference.
 - The same allowance as the Singles match play allow players to move from playing blue tee to white tee. To qualify, Seniors 55 & over with 14.0 USGA index and ANY player with a USGA index of 25.0 or higher. The same rules apply as single losing 1 stroke per 9-holes (course handicap MUST be calculated from white tee)
- Either 9-hole or 18-hole matches can be played but must be agreed upon by both teams. If no agreement can be made, the default length of the match is 9-holes. (semi-finals and finals are 18-hole matches)

SENIOR 2-Person Season Long Match Play ***Net Bracket ONLY***

- Must be at least 55+ in the 2017 calendar year
- Matches start in June
- \$20 per player to enter
- DEADLINE to signup is May 30th
- This is a “**FOURBALL**” competition -- or “**BETTER BALL**” -- where two players from one team take on two players from another team, each playing their own ball. The lowest **NET** score for each side will be used as the score for each hole.
- To play better ball match play, two golfers - we'll call them A and B - partner against two others, C and D.
 - On the first hole A scores 4 and B 5. The A/B team's score is, therefore, 4.
 - C scores 6 and D scores 5. the C/D team's score is, therefore, 5.
 - So, A/B wins the first hole against C/D, 4 to 5, going 1-up.
 - And so on, until one side clinches victory in the match.
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- Either 9-hole or 18-hole matches can be played but must be agreed upon by both teams. If no agreement can be made, the default length of the match is 9-holes. (semi-finals and finals are 18-hole matches)

MENS CLUB SHOOTOUT

The **Men's Club Shootout** is a year-end event for the best performers of the Men's Club throughout the season

- There are two shootouts available to qualify for; Gross and Net
- To qualify for the **Men's Club Shootout** in either Gross or Net, you must finish in the top 10 in points for the entire Men's Club season
- Points are accumulated based on individual results in Men's Club events (Trifecta is team only and points are awarded equally)
- Final standings are based on total points only. **THE MORE YOU PLAY THE BETTER CHANCE OF QUALIFYING!**
- Point system is as follows: (points are based on results of individual scores)
 - If there are 52 players in an event, the player who finishes in 1st (gross) will receive 52 points; 2nd place to receive 51 points; 3rd place 50 points, and so on and so forth through the 52nd place finisher receiving 1 point
 - The same procedure will be done with net
 - In the case of 2 or more tie for a position, each player will receive the same value of points
- If a player qualifies in the Top 10 of both, gross will take precedent. If you qualify Top 10 in gross, you must play the gross shootout
- Should there be any ties in the standings at the end of the year, the tie-breaker is as follows:
 - Most events played
 - Most points in Club Championship
- Players finishing in 11th place or lower will become alternates should a qualifier be unable to play or does not show.
- **There will be a \$20 event fee for both Men's Club Shootouts**
- The **Men's Club Shootout** competition is very simple and works like this:
 - Ten players will tee off the first hole (Gross from Blue tees and Net from White tees)
 - The player with the highest Gross/NET score will be eliminated from the **Men's Club Shootout**
 - In the event of a tie on any hole, there will be a shoot-out with the tied players
 - The tied players will hit a shot around the green at a previously determined location
 - Players can place their ball within the circle
 - The player that finishes furthest from the hole is eliminated
- Players that survive the first hole move on to the second hole repeating the sequence until we have one lone player in each **Men's Club Shootout** and those players are declared the **Men's Club Shootout Champions!**
- Should either field be short a player, we will eliminate the 6th hole. (two players, the 8th hole)
- This is considered a Match Play style event where each participant in each respected field starts play at the same time. Practice rounds are allowed
 - You cannot play or be anywhere near the Blue or White teeing areas (the Penalty is disqualification)
 - You must also refrain from practicing shots from shootout locations or anywhere near a shootout location. (the Penalty is disqualification)