

Mendocino Rotary Club
Spring 2021 Best Ball Golf Tournament
Rules for Play
As of 02/15/2021

The purpose of the tournament is to have fun, and get to know each other better, while raising money. The tournament will be for Rotarians and invited friends. Each player will pay an entry fee of \$20.00 and the cost of their golf round and cart. Non-players may bet on the winner each month for the same fee of \$20.00. Half the pot will go to the winners and half to the club.

The competition each month will be a best ball tournament played over at least 18 holes at the Little River golf course with two players to a team. Best ball means that each player on a team plays his/her own ball from tee to green, and applies his/her handicap as usual. The better score of the two players may be taken as the team score on the hole, provided however that in order to prevent a "ringer" from entering both players on a team must be responsible for a score on at least 3 holes of the 18 holes. All players will play by the rules in effect on the course on the day, presently winter rules. Each team may select the days they play, so nobody needs to play in the rain.

If a player has an established handicap he/she will use it. If not he/she will play with a handicap set by the tournament organizers, 30 for senior (75 and over) men, 36 for senior women, 20 for other men, 24 for other women. Scores will be kept by members on cards, signed by each player and attested by the partner. Players must declare they are playing in the tournament before they start playing a round, not after or during. All will play safely in light of the pandemic and according to the rules of the course.

Players must sign up their team by e-mail to Jeff before he/she plays, copy to Toby, and send their checks made out to the club and their score cards mailed to Jeff at P.O. Box 1360, Mendocino 95460. Rotarians will sign up and ensure payment for their guests. Jeff will collect the checks, record the scores and instruct the Treasurer to deposit the funds and pay the prizes. When you e-mail Jeff the entry for yourself and your guest, please also let him know the handicap you and your guest will play under.

Each player will play two 9-hole rounds, one on the first 9 and one on the second 9. Men will play from the blue tees (front 9) and white tees (back 9) and women will play from the red tees. Each player may purchase up to two mulligans or gimmees, at his/her discretion. A mulligan or gimme will cost \$5.00 so if a player purchases two that will be an additional \$10.00, for a total entry fee of \$30.00.

Club members may bet on the winning players team for each month, also at a cost of \$20, with the prize to be split between the winner and the club in the same way as the player's prize.

The various teams will be announced during each month, and the player winner and non-player winner will be announced at the first meeting of each month.

We will play 3 sub-tournaments, one in each of the months of March, April and May. There will be a prize for the winner of each month, and a prize for the winner over all three months, judged by the combined score over all three months. The monthly prize will be one third of the pot for the month, and the overall prize will be one sixth of the overall pot.

All Rotarians in the Mendocino and Fort Bragg Rotary clubs and the officers of the Board of the Mendocino Rotary Foundation are invited to play. If all our golfers sign up we could have 10 players from the Mendocino club alone, so we might have perhaps 20-30 players in total.

This should be fun, and a good way to meet new people. We might want to do this as long as we are under the rules of the pandemic.

The tournament will be organized by a team of Toby, Jeff and Ray. Each player will keep Jeff informed of his/her play and scores.

These rules been commented on over the course of several drafts,, and hopefully made better. Let me know if I have made any errors or if any corrections are needed.

Jeff Stubbs, President
Mendocino Rotary
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