



SHELTER VALLEY PINES GOLF CLUB

2019 MEN'S LEAGUE

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Titles to Be Won

League Champion: This is the highest honor 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 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.

Most Honest Golfer: This honor is bestowed to the individual who consistently demonstrates endurance and strength? on a week to week basis.

Putting Champion: This honor is awarded to the individual with the lowest putting average in the league. Must have at least ten games where putts are entered to win this award.

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

Mid Summer Championship Team: This is the team that demonstrates extreme skill and wins the 4 Man Best Score (With Handicaps) at the Mid Summer Tournament.

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

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.**

Other Games & Activities

In the event the league is having a special night, please check the website calendar for full information on that event.

Men's League Rules 2019

- 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.
- League members will use the blue tees for all games played, unless notified by the league committee for special occasions. **Players aged 60 & older have the option to play the white tees on the back nine.**
- 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.
- Handicaps: Players will earn three handicaps through the year; a front nine, back nine and average handicap. Front and back nine handicaps will be used for your matches in the match play. Average handicaps will be used for all other point's races and rankings.
- 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 your tee time is at 4:47 and you arrive to the club at 4:47, you are late for your time and your group has teed off without you.
- To qualify for prizes, 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.**
- Please print the score clearly and keep track of putts. A sample scorecard is shown below. Note the large number indicates the number of strokes and the small number indicates the number of putts. **Balls must be on the green to count as a putt.**

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
J. Doe	5 ₂	6 ₃	3 ₁	3 ₂	5 ₂	4 ₁	3 ₂	6 ₃	2 ₁	37 ₁₇

OR

Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
J. Doe	5	6	3	3	5	4	3	6	2	37
<i>Putts</i>	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	3	1	17

- At the end of each round, the scorer is responsible for writing in each participants 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 All stats will be posted on the web by 6:00 PM on Monday evening. www.shelteryvalleypines.com

NEW RULE CHANGES FROM THE USGA



The 20 Most Important Changes to the Rules of Golf 2019

1. Search Time - Reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.
2. Ball Moved During Search - Replace no penalty.
3. Embedded Ball - Free relief anywhere through the course.
4. Measuring a Drop - Use longest club (except putter).
5. Dropping - Drop from knee height rather than shoulder.
6. Taking stance on wrong green is not permitted.
7. Ball Unintentionally Hits Player or Equipment - No penalty.
8. Double Hit - No penalty, now only counts as the 1 stroke.
9. Touching sand in bunker incidentally is permitted.
10. Loose impediments can be removed anywhere including hazards.
11. Dropping a Ball Out of Bunker - 2 penalty strokes.
12. Water Hazards - Now called "penalty areas."
13. Touching Ground in Penalty Area - No penalty.
14. Ball Moves on Green After Being Marked - Replace without penalty.
15. Ball Accidentally Moved on Putting Green - Replace no penalty.
16. All damage to green can now be repaired.
17. Positioning a club for alignment is not permitted.
18. Caddie assisting with alignment is now not permitted.
19. Putting with flag stick in hole is now permitted.
20. Ball wedged against flag stick and side of hole is now deemed as holed.

Note: If you decide to putt with the flagstick in please keep in mind...

- Golfers have always assumed that when the flag is present the green is clear. If the group behind you cannot see you (hole 11) and they see the flag in, they may assume you have cleared the green and may hit their approach shots.
- Please do not use the flagstick to pull the ball out of the hole. This damages the cup by lifting the edge up and creating a ridge that may deter someone else's ball from dropping in the hole

Championship Race

This race qualifies you for the Men's Championship, a shootout between 20 players near the end of the year to crown our 2019 MENS CHAMPION. This race does not involve handicaps and is straight lowgross 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 nd Lowest, 3 rd Lowest, 4 th Lowest	10 Points
5 th , 6 th , 7 th and 8 th Lowest	9 Points
9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 12 th Lowest	8 Points
13 th , 14 th , 15 th and 16 th Lowest	7 Points
17 th , 18 th , 19 th and 20 th lowest	6 Points
All other scores entered	4 Points

Maximum points available for one player to achieve over the year: 170

Two weeks of play are worth double points

Points are no longer available after August 25th, 2019. At this time the top 20 point getters will be invited to participate in the **Men's Championship** that will take place on **Friday Aug 30, 2019 at 5:30 PM.**

Whoever scores the lowest on this night will be crowned our 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.

Net Championship Race

This race qualifies you for the Men's NET Championship, a shootout between 20 players near the end of the year to crown our 2019 MENS 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 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Lowest Net	10 Points
5 th , 6 th , 7 th and 8 th Lowest Net	9 Points
9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 12 th Lowest Net	8 Points
13 th , 14 th , 15 th and 16 th Lowest Net	7 Points
17 th , 18 th , 19 th and 20 th lowest Net	6 Points
All other scores entered	4 Points

Maximum points available for one player to achieve over the year: 120 (10 Weeks Total)
Two of the weeks will be worth double points.

Points are no longer available after August 25th, 2019. At this time the top 20 point getters will be invited to participate in the **Men's Net Championship** that will take place on **Monday September 2, 2019 at 5:30 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.

Most Honest Golfers Race

This race qualifies you for the Most Honest Golfers Draw. A draw that places the top 10 points getters in the Most Honest Golfers Race a chance to claim the Most Honest Golfer Title.

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

High Score, 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Highest	10 Points
5 th , 6 th , 7 th and 8 th Highest	9 Points
9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 12 th Highest	8 Points
13 th , 14 th , 15 th and 16 th Highest	7 Points
17 th , 18 th , 19 th and 20 th Highest	6 Points
All other scores entered	2 Points

Maximum points available for one player to achieve over the year: 170

Two weeks of play are worth double points

Points are no longer available after August 25th, 2019. At this time the top 10 point getters will be placed on a ballot and the draw will be made at the Year End Tournament. Players must be present at the Year End Tournament to win this illustrious title.

Match Play Rules 2019

Players will have until May 6th 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.