

12 February 2021 Carson Valley Men's Club

I begin this announcement in memory of Roger and Brick. Our good friends were taken from us since the previous golf season. They will be greatly missed but not forgotten.

Welcome to the 2021 golf season. With the addition of Chris Willing as your Tournament Director, the remainder of the Board of Directors will carry over from the 2020 season with the goals of safety, fun and competition. The membership fee for 2021 remains at \$50.00; affiliated member fee is \$25.00.

Continued thanks to Manya, Tom, and the Carson Valley Golf Club staff for support of the Men's Club and for maintaining the course in excellent condition. FYI, the clubhouse now has an account with Callaway Golf, so if you are interested in new clubs, balls or gear, all can be ordered from Callaway. Be sure to use the credits in your account before 1 MARCH 2021.

The USGA Rules of Golf are the standard for Men's Club tournaments, so play the course as you find it and play the ball as it lies. Last season, the Board made local exceptions per Rule 16, Abnormal Course Conditions, and these exceptions have been reviewed with significant revisions. I have enclosed a Local Course Rules page for tournaments. I recommend you print and keep a copy in your golf bag.

The season begins March 14 and, the schedule is attached. There will be four added \$\$\$ events, one of which, is the Men's Club Memorial to recognize our departed golfing buddies and support Youth Golf, per the desire of Roger Hala. Four other events will allow you to invite guests. Chris has added four scratch play tournaments, and amplifying information is included in the enclosed Course Rules. Golf Genius is the tournament management tool, and your scores will be posted to GHIN for each round.

Tournament signups will be available every Monday on Golf Genius, and **TO PLAY ON SUNDAY YOU MUST SIGN UP BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY!** For team events you can sign up as a group, but for stroke play all groups will be random or based on leaderboard position for multi round events. Tee times will be assigned via Golf Genius, and flight assignments will be based on course handicaps.

The Men's Club Application Form (included) enables selection of a preferred tee box. Choose a tee that best suits your skill level, blue, white or red. You should first review your course handicap on GHIN so that you know how many strokes are available on each tee. You will be assigned to a tee for every tournament based on your selection, but you can change your preferred tee by notifying Chris.

The Northern Nevada Golf Association Tournament Schedule is available on the NNGA website. Andrew Workman is the new Director. CVGC will again host the NNGA Seniors Tournament on 15 April...sign ups close on 10 April at 10pm. There will be a NNGA Tournament of Champions at the end of the Season, and we will send our Club Champion to that event. NNGA suggests that all players use the updated USGA GHIN App for phone or device. The updated App requires sign in and password protection.

The Men's Club Board is here to answer your questions and is always open to suggestions on how to make the club better for all members.

El Presidente (el pato incapacitado)

CARSON VALLEY MEN'S CLUB COURSE RULES

The Board of Directors acting as the Tournament Committee has enacted Local Course Rules for the 2021 golf season Men's Club Tournaments. The Local Course Rules remain in effect until rescinded or changed by the Tournament Committee.

1. COVID 19 Rules. Social Distancing at all times. One Player per cart unless you reside together. Masks required in the Clubhouse and surrounding area. One foursome at a time on the first tee box; wait across the street until the group ahead has fully cleared the first tee. No pulling flagsticks; putter heads can be used to center up flagsticks. No raking bunkers. No touching other player's golf equipment.

2. All bare ground/dirt in the General Area (fairway & rough) of the golf course is now designated Waste Area; play the ball as it lies. Previously, bare/dirt was ruled as ground under repair allowing free relief to the nearest grass, but **this revision rescinds free relief on bare ground**. Examples of Waste Areas on the course include: Hole#2 between the fairway and boundary fence on the right side; Hole#12 between the fairway and boundary fence on the left side; Hole#16 between the fairway and the Penalty Area on the right side. There are additional areas of bare ground on fairways and in rough which are small and not well defined. You are allowed to remove loose impediments and movable obstructions in Waste Areas so long as the ball does not move. You can always take a penalty drop if your ball is unplayable.

3. The USGA approved local rule for Out of Bounds and Lost Ball remains in effect. If you suspect your ball is lost in the General Area or is out of bounds you may choose to play stroke and distance, but under the local rule you have the option of advancing the ball to the expected point of loss or where the ball crossed out of bounds. From that point you are allowed to move the ball to the nearest point on the fairway but no closer to the hole. The general penalty of two strokes is added to your score on that hole. This rule does not apply to a ball lost in a Penalty Area (see Rule #17 for Penalty Area procedures).

4. Relief Without Penalty. **PRIOR TO TAKING RELIEF CONSULT WITH AT LEAST ONE PLAYING PARTNER!**

a. Abnormal Course Conditions. Per USGA Rule #16 relief without penalty is allowed in the General Area and Greens for temporary water and ground under repair. Imbedded ball or a ball down an animal hole also qualifies for free relief. Consult Rule #16 for the correct method for taking relief. On Greens, relief is allowed if the abnormal condition exists between the ball and the hole. The ball must be located in or be impacted by the abnormal condition in the General Area. Ground under repair is not required to be marked and most of it is not marked on the course, so make an accurate assessment and consult your playing partners before taking relief.

b. Free relief in Sand Bunkers for Abnormal Conditions (matting, footprints, unraked blemishes, temporary water, etc.) is allowed due to COVID 19 restrictions. However, a ball lying on sand in its own pitch mark in the bunker does not qualify for free relief. In this case, per Rule #16 you have the option to drop outside the bunker with a penalty stroke.

c. Free relief is allowed for man-made obstructions including sprinkler heads, control boxes, and range markers. Also, the large logs placed on the ground adjacent to some of the greens (ie., holes #3,#9,#15) qualify, but BOUNDARY FENCES DO NOT QUALIFY for free relief on any hole on the course.

d. Relief from Cart Paths. The course does not have clearly defined Cart Paths, and in some cases the paths transit through Waste Areas or are close to Boundary Fences. Before taking relief, confirm with

your playing partners that your ball actually lies on the path and on which side of the path you can take relief. Be aware that your only available point of relief may be in a Waste Area or against a Boundary Fence. In this case you may opt to play the ball as it lies on the Cart Path.

e. Staked Trees. There are a few recently planted trees with stakes remaining on the course. By local rule you are allowed free relief if the stake interferes with the lie of the ball, your stance or intended swing path. Relief is not allowed if the tree limbs, trunk or root interferes with the ball, stance or swing.

f. Power lines. A local rule is in effect if your ball hits a power line. Without penalty you shall replay the previous shot from the same position on the course.

IF A DISPUTE ARISES BETWEEN PLAYERS OVER A DECISION TO TAKE FREE RELIEF, the player should play two balls on that hole and annotate the nature of the dispute on the back of the scorecard. The Men's Club Board will assess the dispute and make a determination as to how the hole will be scored.

5. SCRATCH STROKE PLAY (FLIGHTED BY COURSE HANDICAP WITHIN 10). The four Scratch Stroke Play Tournaments on the schedule this season should prove to be competitive and fun diversions from our standard net stroke play events. Based on your GHIN course handicap you will be placed into a flight with a set minimum and maximum course handicap within 10 strokes. From that set flight each player within that flight will now compete against one another in a scratch type stroke play. To equalize the number of players in each flight, handicap ranges may be adjusted based on the number of players signed up for the tournament. Here is an optimal example of how the flight handicap ranges line up.

Flight A handicap range will be 0-10

Flight B handicap range will be 11-20

Flight C handicap range will be 21-30

Flight D handicap range will be 31-40

Flight E handicap range will be 41-50+

When playing in the tournament at your designated flight you will not be using a handicap allowance but will be playing stroke for stroke against only the people in your flight. **Let's go for it!!**