

# 2020 Greetings to all “Seasoned Citizens”

## From the Riverside Senior Men’ Golf Club January 2020

*“... the most wonderful thing about golf is that it is a game that you can play for the rest of your life. In fact, Seasoned Citizens – may get more enjoyment out of the game than they did when they were young, because the deeper you get into golf, the more you learn to value the freedom, the companionship, the joy of being outdoors in beautiful surroundings, and the profound mysteries of the game itself. There are many ways a Seasoned Citizen can continue to score as well as when young, or perhaps score better due to the wisdom of age and the new equipment that is available.”*

**Harvey Penick’s Little Red Book**

Days are getting longer, curling season is sweeping away, and warmer climes are getting warmer... One’s thoughts turn to a new golf season... when our weather is warm and the skies are sunny, the fairways are lush and the grass is green - straight drives and long putts - when friendships are re-kindled.

**Who are we?** We’re a keen group of around 115 golfers 55+ who golf every Wednesday morning at the Riverside (see 2020 schedule below). Although competitive, we mostly enjoy fellowship and sharing stories.

**Ages:** Half our players are in their 70’s; 1 in 3 is under 70; one in 6 is over 80. – Average age is ~73.

**Handicaps:** 0-20 HCP - 35 players; 20-27 HCP - 38 players; and 28+ HCP - 41 players.

**This year’s project: Improving Pace-of-play,** through objective measurement, education and encouragement.

**2020 Registration at the Riverside clubhouse: Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> & Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** 10 til noon.

The 2020 fee remains at \$90 and includes: May barbeque; weekly cash prizes; individual Golf Canada membership and our wind-up awards/AGM luncheon - additional luncheon tickets are available for \$20 each. Executive member fees are covered - they pay \$20 for the banquet.

### YOUR 2020 EXECUTIVE:

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<b>Treasurer:</b>	Terry Chevalier	780.231.5133	chevalierjt@gmail.com	He handles the \$\$.
<b>Draw Master:</b>	Doug Loree	780.719.4474	dgloree@gmail.com	He books your tee times.
<b>Score Master:</b>	TBA			He does the scores.

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**Invitation – come and see:** What could be better than golfing each week at the terrific Riverside golf course in the beautiful river valley; the friendship of members; the buzz of gentle competition – what a joy. We encourage all current members to invite those who might be interested in joining the Riverside Seniors to one of our **Registration Days - Monday April 13 or Friday April 17.**

Our membership is currently capped at 115, with returning members given renewal priority - new members will be accepted on a first-come basis. Please **let me know**, at your earliest convenience, if you are interested in becoming a new member in 2020 and any questions.

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Go to <http://edmontonriversidegolfclub.com/mens/senior-mens-club>. To access this letter.

# 2020 Schedule - Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club

## Registration at Riverside Golf Course

April 13<sup>th</sup> Monday 10 am – noon

April 17<sup>th</sup> Friday 10 am – noon

## Spring Events: 8 am - possible frost delays

May 6<sup>th</sup> Draw ①

May 13<sup>th</sup> Draw ②

\* May 20<sup>th</sup> Draw ③ @ Rundle Park Golf Course

May 27<sup>th</sup> Draw ④ Tee off on 10<sup>th</sup> hole

## Summer Events: 7:30 am start

June 3<sup>rd</sup> Draw ⑤ **Chip & Putt Clinic:**  
Club Pro, Ken Ingoldsby gives pointers at putting green

🏠 June 10<sup>th</sup> **Shotgun Scramble & BBQ Social:**

June 17<sup>th</sup> Draw ⑥

June 24<sup>th</sup> Draw ⑦ Tee off on 10<sup>th</sup> hole

July 1<sup>st</sup> Draw ⑧

⌘ July 8<sup>th</sup> **Don Leverington Trophy**

July 15<sup>th</sup> Draw ⑨

July 22<sup>nd</sup> Draw ⑩

🏠 July 29<sup>th</sup> **Scramble & Social**

August 5<sup>th</sup> Draw ⑪

\* August 12<sup>th</sup> Draw ⑫ @ Rundle Park Golf Course

# August 19<sup>th</sup> **Ken Darlington - round 1**

# August 26<sup>th</sup> **Ken Darlington – round 2**

Sep. 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw ⑬

Sep. 9<sup>th</sup> Draw ⑭

Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> Draw ⑮ (last draw of the season)

Sep. 17<sup>th</sup> **Wind-up Luncheon, Awards & AGM**  
at Millwoods Golf Course

## Fall Events: 8 am start – possible frost delays

Wednesday league tee-times are open on a first come/first serve basis. Make up your own foursomes or just come down, join someone and play in our time slot while weather permits.

Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup> Open Tee times

Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> Open Tee times

October 7<sup>th</sup> Open Tee times

October 14<sup>th</sup> Open Tee times

## 🏠 Scramble Format (June 10 & July 29)

Every team member hits his own tee shot; the best tee shot is chosen and marked. Foursomes use 3 tee shots each; threesomes use 4 tee shots each. From tee to green, the player whose shot was just chosen does not play the next shot. The remaining team members hit their next shot from this point. Repeat this procedure until the team reaches the green. Once on the green, every player takes 1 putt unless the putt goes in, and 2<sup>nd</sup> putt is conceded. Team has one score per hole. To give threesomes an equal number of shots as foursomes, a designated “fourth” player is permitted to hit a second shot (tee, fairway, green). The designated “fourth” player is rotated each shot among the members of the threesome.

## ⌘ Don Leverington Tournament (July 8)

This tournament honors a long-time member. The two players representing the best low and high handicap scores play off the following week to determine the best overall golfer - the lowest net score wins the trophy. Many skill prizes are also awarded. A Golf Canada handicap is required to win prizes.

## # Ken Darlington – Club Championship (August 19 & 26)

This tournament honors a long-time member who scored less than his age over 300 times. It is played over two weeks, with scores from both days totaled. Trophies are awarded for Low Gross and runner-up plus Low Net and runner-up. Players finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> low net in each flight over the two days also receive prizes. Many skill prizes are awarded on both days. A Golf Canada handicap is required to win prizes.

## \* Rundle Park Golf Course @ 2902 – 118 Av (Draw ③ on May 20 & Draw ⑫ on August 12)

Riverside crews aerate the course two weeks each season – which means that we play the same 9 twice on those dates. This year, we're playing at the Rundle Park Golf Course instead. Rundle is a challenging 18 hole - par 3 course with five holes close to 200 yds. Prizes will be awarded on EVERY hole to those whose tee shot lands closest to the pin (KP). These two days are a fun way to hone your approach shot accuracy.

# Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club – Draw prizes/Booking/Rules

**Regular draws:** Each golfer can win up to **THREE** weekly draw prizes during the golf season; (separate from scrambles and tournaments) giving more folks a chance to win. Last year, over half our players won once or more. Players can only win one low gross prize per season – and no low net prize on that same day.

<b>① to ⑮ Draw Prizes*:</b>	<b>Low Gross</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Low net</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Low Net</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Flight – Low handicaps	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Flight – Mid handicaps	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$10
3 <sup>rd</sup> Flight – High handicaps	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$10

**Magic Mushroom:** \$10 to the player whose ball lands closest to the mushroom – different spot each week.

**\*Note:** Prizes for Draw **③** & **⑫** are \$10 for closest to the pin on each of 18 holes at Rundle Park Golf course.

**Booking Process:** Ours is a perfect booking system – all paper... The Drawmaster provides a “draw book” that is available in the Clubhouse – with the 50/50 sellers. Members identify those Wednesdays they will be golfing and then specify their tee time preferences; cart needs; and persons they'd like to golf with. Using that information, the Drawmaster prepares next week's draw sheet and emails it out. With each draw, the Drawmaster creates opportunities to play with a wide range of members - one of the strengths of our club. During the season, please make sure to **notify the pro-shop** (780.496.2998) if you can't play as scheduled.

**50/50 Participation:** Our 50/50 sellers are central to our club's success - they hand out score cards, winnings from last week, and, like town criers, they provide up-to-date news. Before playing on Wednesday game days, each player checks in with the 50/50 ticket sellers, who handle your investments - \$2 for one ticket; \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 7 tickets. Two cash prizes are awarded every week - generally each prize covers your annual fees. *“It's a meet and greet opportunity to get to know all fellow golfers, who look forward to seeing if their ticket is drawn and getting that cash envelope in their pocket.”* A 50/50 rep.

**Black or White Tees:** Pace of play starts at the tee box. Handicap, rather than age, makes a difference on tee selection. In 2020, all players having a handicap 30 or more, regardless of their age, are requested to tee off from the white (forward) tees and we encourage all players 76 and older to take advantage of the white tees. All other players will tee off from the black tees. Make sure to record your tee choice on the score card.

## Determining Winners:

1. **Score cards:** The player's actual gross score minus his official player handicap determines his net score for prizes. Scorer signed cards with actual start and finish times (each player to initial his score) are placed in the box outside the ladies change room – next to board with winning 50/50 ticket numbers!
2. **Every hole must be putt out:** All Wednesday games are considered a tournament; therefore “no gimmies” – putt everything out. Pressure, real or imagined, makes putts seem longer and tougher.
3. **Entering Golf Canada scores:** Players need to enter their adjusted total to the Golf Canada handicap system, preferably same day, and no later than Friday of the week played to qualify for weekly prizes.

**R&A and USGA rules:** Effective **January 1, 2019** the Rules of Golf underwent significant revisions to enhance the golf experience and to speed up play. Each new Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club member will receive a copy of the Players Edition of the Rules of Golf as part of their registration package. The following link provides excellent detail of these changes: <https://www.randa.org/en/rules-essentials/all-in-one>

**Handicaps:** Effective **January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** Golf Canada will adopt the WHS (World Handicap System) – meaning that established handicaps will be honored world-wide. Members need an official Golf Canada handicap to qualify for weekly and major tournament prizes. Just post scores for 54 holes on any course to establish a handicap. An executive member or pro shop worker can help members who don't have an established handicap. This link provides excellent detail of the WHS - <https://www.randa.org/WorldHandicapSystem>

**Pace of Play:** This year we're working on ways to improve pace of play – I know, good luck! Helpful participation from all is needed. We'll begin the season by tracking and reporting actual round times.