

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT INDIAN HILLS SENIOR MEN'S GOLF

### IHSMGA WEB SITE:

- The SMGA Web site is located at <http://www.ihsmga.org>
- Important announcements regarding upcoming tournament signups and other procedural changes are posted in the information boxes from time to time.
- The Web site includes the following links:
  - Wednesday Tee Times
  - Friday Tee Times
  - Winners (showing most current results)
  - Up to date daily winners and skins winners
  - SMGA Tournament schedule
  - North Atlanta Tournament schedule
  - SMGA Member list
  - SMGA Rules
  - Request for tee time (e-mail link to play day coordinator)

### HOW TO SECURE A TEE TIME:

1. **We are limited to a number of slots for play on Wednesdays and Fridays**, so it is important to **sign up early**. Once the maximum number has signed up, a **standby list** will be maintained to fill vacancies on play day.
2. Sign up sheets for approximately one month in advance are available at the conclusion of each play day at the scoring table either in the lounge or the men's locker room.
3. Requests for tee times may also be made by email using the link found on the SMGA Web site which has a link that will take you directly to the email address of the play day coordinator. You may also call the play day coordinator to request tee times.

### HOW TO CANCEL A TEE TIME:

1. If you find that you are unable to play on a date that you have signed up for, please notify the play day coordinator **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, as there are usually players standing by who want to play.
2. To cancel **PRIOR** to play day, you may either email the play-day coordinator using the **link on the Web site** or call him.
3. The **initial** posting of pairings for a Wednesday or Friday will be posted on the Web site the day before play. Please e-mail or call the play-day coordinator with changes before 4PM the day before play. No changes to the posting will be accepted by the play day coordinator after 4PM on the day preceding the play day. A **final** revised posting will be posted to the Web by 7:00 p.m. the day before play.
4. Cancellations after 4:00 p.m. on the day before play should be called in to the Starter the day of play before 8AM on play day (770-874-4179) to enable him to assign players standing by to the vacated slots.

### GENERAL PLAY DAY INFORMATION:

- Every effort is made to have an 'A', 'B', 'C', and 'D' player in each foursome. When a team is short one or more players, a "blind" player will be drawn from within the same handicap range as the missing player and his net scores will be used to calculate the team's score. Once a "blind" player is selected for a particular level, any team requiring a blind in that level will use the same player.

- Play days are scheduled to start at 8AM except in the dead of winter when we strive for a 9AM start on Wednesdays and an 8:24 start time on Fridays. There, however, could be delays due to cold or inclement weather. Players are encouraged to check the Indian Hills web site ([www.indianhillsgolf.com](http://www.indianhillsgolf.com)) or call the starter shack (770-874-4179) or the pro shop after 7:30AM if you suspect a delay. Any delay over two hours will result in the play day being canceled.
- The Handicaps for each player are shown on the pairing sheet and on the Web site for each play day. Handicaps are updated every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday and as soon as new ones are made available to us, we change the pairing sheets. There may be a short delay in updating the handicaps in our system, but all players should use the handicaps shown on the pairing sheet even though a newer one may be in effect.
- Each player on a team should pay \$5 to participate in the day's event. The \$5 consists of \$3 from each player which goes to pay the team winners for the day and to purchase golf balls for Wednesday's closest to the pin and longest putt. The \$2 goes into the skins game. Participation in the skins game is not mandatory, but is encouraged and most players do participate.
- Each team will be assigned a designated **CAPTAIN** prior to play. The duties of the team Captain include the following:
  - Determine the daily format and team handicaps from the Web page.
  - Collect the above mentioned \$5 from each player on the team prior to the start of play.
  - **MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE OF PLAY FOR THE TEAM**
  - **Monitor adherence to the "rules of golf" and the SMGA local rules.**
  - Post each player's gross and net scores to the official scorecard.
  - Post the team's net score for each nine holes based on the format for the day.
  - Post each player's gross score to the GHIN system following completion of the round.
  - Turn in the money for the team and report the net scores to the table manager.
  - Report each individual's net scores by hole to the skins person.
- There will be two team winners for each nine holes played, however on a rare occasion there may be an 18 hole format or a single 9 hole format, in which case four winning teams will be paid.
- Skins are paid to three groups of players: the handicap break for **Groups A, B, and C** are determined each play day based on the number of players and the spread of handicaps that day. The value of a skin will be determined by dividing the skins money for a particular group by the number of winners in that group.
- The team winners and skins winners will be posted to the Web site shortly after each play day. Winners may collect their money from the table manager each play day after play has been concluded. Winnings not collected within 60 days of the play date will be forfeited and will go into the ball fund.

- Awards will be made each Wednesday for **Closest to the Pin** and **Longest Putt** on both nines. Winners will receive a sleeve of balls.
- Course conditions will dictate when we observe cart path only, If we are in cart path only conditions we seniors may play lift, clean and place the ball one club length no nearer the hole in their own fairway (see SMGA Local rules on the web site). Adverse course conditions may warrant more lenient rules to include moving the ball in the rough. If not announced on the pairings sheet this condition will be announced to the players by the starter prior to the days play. Usually a sign indicating the change will be posted at the window of the starters shack. If we are allowed to ride on the course we play the ball down (as it lies) everywhere. Under no conditions, may a ball be moved in a hazard. The daily pairing sheet will indicate the current rules in effect for the movement of balls, and should be adhered to by all players.

### **SMGA TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:**

- Tournament dates and proposed formats are listed on the SMGA website and posted on the bulletin board.
- With the exception of the Senior Club Championship, most tournaments will have a 9:00 a.m. “shot gun” start and in most cases lunch will be provided.
- Dinner will be served on the last evening of the Senior Club Championship and wives are invited to attend. Each member will pay for his meals.
- Dinner may be served following one additional tournament, with wives invited. Again, the cost of meals will be bourn by each participant.
- Sign up sheets for upcoming tournaments will be posted on the SMGA web site approximately a month prior to the scheduled event. An announcement of the tournament will be posted on the Senior’s bulletin board at the same time.
- Tournaments utilizing a blind draw will have teams selected at random by the club’s professional staff.
- For pick your own partner(s) tournaments, individuals may opt to have their partner(s) picked from a pool of unassigned players. This is again done by the clubs professional staff.
- The target date for completion for the Two-Man Match Play competition will be the end of June each year.
- The number of players in the Member/Guest Tournament will be limited to the first 48 teams signed up to participate. Guests must be 55 or older to participate and either have a legitimate USGA handicap or be able to give the club five (5) recent scores; if this is the case the club professionals will assign that player a handicap.

- The annual Fun Day tournament in October is provided free of charge to participating players as is our annual Kick Off Dinner in either very late January or early February.

## **NORTH ATLANTA SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION**

The North Atlanta Senior Men's Golf Association incorporates members from approximately 8 to 10 metro area clubs, including Indian Hills. Each club hosts a tournament a year and some two with the final event being the North Atlanta Championship held at a designated club. IHSMGA members who have joined North Atlanta are eligible to play in any of the tournaments including the Club Championship. **Announcement of each tournament will be posted on the IHSMGA Bulletin Board and sign up for each tournament will be on the web approximately one month prior to each tournament. Our allocated spaces are limited** and these events usually fill up quickly, however every effort will be made to enable all players who desire to participate in North Atlanta events to play at some point during the season. Players for each tournament will be determined by who has and who has not played in a North Atlanta tournament. Being one of the first to sign up does not assure you that you will play in that tournament. All signed up players will be informed by our North Atlanta committee if they are or are not playing. A standby list is maintained for each outing because we often get extra slots.

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY SUGGESTION**

**The SMGA suggests that at least one player in each foursome carry a cell phone in their cart while playing in the event of a medical emergency. A timely call to 911 or to the club whose number is listed on the wind screen may save a life.**