

EDMONTON RIVERSIDE

Senior Men's Golf Club

Proposed Presidents Letter for 2018 Golf Season

Hello all Riverside Senior Golfers,
2018

February 1,

It's that time of year again, when some of us put away the curling brooms, some of us return from the land of alternative facts, and beyond ...to start another golf season... when the weather is warm and the skies are sunny, the fairways are lush and the grass is green (see City of Edmonton) straight drives and long putts, and when friendships are re-kindled.

...Golf was invented by some Scotsman who hit a ball, with a stick, into a hole in the ground. The game today is exactly the same, except that it now takes some two-hundred odd pages of small type to ensure that the ball is hit, with the stick, into the hole in the ground without cheating...

The Edmonton Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club starts the season for 2018. (This font size has been increased for the visually impaired.)

REGISTRATION:

Monday April 16th @ 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Friday April 20th @10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

Changes/Items of importance this Year

- **The registration fee of \$90 will also include the wind up banquet. For those wanting to take a significant other to the wind-up banquet their cost is an additional \$20. All fees must be paid on the registration date(s).**
- **Registration for the Executive including 50/50 sellers will be subsidized. This will recognize the extra work involved. Cost to the Executives will be \$20 for the banquet.**
- **Minimum age is changed to 55. Those golfers not yet 65 do not qualify for City of Edmonton Senior Green Fee Rates.**
- **All Members will tee off from the Black (middle) tees. Those members 76 years or older can tee off from the White (forward) tees if they wish. Members that abuse this rule will be shot!**
- **Members must have an established handicap to qualify for weekly flight prizes and the two major tournaments. For new members 5 rounds on Wednesday's at Riverside will establish a handicap. New members coming from another golf CLUB with an established handicap can enter their handicap into the Riverside Handicap System.**
- **Each flight will have three winners. Flight winners will be determined by scores entered to the handicap system no later than the following Friday. Score cards will be used only to determine count backs. Weekly prize monies have been increased for 2018 due to the increase of registration fee. First in their flight wins \$20 (2017 was 15) second in each flight wins \$15 (2017 was 13) and third in each flight wins \$10 (2017 was 8). Flights are based on handicaps and members with handicaps 0 to 22**

- are in the 1st flight, members with handicaps 23 to 28 are in the 2nd flight, and 29 and over are in the 3rd flight. Flights ranges could change depending on registration.
- The 50/50 draw will remain the same as last year. One ticket for \$2 or 3 tickets for \$5, and there will be two winners.
 - We have two Major Tournaments. The Don Leverington Memorial and the Ken Darlington Club Championship.
 - We will limit the hole prize winners so everyone has a more equitable chance to win. As an example the Ken Darlington Club Championship that is over two days, this would prevent the long drive being won by the same member both days.
 - Members that do not show-up at their designated/allotted tee time and do not inform the pro shop will lose their golfing privileges after 3(three) such occurrences.
 - Members MUST print their names in the “draw book.” Those Members that choose not to print their names will not get to play.
 - The tournament formats have been changed. See below.
 - We will be teeing off on the 10th hole May 30, and June 27.
 - Aeration dates are May 22 to 25 and August 13 to 17.
 - Our wrap up banquet will be held on Thursday September 20, 2018 at the Woodvale Community League/Millwoods Golf Course. Only those prizes that were earned/won throughout the golf season will be awarded at the banquet.
 - May 16 we will be having a Club Scramble with a Shot Gun start followed by a Free BBQ.
 - We now have a web-site where you can access this Presidents Letter. Go to <http://edmontonriversidegolfclub.com/mens/senior-mens-club>. Scroll down to Riverside Senior Men’s Club, click on Presidents Letter.
 - All complaints must be submitted to the President.

CLUB REGISTRATION:

There will be golf committee members at the Riverside G.C. Clubhouse on the registration dates to register you for the coming season and accept your registration fee. The fee this year includes golf and the wind-up banquet.

We hope to have our first draw on Wednesday May 2nd but if the course is not ready, start date would be Wednesday May 9th. When you are at the Riverside G.C. on registration day make sure you PRINT your name in the weekly sign-in book to indicate your willingness to play golf on the first golf day. The last formal draw will be Wed. Sept. 12th and after that our Wednesday tee-times will be open on a first come/first serve basis. In other words make-up your own foursomes or just come down, join someone and play in our time slot while weather permits.

TOURNAMENT DATES: Some of the tournaments have been changed based on participation rates and the consensus of the Executives.

- Wed. May 16th... Scramble-shot gun start-BBQ
- Wed. June 13thScramble with a twist
- Wed. July 4thDon Leverington Trophy (hole prizes)
- Wed. July 25thBest Ball/Team Ball

Wed. Aug. 22rd ...Ken Darlington Club Championship, 1st Round ...(hole prizes)
 Wed. Aug.29th ...Ken Darlington Club Championship, 2nd Round ...(hole prizes)

Once again, we would like to remind you that these tournaments are meant to be enjoyed and have **FUN**. Therefore we encourage full club member participation regardless of what your handicap might be. **ALSO:** Because of the monetary prizes our regular Wednesday golf is considered a tournament; therefore “no gimmies”, every hole must be putt out.

RECORDING YOUR SCORE:

Golfers with an established handicap are reminded to adjust their scores prior to entry into the computer. We also ask those new members and former members who do not have a handicap to enter their first 5 (five) 18 hole scores into the computer.....Yes that’s all it takes to get a handicap, then you will be eligible for our weekly prizes and it will assist the Draw Master in his weekly draw make-up as well.

ADJUSTED SCORE: (means) If your handicap is:

Handicap 0 through 19	20 through 29	33 through 39	40 and over
Maximum score is 7	8	9	10

Any strokes over your magic number must be subtracted from your total score, and then your (adjusted) score entered into the computer.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTION:

Each golfer is eligible to win only **THREE** weekly prizes during the current golf season, excluding scrambles and team play.

City Of Edmonton information:

Pace of play expected to be 4 hours 20 minutes for 18 holes,
 Small increase in Green Fees. Information in the pro-shop.

YOUR 2018 EXECUTIVE:

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Tournaments

Scramble

This event will be a Shotgun start. This is a best ball format where everyone plays their own ball; 4- somes use 3 tee shots each, 3-somes use 4 tee shots. Each player takes 1 putt

unless putt goes in, and 2nd putt is conceded. This results in a very fast round and everyone should have ample time to enjoy our BBQ.

Scramble with a twist

Ideally members play in groups of four. Some groups might only have three. All Members drive and then select the best shot and mark it. 4- some use 3 tee shots each, 3- some use 4 tee shots each; Everyone then hits the next shot from this point. Repeat procedure with each shot until you hole out. One score per team.

Best Ball/Team Ball

All Members on a team play the hole independently. 4- some use 3 tee shots each, 3- some use 4 tee shots each. The missing player score will be determined by averaging the other members scores. At the end of the hole, the team totals the score from all members, and that total is the team score.

In conclusion, I would like to remind all members; If you have a friend or know of someone who might be interested in joining the RIVERSIDE SENIOR'S bring them along to one of the REGISTRATION DAYS. (MONDAY APRIL 16th OR FRIDAY APRIL 20th @ 10:00 am

Regards
Stu Orr, President