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# **HCC News**



Highland Country Club/ (618) 654-4653

### **Guideline Reminders:**

Reminder of Membership Guidelines:

**Children under ten years of age** are prohibited from being on the golf course at any time unless accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.

**Junior Restrictions:** Anyone under 16 years of age may not use the golf course between 7:00 am and 11:00 am on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays.

**No person under the age of 16** is allowed to operate a golf cart on the club premises. You must be 18 years of age to rent a cart from the Country Club.

**Appropriate golf attire is required.** Men's shirts must have sleeves and collars. Women's shirts must not be spaghetti straps or strapless on the premises excluding the swimming pool. Soft spike golf shoes are required.

**Only groups of 4 or less** are allowed to play during the golf season from April 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup>. No 5's or 6's please.

**Please pay your guests greens fees** in the clubhouse before you play. 9 holes \$12.00; 18 holes \$18.00 Cart fees: 9 holes \$8.00; 18 holes \$15.00

A Guest can only play 3 times per year.

**All beverages consumed** on the property are to be purchased in the Clubhouse (Counting toward your \$30 monthly minimum)

**Be Aware of your Pace of Play on the golf course.** If you don't have to wait for anyone in front of you, but there are groups behind you, you are playing too slow. Let the groups behind you play through or pick up the pace.

### **Pool News**

Pool Hours will be noon-7 pm Daily

Pool Party Hours will be from 7 pm-9 pm Daily. Parties are to be scheduled through the pool staff.

Life Guards for pool parties will be scheduled through pool staff.

There will be no exceptions to the pool hours or lifeguard scheduling.

Any questions or concerns, please call Dena Henricks at (618) 920-3962,

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"A good round of golf is if you can hit about three shots that turn out exactly as you planned them." —Ben Hogan

# **Junior Golf League Aluminum Cans**

We are still looking for someone to take over the Junior Golf Can Collection. Please contact Jerry Miller (651-9015) or Dan Rozum (654-5151) if you would like to take charge of this very rewarding task for the Jr. golfers. Dan has done a great job with this and the Junior Golf Program has received the extra money to keep the program going.

Sign up for the Junior/Adult Tournament in the Clubhouse on the Junior Bulletin Board. This will be Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **2006 Probable Tournament Dates**

Three Man Scramble Sat-Sun, July 8-9

Junior/Adult Tournament Sun, July 16

Three Lady Scramble Fri-Sat, July 28-29
Couples Scramble Sat-Sun, Sept. 9-10

Moose Tournament Course is Open-Usually the first weekend in Oct.

### **Open Golf Course Hours During the Summer**

Monday - Open all day

Tuesday – Open until 4 pm

Wednesday - Open before 8 am and between 2 pm-5 pm

Thursday – Open before Noon

Friday - Open before 8 am and after 12 noon

Saturday – Open All Day (Juniors under 16 can play after 11:00 am)

Sunday – Morning tee times and open after 11:30 am (Juniors under 18 can play after 11:30 am)

All other times are given to Men's, Women's and Junior Leagues. Any exceptions to these hours will be announced in the newsletter. Clubhouse is open to all members at all times during hours of operation.

### **Pavilion Use**

The pavilion is available for all Country Club members to use.

Please sign up in the clubhouse for available dates.

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### **Attention Couples**

Friday Night 9-Hole Couples Events for July and August are scheduled.

July 14th

August 11<sup>th</sup> (Night Golf)

August 25<sup>th</sup>

Check in at the clubhouse by 5:00 pm. Come out and meet some new friends!

Look for more information in the Clubhouse. Hope to see you there.

# 2006 HCC Club Championship

It's that time of year again for club championship matches to begin. Flights will be based on handicaps in the system through July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006 so please update any scores before then. As in past years all members 18 years and older with valid handicaps will be included in the championship tournament.

First round <u>matches will begin the fourth week of July</u> and will last through mid-September. Deadlines for each round will be posted with the tournament brackets. Matches must be completed by the deadlines in each round; failure to do so will result in elimination of both players.

### **HCC Club Championship Rules**

- Each round between opponents will consist of an 18-hole match play event.
- ➤ Because the HCC is a nine-hole course the players can decide the order of which tees are played first.
- USGA Match Play rules will govern play. (www.usga.org)
- Failure of one member to schedule a time to play prior to the deadline will result in disqualification, resulting in an automatic win for the other player.
- Any round played after the posted deadline date for that round is subject to disqualification of both players.
- ➤ The winner of Matches "All Square" after 18 holes will be determined by a sudden death Match Play beginning on hole #1. (The first player to win a hole wins the match)

Brackets and any additional information will be posted on the HCC website at <a href="https://www.hccgolf.net">www.hccgolf.net</a>.

Contact Ryan Korte with any questions. ryankorte@charter.net



"In golf you've got two continuously merciless competitors: yourself and the course." -Tommy Armour HCC News Page 4 of 8

### **Match Play Rules**

USGA Match Play rules can be found at www.usga.org

#### How Match Play Rules Differ from Stroke Play Rules

http://golf.about.com/od/beginners/a/matchplayrules.htm

Golfers watching or, especially, playing match play need to be aware of the differences in the rules between match play and stroke play. Some of the differences are major, some are minor and some involve a different type of penalty when rules are broken.

Here is a rundown of some of the most important differences in the <u>Rules of Golf</u> for match play:

The Way It's Played

In this sense, match play is a whole different game than stroke play. In stroke play, golfers accumulate strokes over the course of 18 holes. The golfer with the fewest strokes at the completion of the round wins.

In match play, each hole is a separate competition. The player with the fewest strokes on an individual hole wins that hole; the player winning the most holes wins the match.

The stroke total for 18 holes simply doesn't matter in match play.

Stroke play is more a player vs. the course approach; match play is directly player vs. player, or side vs. side. There is one opponent you must beat, and that's the opponent you're facing in the match you're playing right now.

• More on Scorekeeping in Match Play

#### **Conceded Putts**

In friendly rounds of golf, golfers often ask for and give "gimmies," very short putts that one simply picks up rather than holing out. Gimmies, needless to say, are illegal under the Rules of Golf, but many recreational golfers use them anyway.

In match play, however, conceded putts are perfectly legal. Your opponent can concede a putt to you at any point, whether it's 6 inches from the cup or 60 feet. But conceded putts almost always come, of course, on very short putts.

Conceded putts should only be offered, they should never be requested. That's why in some match play matches you'll notice a golfer lingering over a very short putt - the golfer is hoping his opponent will tell him to just pick it up.

### Fellow-Competitor vs. Opponent

This is a semantic difference. In stroke play, the golfers you are playing against are your "fellow-competitors." In match play, the golfer you are playing against is your "opponent."

"People say, "Play the course; don't play the man," but I never believed that. Especially in match play, you have to keep one eye on your opponent." -

"I never learned anything from a match that I won." – Bobby Jones Page 5 of 8 HCC News

# **Match Play Rules (Cont.)**

#### Hit That One Again

There are several scenarios in match play where a transgression might result in your opponent canceling your shot and requiring you to replay it; whereas in stroke play, the same transgression would result in a 2-stroke penalty or no penalty at all.

#### A few examples:

- Playing out of turn: In stroke play, order of play is a matter of etiquette. If you hit out of turn, it's a breach of etiquette, but there is no penalty. In match play, if you hit out of turn your opponent can require you to replay the shot in the proper order. And if your first shot was great one, you can bet that you'll be replaying.
- Hitting from outside the teeing ground: In stroke play, teeing off from outside the teeing ground (the teeing ground is between the tee markers and up to two club lengths behind the tee markers) results in a 2-stroke penalty. In match play, there is no stroke penalty, but your opponent can cancel your shot and require you to replay it.
- Hitting an opponent: In stroke play, if your ball hits a fellow-competitor or his equipment (if it is accidentally stopped or deflected by same), it's rub of the green. In match play, you have the option to replay the shot.
- Hitting a ball at rest on the green: In stroke play, if your putt strikes another ball on the green, you get a 2-stroke penalty. In match play, there is no penalty.

#### The Big Penalty

In the rulebook, just about every section concludes with a warning: "Penalty for Breach of Rule." If a golfer fails to follow the proper procedures set forth in the rules, he will incur a penalty in addition to any penalties set forth in that rule.

That penalty in stroke play is usually 2 strokes, and in match play is usually loss of hole.

Example: Let's say a player violates one of the tenets of Rule 19. There will likely be a penalty spelled out for that violation. But the golfer compounds his error by failing to follow the proper procedure for continuing play (maybe he doesn't assess himself the proper penalty; maybe he drops incorrectly; etc.) spelled out in that rule. The big penalty kicks in: 2 strokes in stroke play, loss of hole in match play.

#### **Better Late than Never**

In stroke play, disqualification is the result if you miss your tee time. In match play, you can show up late and still play ... as long as you make your match by at least the second tee. You'll have forfeited the first hole, but you can pick up the match on No. 2. If you fail to make it by the No. 2 tee, you're disqualified.

The differences between match play and stroke play, where they exist, are elucidated in the <u>Rules of Golf</u>. If there is a difference, that difference will be spelled out in the applicable section. So browse through the <u>rulebook</u> to learn more about match play rules.



"Remember that you do not so often win holes as the result of your own brilliant play as by the mistakes that the other man makes." -James Braid HCC News Page 6 of 8

"If there's one thing gold demands above all else, it's honesty." –Jack Nicklaus

### **HHS Boys and Girls Tryouts and Practice Schedule**

HHS tryouts for both boys and girls will begin on Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Highland Country Club. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, August 9th 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am

Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am

Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am

Wednesday, August 16th 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 17th 7:00 am

Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 am

Starting Monday, August 21st practices will be after school each day.

### **HHS Boys & Girls Home Golf Matches at HCC**

Day	Date	Time	Boys/Girls
Tues.	Aug. 29 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Boys
Wed.	Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Girls
Wed.	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Girls
Tues.	Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Boys
Wed.	Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Boys
Wed.	Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Boys
Tues.	Sept. 26 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	Boys

"There is no surer nor (more) painful way to learn a rule than to be penalized for breaking it." -Tom Watson

### **Golf Tips**

#### What is your balance telling your?

If you lose your balance after swinging, you can learn from it. If you lose your balance and slice the ball, you probably need to widen your stance. If you fall toward the ball and hit the ball to the right, you are standing too far from the ball.

### Break out of a putting slump.

If you find yourself in a putting slump, try some things to break out. Change your stroke slightly by bringing it a little to the



inside on the backswing, then back to square at impact. This little change will help correct any minor flaws that may have sneaked into your stroke.

#### When the wheels come off

If you are playing a round and suddenly everything starts to go wrong, take a minute to compose yourself. Breathe slowly and then concentrate on the fundamentals at setup. Get a good, soft grip, maintain good posture, and make sure you are aligned properly. The wheels are now back on.

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### Rally for a Cure – July 19th

The mission of **Rally For A Cure** is to support the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in their mission to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease. The Rally provides the much-needed vehicle to get the life-saving message of early detection to those at risk.

While the primary mission of the Rally is to bring the awareness message and materials to women golfers, our secondary goal is to generate funds for the Foundation.

All women are invited to participate in the Rally for a Cure-Closest-to-the-Pin Contest on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm at the Club for a \$15.00 Donation.

Your donation will entitle you to participate in the closest-to-the-pin contest, breast cancer awareness materials from the Komen Foundation, as well as the symbolic pink ribbon pin with a golf club designed exclusively for **Rally For A Cure**. The **Rally** will award the winner of each closest-to-the-pin contest a significant golf prize. Plus, all golfers whose shot stays on the green will receive an individually boxed Titleist breast cancer awareness golf ball. All participants will receive a full-year subscription to Golf for Women magazine, the program's title sponsor.

We will also, have a 50/50 drawing, basket raffles, and attendance prizes during our dinner following the golf event. The cost for dinner will be \$15.00/person. Please come support this great event and "Tee Off Against Breast Cancer." Last year we raised \$972.00 for the Rally; let's try to beat that figure this year.

We hope to see your there.

Call Dena Henricks 654-7489 for more information on the Rally.

"Let your attitude determine your golf game. Don't let your golf game determine your attitude." -David Love, Jr.

# **Important Dates to Remember**

July 14 - Friday Couples' Scramble and Friday Dinner Special

July 16 - Junior/Adult Tournament registration at 12:30; shotgun start at 1:00 pm

July 19 - Ladies League Guest Night/"Rally for the Cure" Event 5:00 pm

July 24 - Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

July 28 & 29 - Three Lady Scramble

August 11 - Friday Couples' Night Golf and Friday Dinner Special

August 25 - Friday Couples' Scramble and Friday Dinner Special

August 28 – Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

Sept. 9-10 - Couples Scramble

"Missing a short putt does not mean you have to hit your next drive out of bounds." -Henry Cotton

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### **Two-Year Term**

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Bobbi Etherton	Clubhouse, Social, & Budget	654-9350
Steve Lanxon	Clubhouse, Social, & Budget	654-2530

Next Board Meetings: 7:00 pm, Monday, July 24th & August 28th

# **Friday Night Dinner Specials**

Please call the clubhouse for Details & Reservations 654-GOLF Here are the upcoming dates:

July 14

August 11

August 25

# **Summer Opening Hours for Clubhouse**

Sunday	7:00 am
Monday	10:00 am
Tuesday	10:00 am
Wednesday	8:00 am
Thursday	8:00 am
Friday	8:00 am
Saturday	7:00 am