

## 2019 Sycamore Springs Men's Tournament Club

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The 2019 Men's Tournament Club at Sycamore Springs will begin the season on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup>. A completed T-Club entry form must be submitted with the **\$85** entry fee to the SSGC clubhouse, which includes an **additional \$15 to maintain your handicap**. Please join by Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> if you want to play in the first event.

### MEMBERSHIP BY-LAWS:

1. A regular member shall be a male who is at least 18 years of age and holds a current annual greens fee membership at Sycamore Springs Golf Course.
2. An associate member shall be a male who is at least 18 years of age and pays daily greens fees at Sycamore Springs Golf Course.
3. An affiliated member shall be a male who holds a current annual greens fee at Sycamore Springs Golf Course and shall be eligible to participate in the Club Championship, Classic and Mini-Classics.
4. Tournament Club Tee options:
  - a. Members under the age of 60 years old will play from the **WHITE TEES**;
  - b. Members with a Handicap Index 5.0 or less, may play from the **BLUE TEES** with an adjusted handicap;
  - c. Members the age of **60 years or older** may choose to play from the **GOLD TEES** with an adjusted handicap;
  - d. Members eligible to play from the GOLD TEES must declare at the beginning of the season. Once declared, their tee choice cannot be changed. All T-Club rounds must be played from the gold tees, unless the tournament specifies a change. Non T-Club rounds may be played from other tees and you must record as such;
  - e. Members are eligible if they reach the appropriate age during the calendar year.

### HANDICAPS:

Your handicap for all Tournament Club events will be 100% of your USGA handicap.

In order to maintain a true USGA handicap, all non-practice rounds of at least 9 holes should be recorded. **Include:** Any league rounds even if you have the option to roll the ball, rounds in which you are playing with at least one other golfer, and always supply the rating/slope from other courses played. **Scores from other courses will be allowed for handicap purposes if rounds are played in a "competitive spirit" and the score can be verified by another T-Club member.** Handicaps are very important to make competition fair for all, so please record all appropriate scores.

**Exclude:** Any practice rounds where you are hitting additional practice shots before finishing a hole or any round where you are not making a good faith effort to play up to your abilities.

A new member will be required to post five (5) 18-hole scores to establish a handicap. A "reasonable" handicap will be assigned for new members for early team events.

### TOURNAMENT CLUB RULES:

All Sycamore scores or scores from other courses should be entered normally into the handicap system. Any tournaments that will be entered as **Tournament** scores will be announced before the round begins (Mini-Classics, Club Championship, Classic).

USGA rules will apply with the exception of any announced changes made by the Tournament Club Committee. In an individual tournament, an accompanying Tournament Club player must attest to your score. In a partnership team event, members must play together.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the clubhouse for all events. To ensure that a player plays with different people (as much as possible), only "late" requests will be honored if it is due to job related restrictions. All others will be drawn randomly.

**For Thursday** events, all participants must sign up by 6:00 PM on the prior Tuesday. If you miss the signup sheet in the clubhouse, please email or text the secretary if the pairings have not been already sent out. If the pairings sheet has been sent out, please call the Clubhouse to get the most up to date status of any openings or be added as an "alternate." Tee times will be assigned with the first tee time no earlier than **3:30 PM**. Starting time will vary passed on participation numbers. \*\*\*Specific late tee times should only be requested, when necessary.

**Weekend** event sign-ups must be completed by **6:00 PM** on the prior Thursday. All weekend events are shot-gun starts, unless otherwise specified on the event sign-up sheet. Starting times will be either at **7:30 AM** or **8:00 AM**. Please try to arrive at least one-half hour early. Each player will be assigned a starting hole and must begin from that hole unless changed by a T-club officer. Officers are Joe Mayberry, Sr., Bill Schedel, Dick Regnier and Ron Struble.

In case of inclement weather, course management will determine if the course is playable and Tournament Club officers will decide on the fate of that day's event. \*\*\* If the course declares cart paths only, we will automatically play lift, clean, and

place. From the Rules of Golf: "A ball lying on a closely-mown area **through the green** may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the **hole** than where it originally lay, that is not in a **hazard** and not on a **putting green**. Closely-mown area means any area of the **course**, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less."

**HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB:**

The Hole-in-one club will be administered by the tournament club. Membership is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Contact someone at the clubhouse if you want to become a member (**\$5 entry fee**). If there is no holes-in-one during the current year, money and membership carries over to the next season.

In order to receive a payout you must meet all of the following rules:

- Have two witnesses
- Be playing with at least one T-club member, current member of Sycamore Springs or a shareholder of Sycamore Springs
- Be playing at Sycamore Springs
- Hole-in-ones can be eligible from any T-Club tee.

Hole-in-one payouts will be divided evenly among winners at the end of the season (the season starts when the course opens for play and Par 3 tee markers are on the tee boxes and ends after the last round of T-Club has completed, September 28th).

**CLASSIC**

**\*NOTE: All Classic information below is subject to change, so please consider this section tentative until the Classic Committee announces official rules/dates\***

To qualify for the Classic Tournament, members must have at least ten (10) 18-hole rounds posted by Saturday, August 17, 2018. Additional information for the classic will be forthcoming. A committee will be formed to discuss the format as well as any new ideas. All entry fee money for the Classic needs to be paid by noon, Saturday, August 17, 2018. The team drawing will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 17, 2018.

**Eligibility for the Classic:** Must have an established USGA handicap through Sycamore Springs **and** be a tournament Club member, an annual greens fee holder, or a Sycamore Springs stock holder.

**2019 SYCAMORE SPRINGS TOURNAMENT CLUB ENTRY FORM**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT IS THE EARLIEST THURSDAY TEE-TIME YOU CAN MAKE? \_\_\_\_\_ PM**

**MEMBER OF SYCAMORE SPRINGS GOLF COURSE? YES / NO**

**CHECK IF YOU WILL PLAY FROM THE GOLD TEES FOR THE 2018 SEASON: \_\_\_\_\_**

**CHECK IF YOU WILL PLAY FROM THE BLUE TEES FOR THE 2018 SEASON: \_\_\_\_\_**

**IF A NEW MEMBER, BEST ESTIMATE OF AVERAGE 18 HOLE SCORE? \_\_\_\_\_**

**IF A NEW MEMBER, WHO WAS YOUR REFERRING MEMBER? \_\_\_\_\_**