

Welcome to the 2023 Falls Men's Club Kickoff Meeting

RED = New for 2023



- When something falls into the category of “but that’s how it’s always been”, it doesn’t mean it was the best way
 - Manage to the rule, not the exception
 - Disagree does not mean Unfair
 - Fair does not mean Equal
 - Handicap Index does not mean Pops
 - Not everyone will be happy. Someone will be pissed, no matter what you do
- Some people just want to bitch about stuff even if they really don’t have an issue with it

2023 Men's Club Committee Members

SubCommittee	Accounting	Communications	Membership	Rules	Scoring
Sub Committee Chair	Courtney Cooper – B Austin Walsh Doug Woerz	Larry Walworth – B Jim Ahlgren Jim Warwick Brian Gibson	Dave Riedisser – B Matt Roark Sam Eichenlaub – B	Garry Ungerer – B Gary Geiger – C Eric Schulte	Will Meyer – B Michael Stumpf Michael Coyne Fred McCush

B – Board Members. Voting Members

C – CoB. Non voting unless tie

- Role: To be the voice of the membership when it comes to implementing standards and policies regarding the Men's Club
- Top Priority: The betterment and continued growth of the Men's Club
- Good mix of handicaps so all skill levels are represented
- Contact the committee if you're interested in participating !

2023 Men's Club Entry Fee

- Entry Fee: \$190.00
 - Payable to/at the pro shop NLT 4/14/23 (sooner would be better)
 - New members should provide e-mail address, age, year born
 - \$40 of the entry fee pays for your GHIN subscription
- The Falls season pass holders pay \$150 for the Men's Club entry fee
- Men's Club budget is based on total number of members times \$150
- Each week players are responsible for paying their greens fee, cart, optional skins game fee

2023 Schedule of Events

3/04 Saturday New member hdcp. establish
3/11 Saturday New member hdcp. establish
3/18 Saturday New member hdcp. establish
3/25 Saturday New member hdcp. establish
4/01 Saturday New member hdcp. establish
4/08 Saturday New member hdcp. establish
4/15 Saturday Open Play 1 (opening day)
4/22 Saturday Open Play 2
4/29 Saturday Open Play 3
5/06 ABCD Tourn. Event (Best 2 balls of 4)
5/13 Saturday Open Play 4
5/20 Saturday Open Play 5
5/27 Saturday Open Play 6
6/03 Stableford Tourn. Event
6/10 Saturday Open Play 7

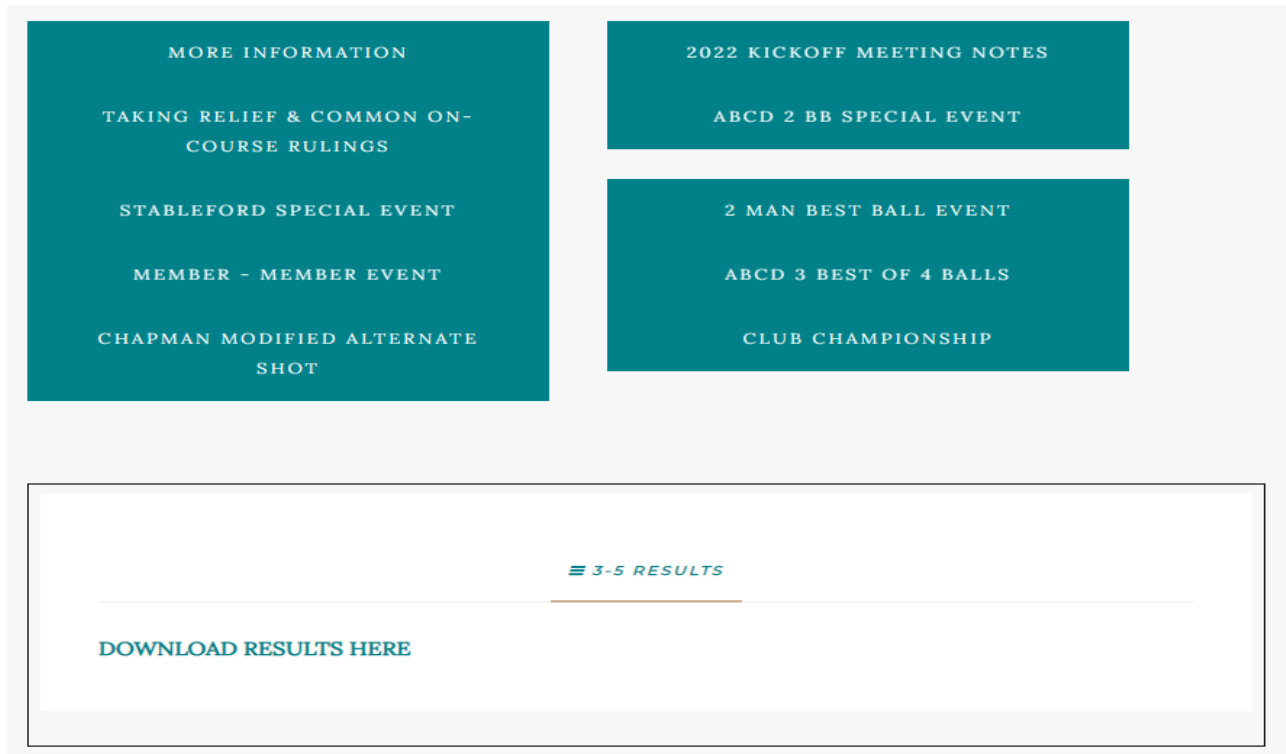
6/17 2-Man Best Ball Tourn. Event
6/24 Saturday Open Play 8
7/01 Saturday Open Play 9
7/07 (Calcutta Auction for Member/Member Tourn.)
7/08 - 7/9 Member/Member Tourn. Event
7/15 Saturday Open Play 10
7/23 Saturday Open Play 11
7/29 ABCD Tourn. Event (Best 3 balls of 4)
8/05 Saturday Open Play 12
8/12 Saturday Open Play 13
8/19 Modified Chapman Tourn. Event (2-Man Teams)
8/26 Saturday Open Play 14
9/02 Saturday Open Play 15
9/10 **Sunday** Open Play 16 (Falls tourn. on Sat.)
9/16 - 9/17 Club Championship Tourn. Event
9/23 - 9/24 President's Cup

Match Play Tournament returns throughout 2023 season

Falls Men's Club Website

- Repository for all Men's Club documents and weekly results

<https://www.fallsgolf.com/events/men-s-club>



Signing Up to Play - Tee Times & Pairings

Players will be required to sign up for play by responding to the weekly email about playing or by sending an email to the Men's Club email address fallsmensclub@gmail.com. You must sign up NLT 4:00 p.m. on the Wed. before Sat.

DO NOT CALL THE PRO SHOP TO BE PUT ON THE PLAYING LIST

Failure to sign up by Wed. deadline for Sat. play will prevent you from being eligible for Pro Shop credit payouts regardless of score. You will still be eligible for the optional skins game.

- Pairings/tee-times will be sent via email to the pro shop & players no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thurs. prior to the Sat. Men's Club play.
- We will try to accommodate as many pairing requests as we can
 - Sign up as a single and you will be paired in a group
 - You can request to be paired with a specific golfer(s)
 - No pairings requests accepted for tourn. events, except 2-man tourn. events
- We will try to pair according to requests, similar skill levels, tee boxes, etc.

Scoring - World Golf Handicap System

- Max. Scores
 - Gross quadruple bogey: max. gross score you ENTER on any hole (Speed of Play)
 - This is the max you will enter on your score card
 - Please pick up when you get to 4 over par on any hole
 - Gross and Net weekly payouts are based on max gross quads
 - Net double bogey: max. score for POSTING for handicap calculation purposes
 - Players should record their actual score (up to a quad bogey) on each hole
 - A player will not have a score higher than net double bogey POSTED for handicap calculating purposes
 - **NEW IN 2023: Post your own scores in GHIN after the round and apply Net double bogeys to adjust.**
- **Exceptional Score Adjustment**
 - If Score Differential is 7.0 - 9.9 strokes or more below a player's Handicap Index
 - **Exceptional score reduction of -1.0 is triggered**
 - If Score Differential is 10.0 strokes or more below a player's Handicap Index
 - **Exceptional score reduction of -2.0 is triggered**
 - A reduction can be applied based on a single exceptional score.
 - Reductions for multiple exceptional scores are applied cumulatively.

New Online Scoring Process for 2023

- Each group will enter their scores online (web page) in 2023 for all play except tournaments
- <https://www.golfplaythru.com/>
- Enter as you go, or after the round from your score card
- Online Leader board available during/after round
- A **link** will be provided to the web page each week for that week's play with updated handicaps. Select your group's players and enter scores hole by hole on that site.
 - Remember: Enter actual scores (up to Quad)

Pops, Scoring, and Payouts

- A player's no. of pops will be solely based on their M.C. Hdcp. Index ONLY from scores posted from Saturday Open Play Men's Club rounds & Men's Club Tourn. Event rounds.
- 20 or more scores returns the most accurate course hdcp. index
- The World Golf Handicap formula will be used to calculate pops
- Different hdcp. allowances of your M.C. index for different prize pools:
 - Sat. Open Play Pro Shop Credit Awards: 100% with full pops applied for net score
 - Optional Skins Game Awards: 80% with $\frac{1}{2}$ pops (max. $\frac{1}{2}$ pops allowed is 18)
 - Birdie Board: 50% with full pops
 - Tournaments (see event info)
- Pops are capped at 18 for all skins games, but pops not capped for Sat. Open Play & certain tourn. events pro shop credit awards
- We maintain everyone's score history and current hdcp. index calculation will be updated each week.

Pops, Scoring, and Payouts

- There will be an optional skins game available in each group of players (Blue/Gold tee & White/Sr. Red tee)
- If you opt out of the skins game, you are still eligible and competing for pro shop credit prize money awarded for low gross and low net finishes that week
 - Notify the pro shop at check in if you choose to not be in the skins game

• Payouts

- Pro Shop credits awarded in each group (Blue/Gold tee & White/Red tee) of players
- Final determination of weekly payout breakdown determined once budget is finalized
- **Skins** and Pro Shop credit will be finalized during the week and paid by the next Saturday
- Budget breakdown/allocation for each group will be determined based on the final no. of players in each group on opening day
- Once finalized, budget allocation for each group will be set for weekly payouts & tours.
 - Weekly open play payouts in each group will be for low gross & low net scores, Closet to Pins
 - No. of places (low gross & low net) paid will be determined/set once budget is finalized & allocated

Specific Men's Club Local Rules

- 1) Carts off the path the ball played down everywhere. Cart path only the ball is played up everywhere
 - Playing it “up” means lift, clean and place within 12 inches
- 2) Gimmes are allowable 12 inches or closer to speed up play
 - If a putt is for net par or better, it should be holed out
- 3) Stroke and distance alternative rule for Out of Bounds and Lost Balls
- 4) **New course map available that outlines each hole with red and yellow penalty markings that will be used for all Men's club play**

Slow Play

New focus in 2023 to identify and discuss chronic slow play issues. Our Membership subcommittee has volunteered to be the focal point for any discussions. We don't aim to penalize, only speed up play if required.

Tee Boxes to Play

- All players are req'd. to play the Blue/Gold tees unless meeting the Rule of 72 or the Rule of 90 criteria
- **Rule of 72** is used to qualify members for playing the White tees
 - Age PLUS Hdcp. Index equal to or greater than 71.5
 - EXAMPLE: 59 years old on opening day with a Men's Club hdcp. index of 13.2 = 72.2
- **Rule of 90** is used (with min. age of 65 reqmnt.) to qualify members for playing the Senior Red tees
 - Age PLUS Hdcp. Index equal to or greater than 89.5
 - You must be age 65 or older on or before opening day
 - EXAMPLE: 71 years old on opening day with a Men's Club hdcp. index of 20.2 = 91.2
- Separate pro shop credit prizes and optional skins games for Blue/Gold tees & White/Red tee groups

New for 2023: You MUST declare what Tee Box you play at the beginning of the year, and play that Tee box all year.

Birdie Board & Hole-In-One Club

Optional separate competitions conducted during the season

- **Hole-In-One Club**

- The Hole in One club was WON last year. This starts new again for everyone.
- Cost to participate is \$10 (payable to the pro shop)
- Any player scoring a hole-in-one during any Men's Club Sat. open play or tourn. events will win the \$\$\$ in the h-i-o pot
- Should a player score a hole-in-one, a new h-i-o pot will be started the following week with the \$10 fee to be paid by any/all wishing to participate a new.

- **Birdie Board**

- Object is to record a net birdie on each hole during the course of the season.
- 50% of your current Men's Club hdcp. utilized for scoring in this competition.
- In play during all Men's Club Sat. open play & most tourn. events.
- The first player to record a net birdie on all 18 holes wins the \$\$\$ in the Birdie Board pot
- **New for 2023: Cost to participate is \$5 (payable to the pro shop) for all members who were in last year, and \$10 dollars for new birdie board sign-ups. This will be a yearly \$5 Birdie Board.**

Inclement Weather

- If you are unsure about weather conditions, pay and play at your own risk
- If at least **60%*** of the **field** from each tee group finishes the round, it will count as an official Men's Club round and all prizes (skins and pro shop credits will be paid out)

Field = Those players who signed up to play by Wednesday @ 4.

*** = looking at other ways to determine % required.**

Guests

- Men's Club members are encouraged to bring guests to the Saturday open play rounds but not for any team or special tourn. events
- Guests are NOT eligible for pro shop credit prize money and cannot get into the skins game (even if they play at scratch)
- We want guests to experience the Men's Club so we can grow the membership for the long term

BACKUP

Men's Club Committee Structure and Responsibilities

- **Voting Committee**
- **7 voting committee members**
 - 5 subcommittee chairs
 - 2 additional sub committee members voted on by the 15 sub committee members at the beginning of each year
- **Vote on all matters referred to them from subcommittees**

- **Sub Committees**
- **Debate matters pertaining to their mandates**
- **Refer matters to the Voting Committee for formal adoption or rejection**

● Scoring	● Accounting	● Communication	● Rules and Play	● Membership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintenance of the scoring technology including Excel spreadsheets and online scoring system (if enacted) ● Handicap Maintenance ● Weekly scoring including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stroke play (Gross and Net) ● Skins ● Birdie Board Maintenance ● Hole-in-One Board Maintenance ● Send weekly results to Communication sub committee for posting to Falls Golf Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Determine Men's Club dues ● Determine payout pools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Blue Tees Stroke play (Gross & Net) ● White Tees Stroke play (Gross & Net) ● Match Play ● Audit shop credit payouts ● Send shop credit payouts to Pro Shop ● Collect and protect money for Member Member ● Determine payouts for Member Member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manage all communication to the membership including Men's Club Gmail account ● Email weekly to members for sign up ● Complete the weekly tee sheet and send it to the Pro Shop ● Receive formal proposals from members and forward them to the responsible sub committee ● Manage all communication with Pro Shop ● Maintain Men's Club information page on Falls Golf Club 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manage all rules of play ● Determine any exceptions to the "play it down" rules ● Handle any rules disputes from/between members ● Define tournament formats and any rule modifications ● Define penalty areas on the course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Maintenance of membership including growing the membership as well as removing members ● Defining the maximum number of memberships available

The Falls G.C. and the Men's Club

The Falls G.C. Responsibilities

- Provide a quality golf course
- Set aside blocks of tee times
- Communicate special projects or course conditions to committee
- Collect skins money each week at check in
- Collect and manage the membership fees
- Payout weekly pro shop credit prizes

Men's Club Committee Responsibilities

- Discuss, agree, implement decisions and/or changes that are in the best interest of the Men's Club & it's membership
- Recruit volunteer(s) from the M.C. membership to participate on sub-committees providing assistance in functionality of the Men's Club
- Setting up tee times and pairings
- Record Sat. open play & tourn. scoring, maintain M.C. hdcps., and disburse prize money (*pro shop credits & skins*)
- Post Sat. open play & tourn. scores into GHIN system
- Provide members with full transparent reporting for all scoring, prizes, and club finances

Tourn. Event Formats Using USGA Hdcp. Allowances

- Weekly Skins
 - The USGA does not have a formal recommendation for a skins event
- Event #1: Two-Best-Balls-of-Four Stroke Play (ABCD best 2 of 4 Balls)
 - Allowance: Men receive 90 percent of Course Handicap
- Event #2: Modified Stableford (Points awarded for net score on each hole)
 - Allowance: Each competitor receives full Course Handicap
- Event #3 & #4: Four-Ball Stroke Play (2-Man Best Ball & Member/Member)
 - Allowance: Men receive 90 percent of Course Handicap
 - Note: It is recommended that the Committee considers it a condition of four-ball stroke play competitions that the Course Handicap (after allowance) of the members of a team may not differ by more than eight strokes.
 - A team with a large difference has an advantage over a team with a small Course Handicap difference. If a difference of more than eight strokes cannot be avoided, it is suggested that an additional 10 percent reduction be applied to the Course Handicap of each member of the advantaged side.

Tourn. Event Formats Using USGA Hdcp. Allowances

- Event #5: Three-Best-Balls-of-Four Stroke Play (ABCD best 3 of 4 Balls)
 - Allowance: Men receive 90 percent of Course Handicap
- Event #6: Modified Chapman (2-man teams)
 - Allowance: TBD
 - Example:
- Event #7: Individual Stroke Play (2 Day Club Championship – Stroke Play)
 - Allowance: Each competitor receives full Course Handicap
- Plus Handicaps
 - A player with a plus Course Handicap must add stroke(s) according to the allocation table beginning with the 18 hdcp. hole (Hole No. 17 at The Falls)

Review of a Few Rules of Golf

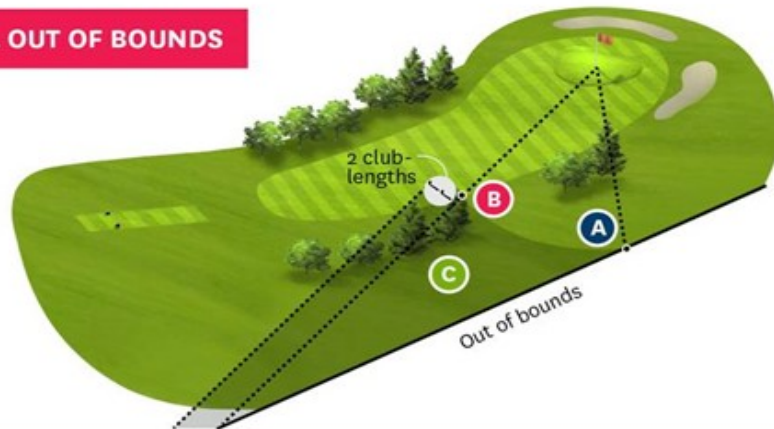
LOCAL RULE FOR OUT OF BOUNDS & LOST BALLS

1. Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds. **Note: if a player chooses this option a 2 stroke penalty applies.**
2. Holes at The Falls w/ O.B. left or right where this rule could be utilized: 3, 5-7, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18

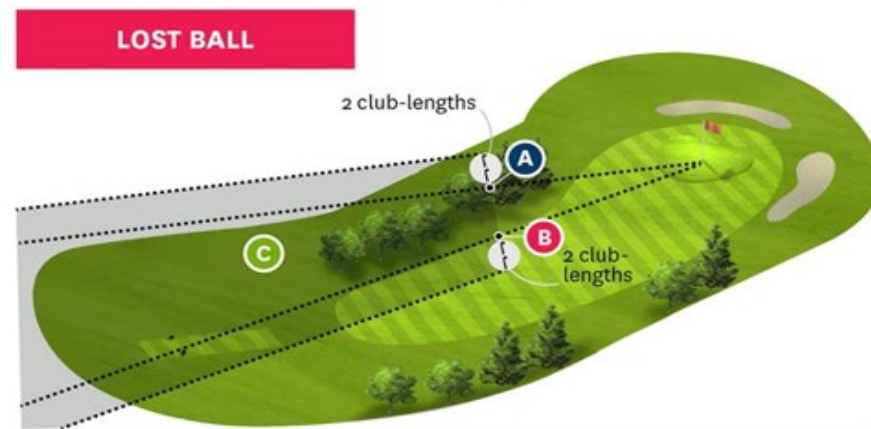
GOLF'S NEW RULES: **STROKE AND DISTANCE**

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A **DETERMINE SPOT** where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

B **FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE** no closer to the hole.

C **DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA** as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

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AREAS OF THE COURSE

- Repair of almost any damage is allowed on the putting green
- No penalty if your ball played from the putting green (or anywhere else) hits the unattended flagstick in the hole.
- No penalty for moving loose impediments, touching the ground, or grounding your club in a penalty area. Or removing loose impediments from a bunker.
- **Your ball is deemed to be lost if not found in three minutes.**

TAKING RELIEF

- Relief from a red marked penalty area for dropping a ball is two club lengths from where it entered the penalty area & no closer to the hole.
- Ball should be dropped from knee height without touching any part of your body or equipment.
- Your ball must come to rest in the relief area where it was dropped, or else it must be redropped. After 2 unsuccessful drops, the ball may be placed.
- Relief allowed without penalty for an embedded ball anywhere (except in a bunker).

2023 Men's Club Match Play

- Membership will decide if the 2023 Match Play is to be conducted based upon level of participation.
- The match play competition runs throughout the season in conjunction with reg. Sat. open play.
- It is not a requirement to participate in the Match Play
 - If a player doesn't want to participate, he simply doesn't sign up.
- There are 2 separate match play groups... Blue/Gold tee players & White/Sr. Red tee players. Competition matches are conducted within each group.
- Matches will be scheduled and expected to be played when scheduled.
 - Some leeway between opponents may be allowed, but scheduled matches will need to be played within a 3 week timeframe.
 - Penalties, up to forfeiture of a match, may be imposed for not completing scheduled matches within this timeframe. The M.C. committee will review situation(s) and make a final ruling.