



March 1, 2010

Dear Overlook Inner Club Golf League players,

I hope everyone had a great winter. I look forward to writing and sending this letter because it is a sign of winter's end and a new beginning to the golf season. This year's league will remain basically the same, using the team point quota system with a few slight changes. The basic structure for the 2010 league season will consist of an opening night event, two seven match halves, double elimination playoffs, and matches for prizes, similar to opening day, for the eliminated and bye teams during the playoffs. The 1st week of league is our opening day event. Your team will be competing for prizes in a team quota format against your entire division. The team(s) with the highest point total over their team quota points will win proshop credit prizes. If that opening night is cancelled, we will start the regular season the following week and that prize money will be added into the prize pool at the end of the season.

The regular season will begin the second week, April 26th. The regular season will consist of two seven week halves where teams compete for weekly match points amongst teams in their division. The two teams with the highest cumulative points will win 1st and 2nd place shop credit prizes for each half.

New this season, is a **double elimination playoff** instead of the usual one loss and you're eliminated. Seeds for the brackets will be based from combined cumulative points during each half for each division. This playoff system may take 6 weeks to complete because there are winner and loser brackets. Teams coming from the loser's bracket will require additional weeks to get to the finals and teams coming from the winner brackets will earn bye weeks. This year it will take two losses to be eliminated from the playoffs. Even if you lose twice your year is not over because we will have weekly contests for the eliminated teams. There will also be contests for teams that receive playoff byes.

Also new this season, based on the results of our on line survey is to have more holiday breaks. We will have breaks for Memorial Day, The Fourth of July, and Labor Day. However these days may be used as rain make-ups if we have a lot of cancellations. This is explained in the blue holiday boxes on the attached schedule. The schedule includes: match dates, the shotgun start times, and the prize breakdowns for each division, including each half and the playoffs. The rest of the prize money will be used for the opening event and the weekly prizes during the playoffs. There will also be an additional schedule handed out on the first night of league, which includes team matches for the year and starting holes during the regular season. Playoff matches and starting holes will be determined later.

Also from our on line survey is a new policy regarding outside substitutes. Regular league players were dissatisfied with the substitute system. It was difficult finding subs. They felt their quotas were not accurate (it is difficult from the club's stand point to keep track of these quotas). Some felt it was unfair because some teams had subs when other teams did not. Finally, some players felt they should have exclusive rights to the golf course at the start of the shotgun on their given night. They felt the only people that should be on the course at that time are the ones who paid the league season fee.

From now on the only people eligible to sub are players from our other shotgun leagues. League players from the opposite league nights can now play as subs as an added bonus for joining the league. These players have paid a full season fee and deserve the benefit of getting in an extra night of golf. They also have a quota that is tracked weekly, making the quotas more accurate when subbing. **Please note: there is a section on the application for players to opt to be on the sub list for the other two league nights.**

There is also a new rule in effect because some people did not succeed in finding a sub and had to play the match as a single, which is fine, but they were unable to earn the same amount of match points as a team who found a sub. As a result, the following rule change is in effect for this year. Now players can earn the needed match points toward season totals by playing each player on the opposing team individually and as a team. If you can't get a sub from one of our other shotgun leagues you will play the other team as a single under these conditions:

- Play a normal match against your assigned opponent on the card.
- Play a match against the other opponent, but you will have to make an additional three points more than your quota.
- Play the team match with 5 points added to your quota.

The last issue I would like to address is pace of play. A faster more fluid pace is a must. This year there will be a new structure to the hole assignments for the shotgun. Instead of one group on the par threes there will be two, with only one group on the following hole. This should make the pace a little more fluid. **Your help is needed!** Please keep up with the group in front and remember *"to pick up"* if you are playing for a double bogey or more. Please have no side matches. If you want to have a side match, play a few extra holes after the match.

The fee for League this year will remain at **\$600**, payable in two payments of \$300. **New this year, For returning players only, if you pay in full by April 1st you will be entered in a drawing to get the 2010 league season for free!!!! There will be one winner for each of the 3 shotgun leagues. The league fee includes:**

- Convenience of a shotgun start
- Greens fees for the entire season after 3pm on your designated night.
- Early league pricing of \$5.00 from 1-3 pm on your designated night.
- Inner Club- ghin handicap and access to our weekend tournaments.
- Automatic entry into our valuable Rewards Program.
- Prize pools for each division, including section points, playoffs, weekly events and scramble.
- Special golf pricing prior to and after league play scheduled dates.
- Play during the Holiday breaks at no charge after 3 pm (call for tee times).
- Exclusive preference to sub during the other two shotgun leagues.
- Year end scramble and banquet including cart.
- Full payment by April 1st gets you a chance to get the 2010 league season for free!!!!

Again, this year we will have 3 separate banquets for each league night. The three banquet format worked well, and got many more people to play. The feedback from 2009 was overwhelmingly positive. The banquet will be in the clubhouse immediately following the scramble.

The entire staff and I look forward to seeing you in the coming season,
John McNeil
The Overlook Golf Club

If you received this letter and were not in one of our leagues, but would like to participate, give us a call to be placed on the waiting list. We give last year's players until April 1st to renew. After that date we fill any open positions on a first come first served basis. Also, give us a call or check the website for a more detailed description of how the league operates and how the point quota system works.

Note: Please use the enclosed form for **League Registration and/or Inner Club Fees**. Just check the appropriate box and fill in the necessary address and credit card information. You can mail it back to us, fax it in, phone it in, or stop by the proshop (the proshop will be open full time after March 1st. If you want to come in before March 1, call ahead to make sure someone is here.)

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