

Minnesota National Golf Course Men's Night 2019

Hello Men's Night Players,

I hope you are all looking forward to the 2019 golfing season as much as we are! Opening day for the golf course will be Tuesday, April 30 and we are very much looking forward to seeing you all again soon! The Driving Range will be closed for the installation of new netting, we hope to open that by Saturday, May 4.

We are planning a Men's Night meeting Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to; review planned Men's Night changes, give a brief update of the new rules of golf, as well as provide an opportunity to pay Men's Night fee's and sign up for the first Men's Night. We will be offering an Italian Sausage Stuffed Ravioli in Alfredo Sauce Special for \$10. Please RSVP back to this email by Wednesday, May 1 if you plan on attending, plus to let us know whether you would like to have the dinner special or if you'd prefer to order off the menu. The first Men's Night event will be Thursday, May 9. Please note we also have an Aitkin HS event on May 2, a 10:30 shotgun, so please plan accordingly.

The growth of Men's Night the past few years has been stagnant to non-existent, therefore we are going to try some new things this summer to get more people playing on Thursday nights. While much remains the same, we think that some modification will encourage more to play. These modifications will be reevaluated in mid to late June to determine if they are doing what is hoped for.

Rather than a shotgun start we will be implementing tee times. The last Thursday of each month will remain as before with an 18 Hole 4-Man team event shotgun starting at 2:00. As in the past, choose your own team or sign up as a single and we will pair you up.

The second change is to allow 2-Man teams sign ups. You may play with the same partner each week or you can change partners each week. If you do not have a partner, sign up as a single & we will pair you up. Each 2-Man team will pick a time slot they wish to play each week, which also may vary week to week. The time slots offered will be 3:30-4:00, 4:00-4:30, 4:30-5:00 and 5:00-5:30. Pick your time slot and we will do the best we can to get you within your requested slot. Then we will alternate between 2-Man and 4-Man events each week. For each 2-Man team, pairings will be done by the golf shop staff for both the 2-Man and 4-Man events, other than the last Thursday of each month. You DO NOT have to sign up as a two person team, it is just an OPTION.

All players will be required to sign up by 12:00 noon on Wednesdays. Tee times will be emailed back to all players by 4:00 pm on Wednesdays. This means we need everyone's email. Players signing up after 12:00 Wednesday will be subject to availability, but as always still call, as one or more players may need partners.

Also new this season is we will be moving to a league only handicap. Men's Night players will still be required to purchase a Ghin handicap as in the past. The posting of Men's Night scores to Ghin will be up to each Men's Night player's responsibility.

The fees this year per player will be as follows: Ghin fee \$30; the yearly Men's Night fee \$80. The nightly Men's Night fee \$7.00 for 9 Hole events and \$12.00 for 18 Hole events. Players paying the yearly fee will pay an additional \$5.00 for 18 Hole events. The weekly optional cash game is \$5.00. The \$5.00 optional cash game will be broken down by \$1.00 going to 2 closest to pin events, \$1.00 going to a longest putt and \$2.00 going to a net skins game each week. Non-member green fees will remain the same, \$30 for 9 & \$45 for 18 both w/cart.

The Men's Night Hole in One fee will be \$5.00. Players who repaid after Jerry Fuecht's Hole in One last year will not need to repay.

Please have an open mind about these changes. Ask someone new to be your partner, someone that is not a normal Men's Night player or someone who used to be. Plus, please forward this email on to anyone and everyone you think may be a potential new Men's Night player or anyone who may not have received it.

Also attached to this email is a tentative year-long schedule which includes 3 Men's tournaments.

Thank you all and we hope to see you all at this meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 6:00 pm!