

6 March 2022 Carson Valley Men's Club

I want to first begin by paying respect to a long time men's club member and friend, Gerry Bing. He was taken from us shortly after our season ended last year. Gerry will be in our thoughts each time we come down the 14th hole and he will definitely be watching down and laughing at us every time we make double bogey.

Welcome to the 2022 golf season. There are a number of new faces on the Board of Directors for the 2022 season. We are looking forward to joining forces with the remaining members of the 2021 board with the goals of safety, fun and competition. The membership fee for 2022 is \$55.00 (the \$5.00 increase from previous years is based on a rise in NNGA dues) and affiliated member fee remains at \$25.00.

We want to give thanks to Manya, Tom, and the rest of the Carson Valley Golf Club staff for their support of the Men's Club and for keeping the course in excellent condition. FYI, the clubhouse now has an account with Srixon Golf in addition to Taylormade.

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 13th and, the schedule is attached. There will be added \$\$\$ events, one of which, is the Men's Club Memorial to recognize our departed golfing buddies and support Youth Golf. We will have multiple events this season that will allow you to invite nonmembers to play. Hopefully this will allow nonmembers a chance to see how much fun we are having and will want to join also. Golf Genius is the tournament management tool and your scores will be posted to GHIN for each postable round.

We will be implementing a change to the way we run and pay out tournament winners this season. This season we will be paying out Gross winners as well as Net winners. There will be two flights, the blue flight (played from the blue tees) and the white flight (played from the white tees). There will be a slight exception for a few players that will be able to play in the white flight but play from the red tees. The flight that you are in will be based on your course handicap from the blue tees.

Blue flight will be a 15 course handicap or less.

White flight will be a 16 course handicap or above.

If you are at least a 30 handicap **and** are at least 80 years of age, you will be allowed to play from the red tees and participate in the white flight.

There will be an equal number of gross and net payouts in each flight. A player may only be allowed to win one payout, with the gross payout taking precedence. Example, if you place 3rd gross and 2nd net in your flight, you will be awarded winnings for the gross position and another player will move up into the net payout that may not otherwise have.

Another change implemented to the scoring will be an equitable stroke score of **15** for any hole that is not finished or scored with an (X). Hopefully this will not be necessary but it will keep a player from

being disqualified completely from the tournament and allow them to possibly win something in the skins or closest to the hole portions of the event.

Tournament signups will be available every Monday on Golf Genius, and **TO PLAY ON SUNDAY YOU MUST SIGN UP BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY!** Most of our events this year will be (pick your group events). We will be having at least one event per month that will be a random draw for the group. Events that are multiple rounds will be random pairings for the second round based on your position in the tournament.

The Northern Nevada Golf Association Tournament Schedule is available on the NNGA website. Andrew Workman is the new Director. There will be a NNGA Tournament of Champions at the end of the Season, and we will send our Gross Club Champion and Net Club Champion to participate in 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.

Thank you,

Nick Sutter

2022 Men's Club President

CARSON VALLEY MEN'S CLUB COURSE RULES

The Board of Directors acting as the Tournament Committee has enacted Local Course Rules for the 2022 golf season Men's Club Tournaments. The Local Course Rules remain in effect until rescinded or changed by the Tournament Committee.

1. 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.
2. 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).

3. 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.) 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. BOUNDARY FENCES DO NOT QUALIFY for free relief on any hole on the course. Previously, the large logs placed on the ground adjacent to some of the greens (ie., holes #3,#9,#14, #15) qualified for free relief, but this revision rescinds that rule. If a ball comes to rest close to one of these logs, the ball must be played as it lies or the player can opt for a penalty drop for unplayable lie. On hole #3, the area between the logs and the street is out of bounds. On hole#14, the area between the logs and the levy is Penalty Area for Men's Club Tournaments.

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.

4. **Pace of Play/Slow Play.** Each playing group is expected to complete an eighteen-hole round in less than four hours and 30 minutes for a total of 270 minutes. The play of each hole should not exceed 15 minutes. Since we do have Marshals to monitor pace of play, it is up to the individual group to police themselves. If a group is persistently slow, the group behind can place the slow group on the clock. The slow group should then allow the group behind to play through. If not and if pace of play does not subsequently improve to meet the 15 minute per hole standard, the group behind can make a note on the scorecard, and the Tournament Committee may assess penalty strokes to the slow group.

