

THE PINEWILD MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

MEMBER'S GUIDE

Purpose

The Pinewild Men's Golf Association (PMGA) is dedicated to promoting fellowship, sportsmanship and interest in golf. PMGA offers a variety of weekly golf games, participation in league play, informal social occasions and several annual tournaments. A seven-member Executive Board, serving two-year terms of office, administer the Association.

Membership

PMGA membership is open on an annual basis to all male members of Pinewild Country Club of Pinehurst (PWCC) with a current USGA Handicap Index and amateur status. Members hold an annual meeting in November each year to elect officers to serve on the Executive Board and to conduct other business.

Annual membership dues for the PMGA is \$55. New members joining after the September 1 will be allowed to participate in PMGA events without paying dues. PWCC will bill each prior year's member's account in December for the membership dues for the upcoming year, unless the prior year member opt-outs of the membership via email. New members may join on a non-pro-rated basis at any time during the year and are immediately eligible for all events. New members should follow the instructions on the membership application when submitting their dues.

To play any PMGA event, a player must have a USGA handicap index. A provisional handicap index will be issued after a player posts three scores (scores from other clubs will be accepted when submitted to the Golf Shop by that club).

Communication

The PMGA maintains bulletin boards in the men's locker room, where Play Day schedules, tournament rules, and results are posted. Important notices also are displayed. The names and telephone numbers of current officers are posted. Contact any officer if you have a question about the PMGA or simply reply to any PMGA email (Blast). Notices, as well as other official PMGA documents, are available on the PWCC website at www.pinewildcc.com in the Members Section. Tee time assignments and other notices are displayed on a notice board outside the Golf Shop and on the same PWCC website.

Additionally, the PMGA subscribes to an email system called Constant Contact. This system is used to provide membership a wide variety of information on a frequent basis, including policy changes, Play Day announcements, and Play Day results. These emails are known as Blasts.



Organized Play

On Thursdays, the PMGA offers a variety of games, including “Peer Play” (individual Low Gross/Low Net game) and “ABCD” (team game, members of which are ranked A through D based on their handicap, and play a variety of team formats). The four Par 3 holes feature a “closest to the hole” contest during most PMGA play days.

Regular organized PMGA game days require a \$5 entry fee. One hundred percent of entry fees are returned to the field as prizes in the form of Golf Shop credits.

Tournaments & Events

Opening Breakfast and Lunch in March (See Play Day Schedule for actual date)

The season begins in March with a breakfast and short meeting followed by a shotgun scramble. Lunch and refreshments are served in the Clubhouse after the round. The costs of breakfast and lunch are included in the annual dues.

Armed Force Cup begins in March (See Play Day Schedule for actual dates)

Conducted during four events throughout the summer, Armed Forces Cup teams comprised of military veterans from the six branches of the United States Armed Forces and non-veteran golfer “draftee/volunteers” compete in this round-robin tournament. The winning service team will make a donation to the military-related charity of their choice. Also, a championship cup will be awarded to service branch champion and will be displayed in the clubhouse. Electronic registration begins late February and ends mid-March. Actual dates will be announced. A separate entry fee is required.

Holly Challenge begins in April (date to be announced)

This is a single elimination match play event played on the Holly Course with rounds starting in April and ending in August. Registration and a separate entry fee are required. Players will be placed in flights.

Blazer Tournament begins in May (date to be announced)

The Blazer Tournament is played by two-man teams, match play with handicaps (net better ball), on the Magnolia course. Registration and a separate entry fee are required. The field can be divided into flights by aggregate handicap index. This single elimination tournament begins in April and ends in October. Flight winning teams (if flighted) play single elimination for the Overall Championship. Champion team members receive blazers at the annual dinner in November. Registration begins mid-February and ends late April.

The Medal Series begins in May (date to be announced)

The Medal Series and Championship is individual stroke play over a number of designated events. Registration and a separate entry fee are required. Players are divided into flights. Points are awarded for the relative placing of their Gross and Net scores within their flight each



time they play. These points accumulate during the year. The flight leaders are eligible to play in the Medal Series Team Championship in October and are recognized at the Finale in November. Registration begins mid-February and ends late April. Actual dates will be announced. A separate entry fee is required.

Summer “Bash” I in May and Summer “Bash” II in August (See Play Day Schedule for actual dates)

The Summer Bash events are fun mixers for all members. A shotgun scramble or mini-ringer is played with lunch and refreshments after golf, costs of which are included in the annual dues.

Ryder Cup in September (See Play Day Schedule for actual date)

This event has been a real hit with the members. The members who electronically register are chosen to play for the Europe (Blue) Team or the USA (Red) Team. Each team is divided into three groups, each of whom play various forms of match play (singles – Alternate Shot – Scramble). The team with the most points wins. There is a separate entry fee which is distributed as prizes amongst the players on the winning team and to those who win or tie their matches.

PMGA Medal Series Team Championship in October (dates to be announced)

The Medal Series Team Championship is a competition between the four flights of the season long Medal Series tournament. The top players (number to be determined based on participation) from each flight at the end of the season play will qualify and play as a team. The format is a three-day round robin match play competition. Each flight will play each other over the three days. Each round will consist of nine holes of foursome’s play and nine holes of four-ball play. The total points accumulated over the three days of competition decide the team championship.

PMGA Putting Championship in September (See Play Day Schedule for actual date)

The PMGA Putting Championship is a bracketed nine-hole single elimination tournament that results in one member out of the entire field being crowned the “PMGA Putting Champion.” Nine-hole head-to-head matches are played with one player being eliminated and the other advancing to the next round. When the entire field is down to the final two players, they play a nine-hole match for the Championship.

PMGA Closer in October/November (See Play Day Schedule for actual date)

The formal season ends in October/November with a breakfast followed by a business meeting and voting for new board members for the following year. A shotgun scramble or mini-ringer is played, after which we have lunch, presentations of awards for the year’s tournament winners, and the election results are announced. The breakfast and lunch costs are included in the annual dues.



PMGA Par 3 Challenge – Azalea in December (See Play Day Schedule for actual date)

Our final formal event of the year is the Par 3 Challenge on the Azalea course. It is a shotgun start with the entire field split into six to nine groups of equal size in order of handicap (lowest to highest) with each group playing each of the nine Azalea holes. The low net winners in each of the six to nine groups advance to the finals, a single elimination shoot-out. One of the nine winners will be eliminated each hole until only one remains, the “Champion.”

Assignment of Pairings and Tee Times

The PMGA has a robust tradition of mixing players into new groupings as part of ABCD teams. This is designed to help new members get to know other members and helps meet the USGA requirement for Peer Review. Requests for specific pairings or tee times are not accepted, except that house guests will be paired with their host member, when allowed to play.

Whenever the game of the day features a Team Better Ball game, foursomes are computer-generated to balance the aggregate Handicap Index of the teams in the field. Each foursome will have one A, one B, one C and one D player. The pairings program assigns players to foursomes at random. When the game of the day is Low Gross/Low Net, pairings are usually generated in order of Handicap Index (“Peers”).

Alternates List

On-line registration ends at 12:00 noon Wednesday. After this time, members may request that the Golf Shop place their name on the Alternates List. The Alternates List will be processed at approximately 4 p.m. on the day before play as follows: the first player on the Alternates List will fill the first opening for a player of his handicap quartile (B player to B opening; A player to A opening, etc.) or the most reasonable opening given his handicap; then the second player on the Alternates List will fill an opening for a player of his handicap quartile or the most reasonable opening given his handicap; continuing until all available spots are filled.

Members who have placed their names on the Alternates List must call the Golf Shop after approximately 4:15 p.m. on the day before play to determine whether they have been assigned a tee time and pairing.

Inclement Weather

Scheduled PMGA play will be cancelled prior to the first tee time when the golf course is closed by Management or when, in the judgment of the PMGA Play Day Chairman or his designated substitute, weather conditions will not permit the field to complete play. Call the club Information Hot Line at 295-0358 on the day of play for up-to-date information. Course conditions are also available on line at pinewildcc.com, click member tab, login with login name “member” and password “par72”, and select course/court conditions.

Once play has commenced, play may be canceled or delayed at the discretion of the Play Day Chairman or his designated representative. If play is suspended by the Play Day Chairman or his representative, weather checks along with other factors such as daylight remaining, will dictate the Chairman’s decision after 45 minutes of suspended play to either resume play at a specified



time or cancel play for that day. If a player or players decide on their own to abandon the round, they will not have an individual score for prize consideration; teams may continue with fewer than four players and post a team score for prize consideration. Players have the right to cease play when in their judgment lightning or severe weather poses a threat. The Golf Shop will notify players when it is safe to resume play.

Check-In Procedures

Each player must check in at the Golf Shop at least 15 minutes prior to his tee time. Players should arrive at the Starter location 10 minutes before the scheduled tee time. In the event a player fails to appear for his tee time due to late check-in, he will be deemed a no show. This member will still be charged the day's entry fee.

Preprinted Scorecards

Preprinted scorecards are prepared in advance of play tailored to the Game of the Day. Handicap strokes by hole are marked on the scorecard for each player (the player's USGA Handicap for the course and tees to be played. For clarity, scorekeepers should record only the players' gross scores for each hole.

When appropriate, a Team Better Ball score line is printed on the scorecard below the players' names. This line should be filled in as a total of the team net score as compared to par for each hole, and totaled for the round. Scorekeepers should take care to correctly apply the Game of the Day format when calculating Team Better Ball scores. A team or group will be excluded from participating in prizes if their scorecard is not submitted, is not signed and attested, or has incorrect scores.

Maintaining Pace of Play

Surveys of PMGA members consistently show that slow play is a frustration to most members. PMGA supports the PWCC program to achieve a 4-hour, 6-minute round for every group on the golf course. This of course must start with the first group out each day. The PMGA urges each group to remain comfortably close to the group ahead, not simply ahead of the group behind. Each player should play at a prompt pace and prepare in advance for the next stroke and be ready to play when it is his turn. The stroke should be made in no more than 40 seconds. Walk with purpose from one place to another and between strokes.

Governing Rules

The USGA's *Rules of Golf* govern PMGA play. The PMGA produces the *PMGA Rules of Play*, all of which are in compliance with the USGA *Rules of Golf*, which provide specific rules for PMGA play, and are in effect at all PMGA events. A Notice to Competitors with any specific play day rules will be distributed for each PMGA Tournament event.

The PMGA coordinates with the Club when adopting a local rule permitting "lift, clean, and place" on closely mown areas during winter months or following certain course maintenance. Such temporary rules will be posted in the Golf Shop and the Locker Room. The PMGA expects



members to be aware of proper golf course etiquette and always to observe the highest standard of behavior, respecting their fellow golfers and the golf course.

PMGA Hole-In-One Club

The PMGA facilitates a hole-in-one (HIO) club for its members. All PMGA members are welcome to join by contributing \$20 to the hole-in-one “prize pool.” Pinewild Country Club (PWCC) will bill each prior year’s member’s account in December for the HIO Club fee for the upcoming year, unless the prior year member opt-outs of the HIO Club via email. New members may join anytime, but to be eligible for an award, membership in the club must be documented at least one day prior to scoring a hole in one. The membership is documented when the PMGA Treasurer has received the member’s check. The Hole-in-One Club runs from January 1st to December 31st each year. You will not qualify for a Hole-in-One payout during the year unless you have previously joined the Hole-in-One club for the year.

A cash award of \$100 will be made when the “ACE” is reported. At the end of the year, each person scoring a hole-in-one will also receive an engraved bag tag denoting the event. The residual “pot” will be distributed after the end of the calendar year to the members who have scored a hole in one that year. The amount will vary depending how many members join the club and number of Aces scored.

Hole-in-One Requirements:

A) During a sanctioned PMGA event, a Hole-in-One is valid from any official tee box (Black, Blue, White, Gold, Red, or Green) for that event on the Magnolia, Holly, or Azalea (sanctioned PMGA event only).

B) During other play at Pinewild on the Magnolia or Holly only, the Hole-in-One is valid from the Black, Blue, White, Gold, Red, or Green tees.

NOTE: In both A and B above: You must play a minimum of 9 holes and the ace must be witnessed by two additional golfers.

NOTE: If a PMGA sanctioned event is being played as a two-some (e.g., The Holly Challenge or Ryder Cup), a Hole-in-One is considered valid when witnessed by your playing partner(s).

C) You must place a signed scorecard attested to by all witnesses into the PMGA drop box in the men's locker room. Please also include the club used, yardage, and number of career aces.

PMGA Lottery Rules

The PMGA facilitates a lottery as an additional incentive for members to participate in weekly events. A lottery is not conducted during significant PMGA events.

Each PMGA member is assigned a number at the beginning of the year or when they join mid-term.



When registering for a play day online through Golf Genius, the member will automatically be enrolled in the Lottery. A One Dollar (\$1.00) fee will be billed to the member's club account in addition to the Five Dollar (\$5.00) play day fee for that play day.

After the round is played for the day, an Executive Board member will randomly draw a number from the total membership number pool.

That drawn number will be checked to see if that member played that day.

If the number drawn matches a member who played, that member is the winner of Fifty Percent (50%) of the entire pot.

If the number drawn is a member who did not play, the pot for the day rolls on to the next drawing.

A message will be sent to all PMGA members informing the results of the day. The message will include how much the lottery is/was worth and if we had a winner or not.

The "Rack" Award

"The Rack" Award plaque was established in 2021 to acknowledge and recognize PMGA members who have contributed and participated significantly and continuously in efforts for the betterment of the PMGA. The plaque is displayed in the club house. Ed Rackowski was the initial recipient of this award and so honored by the award's name of the "Rack" Award. Each year, the current PMGA president and 2 members of the Executive Board will call for and review nominations and determine who should be selected for this notable award.

