

# The Falls Men's Club

The Falls Men's Club is a weekly golf game that has access to the best tee times every Saturday morning between the beginning of March and the end of September. It has a full schedule of individual and team events that can be enjoyed by guys of all skill levels.

## Men's Club Membership Fee & Greens Fees

-\$180 per year fee to cover GHIN kiosk subscription (\$30) and Men's Club prize pool (\$150)

- Entry fees are due to the pro-shop no later than Opening Day

- 100% of prize pool budget is paid out to the membership in the form of pro-shop credit.

- Every week we payout low gross and low net scoring prizes.

- Each player is required to pay their greens fee (includes cart) to the pro-shop before their round each week.

- If you purchase an annual pass from the Falls Golf Club, it does NOT include membership into the Men's Club.

  - Falls Golf Club passholders only pay for their cart fee for Men's Club events each week.

## Tee Times & Pairing

- Members receive an email on Monday's asking who is playing the following Saturday.

- You reply to the email to say you are playing and who you are wanting to be paired with or any special time requests, etc (we do our best to accommodate request for early tee times, etc. but cannot guarantee it).

- We make the pairings and assign tee times and email that back out to the membership on Thursdays.

## Men's Club Handicap Index & Allowances

- All our events and skins games use net scoring to determine prizes.

- We calculate your Men's Club Index using ONLY rounds that are played during Men's Club events.

  - We do not honor your current GHIN handicap (*see New Members section below*)

- We use several handicap allowances to determine course handicaps (Pops) depending on the format.

  - Optional Skins Game cash prizes: 80% allowance (team events use different allowance amounts)

  - Low Net shop credit prizes: 100% allowance (team events use different allowance amounts)

  - Birdie Board cash pot: 50% allowance

- All handicap calculations and allowance recommendations are from the official World Handicap system.

## New Members

- New members must establish a Men's Club Index before they are eligible for any low net shop credit prizes.

  - The first 6 weeks of the season are "preseason" rounds so new members can play to establish their Men's Club Index by posting a minimum of 3 rounds.

  - New members that have not established their Men's Club Index can play in the optional net skins game. However, they must play as a 0 hdcp until they establish a Men's Club Index.

  - The more rounds you play, the more accurate your index and course handicap will be.

## Tee Groups

-We have two separate shop credit and skins game prize pools that we compete for each week. Once a player decides on a tee group, they must stay in that tee group for the entire season.

-Blue & Gold tee players compete for their own prize pool and cash pots.

A player in the Blue & Gold tee group can play either Blue or Gold tees each week. Your course handicap (pops) will be adjusted depending on which tee you play.

Ex: You get more pops playing from the Gold tees than you do from the Blue tees

-Red & White tee players compete for their own prize pool and cash pots.

A player in the Red & White tee group cannot switch between Red & White tees each week. If you qualify and choose to play the White tees, you must play the white tees the entire season. The same applies to the Red tees.

Eligibility for White tees: If a player's age (as of opening day) added to his Men's Club Index is 71.5 or higher, he may choose to play the White tees. However, a player may choose to play any back tee they would like regardless of their eligibility to play a forward tee. If a player that is eligible for the White tees chooses to play in the Blue & Gold tee group, he must stay in the Blue & Gold tee group all season. You cannot move between tee groups during the season.

Eligibility for Red tees: If a player's age (as of opening day) added to his Mens' Club Index is 89.5 or higher, AND he is 65 years old, he may choose to play the Red tees. If you are eligible for the Red tees and you choose to play there, you must stay there for the season.

-Certain team events combine both tee groups and thus play for a combined prize pool.

## Optional Birdie Board & Hole in One Pots

-Every player can put \$10 cash into the optional Men's Club Hole in One pot and if someone makes an ace during a Men's Club event, they get the pot.

-Every player can put \$5 cash into the optional Men's Club Birdie Board pot and the first person to record a net birdie on all 18 holes gets the pot.

-Only net birdies during a Men's Club event count towards the Birdie Board. (50% allowance).

## Optional Net Skins Game

-There is an optional net skins game every event.

-There is a separate skins pot for the Blue & Gold tee group and the Red & White tee group.

-Each player pays the pro-shop \$10 cash at the time of check in for their round to get into the game.

-The skins cash is collected and paid out to each tee group after the scoring is done.

-Handicap allowance is 80% with half pops for skins games (allowance varies with team events)

-80% allowance means that you only get 80% of the course handicap

-half pops mean that you are only getting half of a shot on a hole instead of a full shot. This prevents net pars from cutting a natural birdie for a skin.

Ex: Player 1 makes a gross par 4 on a hole where he gets a half pop (this equals a net 3.5). Player 2 makes a gross birdie 3 on that hole but isn't getting a half pop (this equals a net 3.0). Player 2 would beat Player 1 out for that skins since a net 3.0 is less than a net 3.5. If we played full pops instead of half pops on skins, Player 1's gross 4 (net 3) would cut Player 2's gross birdie 3 (net 3).

The idea is that a natural or gross birdie that results in a skin, shouldn't be cut by a natural or gross par. This half pop thing only applies to skins prizes and not overall net score.

### **Weekly Scoring & Payouts**

- All gross scores are input into the scoring calculator every week after the round in the club house and the net skins cash prizes are calculated and paid out. If you win skin cash but are not there to collect it, we will leave it in a sealed envelope at the pro-shop counter for you to pick whenever.
- Net and gross scores are calculated for shop credit prizes. The shop is notified to credit the winner's account with the proper shop credit prize during the week.
- All data is collected and managed by the scoring committee.
- Individual Men's Club Indices are calculated and updated after every round. Every time a member plays, their index and resulting course handicap is accurate and up to date.
- The scoring committee posts every score to the GHIN system at the kiosk in the club house. Players never have to post their Men's Club rounds to their individual GHIN account. We do that for you.

### **Preseason, Open Play, & Special Events**

-Preseason: The first 6 weeks of the season are for individual 18-hole open play rounds with an optional net skins game. There are no shop credit prizes awarded for low gross and low net during the preseason. The main purpose of these rounds is to allow new members enough opportunity to establish their Men's Club Index by posting at least 3 Men's Club rounds. These rounds do not count towards the Birdie Board pot but do qualify for the Hole in One pot. These rounds will be count towards your Men's Club Index and will be posted to your GHIN account through the kiosk at the club house.

-Open Play: There are 16 weeks of individual 18-hole open play rounds with an optional net skins game. Open play rounds pay out shop credit prizes for low gross and low net scoring within each tee group. Open play rounds count towards the Birdie Board and Hole in One pots. In addition, these rounds will count towards your Men's Club Index and will be posted to your GHIN account through the kiosk in the club house.

-Special Events: Similar to most country clubs, the Men's Club offers several special events of various formats. All special event rounds will count towards the Birdie Board and Hole in One pots. Since all our special event rounds are rounds where you play your own ball, they will count towards your Men's Club Index and will be posted to your GHIN account through the kiosk in the club house.

#### **List of Special Events:**

- Individual Match Play Club Championship (Progressive throughout the season)
- ABCD (Best 2 of 4 Balls)
- Modified Stableford
- 2 Man Best Ball
- Member/Member (2-man best ball; two-day event & cash Calcutta)
- ABCD (Twister)
- 2 Man Total Score
- Stroke Play Club Championship (two-day event)
- Ryder Cut (2-man best ball & individual matches; two-day event)

**This is a very fair, well organized, and well operated weekly golf game. It doesn't suck!**