



2023 Workmen's League Spring Letter

Happy Spring Men!

Welcome to our 2023 season of the new Workmen's League!! The golf course has been in great shape, the league is a lot of fun and we are looking forward to a great summer!!

Now onto 2023...We are making few changes going forward. Our biggest change will be some structure. Going into this season, we will have a schedule of events, some dinners, and quick results. We are teaming up with Blue Golf to quickly complete our results. Everyone must have a handicap to play in this league. If you don't have one yet, don't worry. We'll get you set up. Sign up is on our website at www.troutlakegolf.com under leagues. So, when you go to sign up, please sign up for one week at a time.

League Dues: League dues will be the \$60 for 2023. This DOES include a WSGA handicap. However, if you already have a USGA handicap established through GHIN or the WSGA, your league dues will be \$30. On our membership form, there is a place for you to put your GHIN number. Handicaps are updated every 24 hours, so each week, your handicap could change. (Most likely just a little) League dues will pay for dinners, the first and last event. Entry fee each week will be \$10 per player. Each week, this money is paid out in the form of cash, which may be picked up the following week.

Golf and Cart Rates: As always, players that decide to pay weekly for their golf/cart, will receive 20% off our base rates depending on the time of year. When we hit summer rates, our base rate will be \$47 for golf/cart + tax. You will get 20% off that, making it \$37.60 + tax. We do sell season pass's and 10-play cards. Our season pass rates are on the website. Get your calculator and figure out if that would be the best value. The 10-play cards get you 25% off the base rate (prime rate) just so you know!

Our league championship will be on the last Thursday in August. We will play an individual stroke play event, placing you in flights based on your handicaps. You will be playing against only those in your flight. The overall winner of our league will be our lowest NET score. Usually, you would take the lowest gross score, but I want to give everyone a chance to be that winner. We will also have a super fun putting contest before you head out for play. There will be a nice prize for this, so I recommend you get there early and participate. Dinner will follow the event.

New for 2023! Happy Hours!! You will see on our league schedule some happy hour days. These days will give you a discount on drinks and the league will provide some snacks. Snacks will mostly be chips, nuts, etc, but once in a while I may have some dips or cheese and sausage plates. If you would like to bring a snack on those days to share, we invite you. Our ladies league does this and it works out great.

Tee Times: On league nights that require tee times, and provided the players sign up each week, I will be able to provide your tee time via email. If our league grows to our max of 24 players, you will want to have your tee time so you're not waiting around!!! So, please sign up, but only one week at a time please! Shotgun starts obviously, everyone will start at the same time.

And finally, some simple rules: USGA rules will cover most of our play. However, we have a few local rules that we will use for our leagues.

- You may play the ball up in your own fairway, down everywhere else.
- The woods on the left side of the golf course, every hole, is considered a lateral hazard. This means you may drop a ball approximately where it went in, 2 club lengths, with a one stroke penalty
- The woods on the right side on holes 12-15 are not lateral hazards. If you hit into these woods, and can not find it, you may drop a ball approximately where it went in, with a 2 stroke penalty. No need to hit a provisional.
- The only out of bounds is the parking lot on #18. You must re-tee hitting 3. So if you think it went into the parking lot, please hit a provisional.
- All putts must be holed. No gimmies.
- Pace of play will be monitored. Our goal is to play in 4 hours. Please do not let big "gaps" form. Usually you play better if you don't over think it!!!
- All league scores will be entered for handicap purposes. When scoring your cards, you need to put your "**GROSS SCORE**" per hole. I will adjust for the net scores.

So, there you go! I think I've covered everything, but obviously, things will come up as we move forward. If you know anyone that wants to join our league (that was NOT a member of our group last year), and they join, you will receive a \$10 gift card to be used anyway you want.

Any questions, send me an email (mosborne@troutlakegolf.com) or give me a call.

I'm looking forward to our league!

Good Golfing,

Mike