



Newsletter #4, May

Open Practice and Early Arrivers

If you arrive early and want to partake of a practice round Monday to Wednesday. Check in at the Starters Building. The club has made the course available at the day rate of \$50. Please pay before you go out. OPEN PRACTICE on Thursday will commence after the last of the Foursomes Competition groups tee off, approximately 12:15 PM. A few of the Match Play groups will be playing a second round after the last pairing at 11:36.



PAY ATTENTION!



Foursomes Thursday

The starting time for the Elmore Just Foursomes Competition is 10:00 AM. This is earlier than the 11:00 start we formerly had at Oakhurst. Please be punctual. REGISTRATION PACKETS will be available at the starter's building late Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday.

Parking at the Cricket Club

There are several parking lots at the Cricket Club. The one we shall be utilizing is along the driveway to the clubhouse bordering hole #1 from Hartwell Lane. From St. Martins Lane, turn left onto W. Hartwell Lane then left on the club driveway. Please refer to the enclosed map.

Arrival — Check In

At arrival, check in at the starter's building near the parking lot between the first tee and ninth green. This is also the place to shop for Cricket Club sports wear. Arrival packets, containing **balls**, rule book, program book and trading cards, will be located in this building. Special NHC/Cricket Club shirts (not sanctioned for use in NHC competitive rounds) will also be handed out by club staff. Please take your items to the car so they are not left lying about or lost.

Players that reserved rental clubs can claim them in the starter's hut and return them there at the end of the Championship.

Catering Arrangements

Thursday (Foursomes day) the Reception begins at 6:00 PM. A spread of hors d'ouvres will be served under the tent by the 9th green. Draft beer and bottles of wine will be provided (as well as soft drinks). Draft beer in the tent in the afternoon.

Friday and Saturday mornings a continental breakfast will be served under the tent.

Friday and Saturday lunch will be provided under the tent between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Keg beer.

Friday evening, the Championship Dinner will be held inside the clubhouse in the ballroom. Cash bar opens at 6:30 PM. Buffet dinner will be served at 7:30.

Saturday afternoon cold drinks will be available in the tent for the Awards Presentation.

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Cell Phone policy at St. Martins: In the parking areas, locker rooms, and the lower lobby only. Please refrain on the course.

Smoking: Ashtrays will be provided in the tent; no smoking in the clubhouse.

What to Bring

Especially for first time players, here are some items you may wish to bring along.

A small towel — to wipe the sand from your hand after making a sand tee. Most players attach it to their belt. It's not particularly fashionable but very, very useful. A second towel for grips, your face, etc. may also be used.

Sun screen (we'll all just operate under the assumption we'll have super weather)

Insect repellent (in case bugs bother you on your back-swing)

Camera — plenty of photo ops at the NHC

Sharpie — all golf balls must be marked with your identifier; Sharpies are usually found at the first tee but you may want to take the time to mark your balls in advance.

Rainwear — in the event of rain, rainwear items outside the dress code will be allowed: umbrellas, ponchos, Gore-tex, etc. Use of golf bags will be permitted in rainy conditions. Use of these items will be announced by the Committee in the event of rain.

Apparel

A quick review of apparel should include:

Dress according to the Dress Code sheet (if you misplaced yours it can be found on the NHC web site) for COMPETITIVE ROUNDS.

Casual wear is permitted and encouraged at all other times — Foursomes and practice, Thursday reception, Friday dinner, Saturday awards presentation. This is a private country club so please be neat. Men: collared shirts, Bermuda length shorts. Please, no jeans.

The clubhouse locker rooms are available for use after golf rounds. Towels are provided for those wishing to shower (might be a really good thing not having to drive back to the hotel to change for the reception or dinner).

Friday is photo day. Photographs of each player and group will be taken on the first tee. Please be prompt and arrive at the first tee in ample time for photos and rules instruction.

8 Common Rulings

Here are eight often encountered rulings that are a bit different in the 1891 Code than they are in modern day golf.

Unplayable lie — two stroke penalty, PLACE (not drop) the ball within one club length not closer to the hole.

Wrong ball played—no penalty if you haven't holed out. Go back, find and play original ball.

Broken golf ball — cancel the stroke, replay the shot with new ball, no penalty.

Immoveable obstructions—no relief provided, play it as you find it.

Lifting ball on putting green-- Lifting only permitted when your ball is in the line of another player and he requests you mark and lift. NO cleaning ball and it must be replaced immediately after the other player's stroke.

Stance in teeing ground—both feet must be in the tee box when driving off.

Casual water on the course—no relief, removal from casual water is one stroke penalty (same as water hazard).

On the putting green — the player 'away' always has the turn. Tap-ins only when ball lies within a folded scorecard from the edge of the cup.