



LAKE PADDEN MEN'S CLUB NEWSLETTER, SPRING 2018

Welcome to the 2018 Lake Padden Men's Club!

Welcome to another year of tournament and league play at Lake Padden Golf Course. The course management was an unknown toward the end of last year but has been stabilized with the appointment of Premier Golf Centers. They have expressed the importance of our Men's Club to the success of the golf course and want to assist our club any way they can. We will continue to be the only club run entirely by its membership. Our goal is to provide fun, fair, and competitive golf for all members and associates. So check out the listed fun tournaments, get your league teams ready and enjoy golf at Lake Padden in 2018!

Bryan Jones, President

2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & SIGN-UP NOW!

RENEW YOUR DUES BY MARCH 25th! If you want uninterrupted use of GHIN, you need to pay your dues by March 25th. After that, we will activate you as your paid memberships come in—which could take up to two weeks before you see your name on GHIN. Membership cards are available at the Pro-Shop near the GHIN computer. You can also sign up 'online' (\$5 additional charge) by going to the WSGA website. 2018 dues are \$65 for full membership and \$35 for associates. You need to be a paid member before you can play in our events. Also, be sure and send your correct email address to Steve Swank at duffer33@comcast.net if you want to be on the emailing list.

TOURNAMENTS: This year, there are 14 tournaments that offer up varied formats that appeal to all of our members. We have a mix of fun team and individual events. Score cards for each tourney are created the Friday morning prior to each event so it's very important that your entry be in and paid for by the Thursday, 5pm deadline. We have a tournament handicap system which takes in to accord tourney scores and GHIN. Read Mike Hatfield's info below for more clarification.

This year, you will be able to invite a friend to play in one of our non-major events. No membership fee, just pay the \$15 entry fee, optional skins and green fee. We want to expose as many non-members to our events and grow the Club.

Finally, we will again have the sponsorship of Aerotech golf shafts. Chris Hilleary is donating Aerotech golf shafts and products with more details to come. See you on the course!

Steve Swank & Paul Berube, Tourney Chairs

TWILIGHT LEAGUE INFO: Twilight League now forming for 2018 season. **There will be a meeting at the Coyote Grill on March 6 at 6:00pm.** All team captains need to attend with list of team members and GHIN numbers. \$100 entry fee per team with checks payable to LPMC. Looks like we're getting more teams this year and will have a Wednesday and Thursday night leagues. Important issues to discuss so please make sure you have a representative at the meeting. Any questions, please contact: Craig Johnson, (360-305-2235 Email: cj.johnson@comcast.net) or Tom Bennett (360-739-9844 Email: tomb@bennettengr.com)

Craig Johnson & Tom Bennett, Twi-light Chairs

HANDICAPS: There will be no changes to the tournament handicap adjustment system for 2018. All Men's Club tournament players will receive a "boxed score" for every net 68 score shot in individual score tournaments. The second boxed score in a rolling twelve month period under the formula will result in an adjusted tournament handicap per the current handicap rules.

In order to ensure fairness and equity in the handicap system, the USGA Handicap formula relies on two basic premises: (1) individuals try their best on every shot taken, (2) golfers post every round they play.

It is widely known there are a few players who consistently shoot their handicap (or lower) in Men's Club events. Since the odds of shooting your handicap are only one out of four, and handicaps are based on a player's **potential** ability, the handicap committee will be reviewing tournament players' scores and adjusting handicaps, if warranted, to match those players handicaps to their potential.

All boxed scores and/or adjustments are posted next to the computer. Remember to post all of your scores, good or bad, immediately following your round. Your Men's Club tournament scores will be posted for you by the handicap committee.

The Score posting season for 2018 in our area starts **March 1st**. Have fun and play well.

Mike Hatfield, Handicap Chair

PRO-SHOP NEWS: The 2018 season brings the addition of Premier Golf as the management group at Lake Padden and I am excited about the changes on the horizon. One item Premier brings to the table is the Premier Rewards Card that offers up to a 20% discount on greens fee's, power cart rentals and range balls at any of their 12 courses. The program is FREE of charge, inquire in the pro shop for more details and get signed up today.

The Men's Club tournament schedule looks to be as competitive as ever and I am bringing in lots of quality merchandise for you to spend your well earned winnings on; including clubs from Titleist, PING, Callaway and Taylor Made. My challenge to each of you as members is to bring one NEW guest to participate in an event. Let's grow participation in events and get Padden back to its glory as the place to play again.

A few additional dates to keep on your radar:

- Drive, Chip and Putt local qualifier will be held on Tuesday, July 24th so save the date. We will be looking for 30 volunteers to assist in carrying out the days activities
- Wednesday and Thursday Twilight League play begins in May, put together a team and get in the game. Match play format!
- We will be offering several "Wedge Clinics" from Titleist and Cleveland in the spring and summer months that aim to vastly improve your ability with the scoring clubs so stay on the lookout for those dates

Phil Gaggero, PGA General Manager

SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWS: Golf Season is only a few weeks away and as your superintendent my goal is to make sure your visit to Lake Padden Golf Course is full of fun and satisfaction, each round of golf.

The maintenance staff has been working on goals set for the 2018 season. You will note a change in the setup of the course starting with red, white and blue tee markers and flags. This will help manage the tee box and the greens to play a more even yardage on a day to day round of golf. Our bunkers will be getting additional sand put into them as well. As the year moves into summer you will see us cleaning up and trimming trees around the course.

The first big step of the year is aeration of the greens. The plan is to do this work on April 18. We will be using kiln dried sand to back fill and this will help to heal the greens, shortening green recovery to 10-14 days. Tee's and approaches around the course will also be aerified throughout the Spring.

I have had the pleasure in my golf career to have worked at the Golf Club at Newcastle, Sandpoint Golf and Country Club, Bellingham Golf and Country Club and Cedarcrest Golf Course. I enjoy volunteering for various community groups such as the NJROTC of Everett and the Youth Council of Washington State. My wife and I recently bought a Mini Cooper and enjoy going on rides with the local car club.

Jim Hamill, Superintendent

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