

2023 Sycamore Springs Tournament Club

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The 2023 Tournament Club at Sycamore Springs will begin the season on Thursday April 20th. . A completed T-Club entry form must be submitted with the **\$85** entry fee to the SSGC clubhouse, which includes an **additional \$35 to maintain your handicap**. Please join by Tuesday, April 18th if you want to play in the first event.

MEMBERSHIP BY-LAWS:

1. A member shall be anyone who is at least 18 years of age and holds a current annual greens fee membership or pays daily greens fees at Sycamore Springs Golf Course.
2. Tournament Club Tee options:
 - a. Members under the age of 60 years old will play from the white tees; Ladies will play from the red tees
 - b. Members the age of **60 years or older** may choose to play from the gold tees;
 - c. Members eligible to play from the gold tees must declare by the first T-Club event in May. Once declared, their tee choice cannot be changed.
 - d. It is expected they will play all T-Club rounds from the selected tees, but if they play non-T-Club rounds from whites or blues, they must be recorded as such;
 - e. Members are eligible to play from the gold tees if they reach the appropriate age during the calendar year;
 - f. Under the new handicap system, all players will use the appropriate handicap for the tees played.

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 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 automatically have a handicap generated by GHIN after 3 (18 hole) rounds posted. 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 **Competitive** 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.

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 via Golf Genius emails. Also, 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**. There will be at least one tee time after 5 PM for those working. Starting times will vary passed on participation numbers. ***Specific late tee times should only be requested for employment reasons, when necessary.

Weekend event sign-ups will have end day of Tuesday via Golf Genius. We will be moving the sign up end date to earlier in the week to allow the course to fill in empty time slots directly after T club. 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 Nate Etler, Paul Harry, Paul Chester and Seth Newlove.

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. 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**.

For open slots on a team that requires a drawn player, pay-outs will only go to those actual team members.

HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB:

The Hole-In-One Club will be administered by the tournament club. Membership in the Hole-In-One Club 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 pay-out, 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 pay-outs 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 on October 31).

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 12, 2023. 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, Thursday, August 17, 2023. The team drawing will be held after T club on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

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.

2023 SYCAMORE SPRINGS TOURNAMENT CLUB ENTRY FORM

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WHAT IS THE EARLIEST THURSDAY TEE-TIME YOU CAN MAKE? _____ PM

CHECK IF YOU WILL PLAY FROM THE GOLD TEES FOR THE 2022 SEASON: _____

IF A NEW MEMBER, BEST ESTIMATE OF AVERAGE 18 HOLE SCORE? _____

IF A NEW MEMBER, WHO WAS YOUR REFERRING MEMBER? _____