



**SHELTER VALLEY PINES GOLF CLUB**

## **MEN'S LEAGUE**

*All you need to know about your upcoming season!*

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## **Titles to Be Won**

**League Champion 18 Hole Division:** This is one of the highest honors one can be awarded in the Shelter Valley Pines Men's League. This is in the individual who displays golfing excellence on a weekly basis and wins the 18 Hole Men's Championship.

**League Champion 9 Hole Division:** This is one of the highest honors one can be awarded in the Shelter Valley Pines Men's League. This is in the individual who displays golfing excellence on a weekly basis and wins the 9 Hole Men's Championship.

**Senior Men's League Champion 9 Hole Division:** This is one of the highest honors one can be awarded in the Shelter Valley Pines Men's League. This is in the individual (ages 55 and older) who displays golfing excellence on a weekly basis and wins the 9 Hole Men's Championship.

**Net Champion:** This is the second highest honor one can be awarded in the Shelter Valley Pines Men's League. This is in the individual who displays golfing excellence through Net Play on a weekly basis and wins the Men's Net Championship.

**Senior Men's Net Champion:** This is the second highest honor one can be awarded in the Shelter Valley Pines Men's League. This is in the individual (ages 55 and older) who displays golfing excellence through Net Play on a weekly basis and wins the Men's Net Championship.

**Match Play Champions:** These are the individuals who win the yearly Match Play Flights

**Year End Championship Team:** This is the team that demonstrates extreme skill & ability and wins the 4 Man Best Score (With Handicaps) at the Year End Tournament.

**Year End Flight Winner:** These are the individuals who win the Low Gross and Low Net flights at the Year End Tournament

## League Games & On Course Competitions

**Scramble:** This format is used for team play. In this format all golfers tee off and then play from the best shot. They continue using and playing from the best shot until the team has holed out. When choosing the best shot it should be noted that players may not change the lie of the ball (ie if the ball is in the rough, all golfers must hit from the rough).

**Best Score:** This format is used for team play. In this format everyone in the group plays their own ball (like regular stroke play) and at the end of each hole, the scorekeeper circles the lowest score of the group and uses that score as the team score. Typically when the club runs a best score, handicaps will be applied and each group will be given a scorecard that has the handicaps applied for their players.

**Stroke Play:** also known as medal play, is a scoring system in the sport of golf. It involves counting the total number of strokes taken on each hole during a given round, or series of rounds. The winner is the player who has taken the fewest number of strokes over the course of the round, or rounds. IE REGULAR GOLF

**Match Play:** Please see the section on the match play for full information

### Bingo, Bango, Bongo

Bingo Bango Bongo is a game in which three points are up for grabs on every hole. Each point corresponds to the completion of a different activity. The first golfer to complete each activity earns a point, and at the end of the round, points are added up.

Scoring: **Bingo:** The “bingo” point is given to the first golfer in the group who lands their ball on the green. **Bango:** Once all balls are on the green, the golfer with the ball closest to the pin earns the “bango” point. **Bongo:** The “bongo” point is awarded to the player whose ball lands in the cup first.

Etiquette Matters: Etiquette is everything in Bingo Bango Bongo, largely because two-thirds of the points awarded in a given game are dependent upon being the first golfer to achieve them. If a player goes out of turn to win the “bingo” or “bongo” point, the point on the hole is awarded to the second person to achieve either.

Etiquette becomes increasingly important on par-3s, when golfers can theoretically earn both the “bingo” and “bongo” points before the remaining players in the group have teed off.

The amount of points you earn in this game will be added to your total points in the points races. You must have at least 3 players in the group for points to count towards the races.

**3,3,3:** This 2 man team format breaks your 9 hole round into three different games. The first 3 holes will be a 2 man scramble. The next three holes will be a 2 man best ball/score (handicaps will apply). The final three holes will play alternate shot (1 ball only) between you and your partner.

**3 Club Challenge:** The 3 club challenge is a game played where individuals are only allowed to use 2 clubs and the putter (for a total of 3 clubs) during their round of nine holes. This format is played on the front nine

**Dollar Holes:** Each week the club has two competitions that are deemed \$ Holes. Participants pay \$2 total to enter these competitions and the winner(s) can win a prize valued at around \$40.

**Closest to Pin:** This competition is used mostly on par 3's. The player who is closest to the pin (must be on green) on their tee shot is deemed the winner. The player marks their location with the marker provided. In the event your shot is directly in front of the hole we do ask that you place the marker behind the hole at the equivalent distance. This way you will not block a potential hole in one.

**Closest to Rope:** For this competition the player who is closest to the rope will win the prize. Please note that the rope may not always be a straight line. If you overshoot the rope we congratulate you on your great drive but you have knocked yourself out of this competition.

**Longest Drive:** Awarded to the person who hits the longest drive (must be in the fairway)

**Shortest Drive** Awarded to the person who hits the shortest drive (must be in the fairway)

**Farthest from Pin:** The opposite of Closest to the Pin, this prize is awarded to the player who hits their tee shot farthest from the pin BUT STILL ON THE GREEN

**In The Drink:** On this hole any player who hits their tee shot into the water can circle their name on the scorecard. They will then be entered into a draw to win a prize.

**Closest to the Bottle:** Similar to the closest to pin, the club will place a bottle in the middle of the fairway. The player who is closest to the bottle off their tee shot will win this prize. (Must be in fairway)

**Longest Putt:** Awarded to the individual who sinks the longest putt. You cannot win this by just having a long putt, you must drain it as well. **Also you must be on the green surface for this to count. League rules state that a putt is from the green surface only.**

## Men's League Rules

- USGA rules as modified by local rules shown on the scorecard and noted in this section will govern all play at the *Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club*.
- Summer rules will apply unless notified by the league committee. The ball may not be moved and must be played as it lies. If you're in a divot, play it from the divot.
- Adult members (aged 18 to 54) will use the blue tees for all games played, unless notified by the league committee for special occasions. **Players aged 55 & older have to make a choice in whether they want to compete in the Adult division or Senior Division?** If a senior chooses the Adult Division they will play the blue tees on both the front and back nine throughout the year. If the senior chooses the Senior Division they will play the white tees on both the front or back nine all year. This applies to both the 9 hole and 18 hole divisions. We understand that it does mean that we will have a mix of tees in the 18 hole division. This is ok as points are given out based on your net score and not low gross
- SUPER SENIORS: Aged 75 and older may play the red tees. Please note that if they choose the red tees, they will play them all year round.
- The league will play and follow the schedule noted on the web page and sent to you via email
- Alternating 9's: The league will alternate between front and back nines on a week to week basis starting with the front nine. 18 hole division players will always start on the 9 that the entire league is playing on.
- Handicaps: Players will a handicaps throughout the year. Your handicap will be used for your matches in the match play. Handicaps will also be used for all other point's races and rankings.
- **NEW** Statistics: The Men's League is now using Golf Genius for all statistics. Players will be given an Golf Genius ID and password to view rankings, leaderboards and statistics.
- Pace of Play & Tee times: Each group is responsible for playing 9 holes in 2:15 minutes or less. Please keep pace with the group ahead of you. Players are to be on the first tee by their tee time. If a group is late to their tee time, they will miss their day of play.
- To qualify for the year end event, players must attend 10 of the 20 scheduled events. If an event is rained out, the number of days to qualify will be reduced by the number of rained out days. Whenever we have a rainout, we will run a rain date on the following Friday with the same events and activities planned.

- Each player is responsible for his own score. Opponents should point out any miscounts. Any disputes will be decided and resolved by the league committee.
- One group member will keep the official score for the group. **Enter the FIRST INTIAL and Full Last Name of all players** on the scorecard. Please write the date on the card. The scorecard must be signed and attested before being handed in. **MAXIMUM 9 PER HOLE.**
- The league will no longer be tracking putts. We still encourage you to track your own putts as it is important for you to know.
- At the end of each round, the scorer is responsible for writing in each participant's score and putts on the score sheet located next to the score card box before handing in the score card.
- Members on the committee are the only individuals allowed to change a HDCP
- Weekly prizes will be awarded the following week

## 9 Hole Championship Race for Men's & Seniors

This race qualifies you for the Men's Adult and Senior Championship, a shootout between 16 players near the end of the year to crown our **Men's Champion's**. This race does not involve handicaps and is based on straight low gross scoring.

During the weeks when points are available (see your schedule), players can earn points for excellent play and participation. Points are given out in the following manner.

Low Score, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lowest, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lowest, 4 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	10 Points
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	9 Points
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	8 Points
13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Lowest	7 Points
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> lowest	6 Points
All other scores entered	4 Points

Maximum points available for one player to achieve over the year: 190

Three weeks of play are worth double points

Points are no longer available after August 27th, 2026. At this time the top 16 points leaders will be invited to participate in the **9 Hole Men's & Seniors Championship** that will take place on the back nine on **Tuesday Sept 1, 2026 at 4:30 PM.**

Whoever scores the lowest on this night will be crowned our Men's Champion and Senior Men's Champion. In the event of a tie, those tied will have a two hole shootout (hole 1 and hole 10, total score) to break the tie. If it is still tied they will play hole 18. If it is still tied we will arrange an 18 hole shootout for those tied to break the tie.

## 9 Hole Net Championship Race

This race qualifies you for the Men's Net & Senior's Net Championship, a shootout between 16 players near the end of the year to crown our **Net Champion's**. This race uses handicaps and is based on net scores.

During the weeks when points are available (see your schedule), players can earn points for low net scores and participation. Points are given out in the following manner.

Low Net, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	10 Points
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	9 Points
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	8 Points
13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	7 Points
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> lowest Net	6 Points
All other scores entered	4 Points

Maximum points available for one player to achieve over the year: 160

Three of the weeks will be worth double points.

Points are no longer available after August 27th, 2026. At this time the top 16 points leaders will be invited to participate in the **9 Hole Men's & Senior Men's Net Championship** that will take place on the back nine on **Thursday Sept 3, 2026 at 4:30 PM.**

Whoever scores the lowest net score on this night will be crowned our Men's Net Champion and Senior Men's Champion . In the event of a tie, retrogression with handicaps applied will be used to determine the winner.

## 18 Hole Net Championship Race

This race qualifies you for the Men's Net Championship, a shootout between 10 players near the end of the year to crown our **18 Hole Men's Net Champion**. This race uses handicaps and is based on net scores.

During the weeks when points are available (see your schedule), players can earn points for low net scores and participation. Points are given out in the following manner.

Low Net, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	10 Points
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	9 Points
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	8 Points
13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> Lowest Net	7 Points
17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> lowest Net	6 Points
All other scores entered	4 Points

Maximum points available for one player to achieve over the year: 160

Three of the weeks will be worth double points.

Points are no longer available after August 13th. At this time the top 20 point getters will be invited to participate in the **18 Hole Men's Net Championship** that will take place on **Friday, August 28, 2026 at 2:00 PM**.

Whoever scores the lowest net score on this night will be crowned our Men's Net Champion. In the event of a tie, retrogression with handicaps applied will be used to determine the winner.

## Match Play Rules 2026

Players will have until May 11<sup>th</sup> to let the club know if you would like to participate in this year's match play.

To qualify you must have submitted two scores (one back/one front) before the third week of play. These scores do not have to take place during league play. One 18 hole round would qualify you if you handed your score in. We will use these scores to determine your ranking in the Match Play.

How does Match Play work? Match play is a play in golf in which the score is reckoned by counting the holes won by each side, as opposed to the number of strokes taken. The person who wins the most holes wins the match. In the event of a tie, low net will be used to break that tie. In the event the low net is tied, retrogression will be used. See examples below.

### Example

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
<i>Hole Handicap</i>	2	8	6	16	18	10	4	12	14	
John (hdcp 5) score	5	3	4	4	4	6	3	4	6	39
<i>Strokes Given</i>	1		1				1			
<i>Adj Score for John</i>	6	3	5	4	4	6	4	4	6	42
Jason (hdcp 8) score	5	5	5	4	3	5	5	5	6	42

- John's handicap is 5, Jason's is 8....John must give Jason 3 strokes over 9 holes
- The 3 strokes are given on the 3 hardest holes on the front nine as indicated by the scorecard. These holes are 1, 3 and 7.
- John wins holes 2, 7 and 8....Jason wins holes 1, 5 and 6...IT'S A TIE!
- To break the tie we use low net. John's low net was 34 (score 39 - hdcp 5), Jason's low net was 34....IT'S A TIE!
- We now use retrogression. We look at the last hole played (hole 9) and see who scored the lowest. They both scored 6 so we then look at hole 8. John scored a 4, Jason a 5. John wins the match.

The round of 32, round of 16 and round of 8 are played in the Fantasy Match Play world. This means that you and your opponent will not play in the same grouping and the club will match your scores accordingly. During these rounds the club will use current handicaps to make each match as fair as possible.

What scores over the 3 week period will we use? Here is where it does get a little tricky and changes have been made to this. As you will see each round runs over a 3 week period. The club will use the first round entered when both of you play on the same day.

Example

	Front Week 1	Back Week 2	Front Week 3
Jason		38	37
John	34	41	31

We would use Back week 2 to complete the match play. Even though John shot the lights out on Week 3 we still have to use week two because it was the first week both played on the same day.

In the event **both you and your opponent do not play on the same day** the following will occur, please see the examples below.

Example 1

	Front Week 1	Back Week 2	Front Week 3
Jason		42	37
John	34		

We will match John's Week 1 game Vs Jason's Week 3 game

Example 2

	Front Week 1	Back Week 2	Front Week 3
Jason (Hdcp 5)	35		37
John (Hdcp 7)		38	

The player with the lowest net score over that stretch will advance. Jason's low net scores were 30 and 32, John's was 31. Jason will advance with the score of 30.

Example 3

	Front Week 1	Back Week 2	Front Week 3
Jason (Hdcp 5)		42	
John (Hdcp 7)	34		

The player with the lowest net score over that stretch will win. Jason's net score is 37 and John's is 27, John would advance.

Semi Finals and Final Matches are played head to head. These matches are to be arranged between you and your opponent at a time convenient to both of you. As a congratulations to making it to the semis and Finals in the match play, participants green fees are covered by the club. In the event of a tie during one of these matches we will follow the same tie breaking procedure as all other matches. Low net will be used first and retrogression second if needed.