

*****NEW*** Senior Division (for players 55 or over)**

The Ponds at Battle Creek Men's League has grown by leaps and bounds. We are currently at 92 players!

Because of the sheer size of the league, we have decided to create a Senior Division for those players that are 55 and over.

The goal is to help create a more competitive balance and help to increase the fun we are already having!

We have seen over the years a trend that our senior players will very rarely play well enough to qualify for any of the prize fund. We are not here for the prize fund alone; however, if we have no chance, something must be amiss.

We believe there is a reason for this. It is not because of poor play or sandbagging players with improper handicaps. (we use an in-house handicap service) We believe it is due to the fact that the combination of the length of the course along with the difficulty of some holes, makes the course play more like a bogey rating than a par rating. From the white tees, there are several holes that can be difficult to play using the standard par scoring system. EXAMPLE: hole #3 can be very difficult just getting over the water in three strokes let alone getting to the green in three shots.

The PGA partnered with the USGA in a program that was called "Tee it Forward". www.playgolfamerica.com They did a survey of those golfers that participated and the results were staggering:

TEE IT FORWARD received great feedback in 2012 from golfers nationwide who reported:

- 56% played faster
- 56% are likely to play golf more often
- 83% hit more lofted clubs into greens
- 85% had more fun
- 93% will TEE IT FORWARD again

Not only will playing in the Senior Division create a competitive balance, it will also be more fun!

Of course, this is an opt-in option for those that qualify (55 and over); although we strongly encourage those that qualify and carry a handicap of 10 or over for 9 holes. THIS WILL INCREASE YOUR FUN!

There are still some weeks where the Senior Division is not in play. The weeks the Senior Division will not be in effect are weeks 4 (2-man scramble), 8 (4-man scramble), & 12 (range ball).

The League Championship will be considered the "Senior Club Championship" with the winner being the Champion for the Men's Club and will get your name in the Minnesota Golfer Magazine!

If you are 55 and over and would like to option up into the "Tee It Forward" Senior Division, please let someone in the Golf Shop know before teeing off and then MOVE forward to the gold tees and have fun!