**Gibson Bay Men’s League**

***LEAGUE RULES AND INFORMATION***

Men’s League will play 9 holes every Thursday from April thru September.

Weekly starting times will be either a 5:30 shotgun start or starting times from 3:30 – 5:30, depending on the format and schedule.

League will have pre scheduled 18 hole weekend events during the golf season.

The cost to join the league is $35.00.

A portion of the weekly entry fee will go towards closest to pins contest winners on both par 3 holes.

The closest to pin winners typically pay $15.00 each in pro shop credit.

All Men’s League winnings are paid out in golf shop credit.

The weekly entry fee is $5.00 per player each week.

Any male amateur golfer 18 years or older is eligible for the Men’s League.

**Tee Markers:**

18 – 54 years old play from **White** Tee Markers

55 – 69 years old play from **Green** Tee Markers

70 and older play from **Gold** Tee Markers

\*\* Any Player may choose to play from the Blue Tee markers however the tee markers you start the season on you must finish the season on.

To help with pace of play the following rule is in place:

If you hit a ball out of bounds play it as a **lateral hazard**. Go to the nearest point you think the ball entered out of bounds and play from there with a 1 stroke penalty.

**HANDICAPPING**

Handicaps will be figured based on the player’s average score during league stroke play events.

Returning players will use the handicap from the previous season as three scores in establishing their handicap.

**The maximum score per hole is Triple bogey. Once a player reaches triple bogey, he will pick up and record a Triple bogey with a circle around it**.

During match play, scores will not count towards handicap.

If a player is shooting consistently lower scores during match play than their assigned handicap, there handicap will be adjusted.

Players will receive 80% of their established handicap for the match play portion of the league.

**During match play events** to determine the handicaps in the groups. We will stroke off the lowest handicap in the group. Meaning the player with the lowest handicap in the group plays to a ZERO handicap and everyone else will subtract from there handicap the lowest handicap in the group from theirs.

**Example Below: Before Adjusting After Adjusting**

Phillip Webb 10 Handicap -3 Phillip Webb 7 Handicap

Jason Eberle 5 Handicap -3 Jason Eberle 2 Handicap

Scott Webb 3 Handicap -3 Scott Webb 0 Handicap

**MATCH PLAY**

The format will be two person better ball match play. Each player plays each hole and the team uses the player’s score who has the lowest net score.

Competitors will form their own teams.

The field of teams will be broken into two divisions based on the combined handicap of each team.

This is determined by total of teams participating in match play divided in half and all ties.

Each player will receive their strokes as they fall on the scorecard.

Points will be rewarded per hole as follows:

Win = 1 Point

Tie = ½ Point

Loss = 0 Points

There will be 9 points available in each 9 hole match.

Putts may be conceded, once a putt is conceded the concession cannot be withdrawn.

Match play is a season long competition and teams will accumulate points throughout the season.

Teams are not required to have both team members present to participate. In the event of one team member failing to play, the remaining player will play against a two-person team and his team will get credit for any points earned.

The two-person team, in the instance where there is only 1 opponent will be scored based off the missing players 9 hole handicap and the opponents score that played that day.

If two teams that are scheduled to play a match both have only one player, the match will be played as scheduled.

If there is an odd number of teams, one team will have to play against a blind draw opponent.

This year all match play matches after the first event on **May 4th** will be scheduled for the entire season.

This meaning you will know who you play for the remainder of the season on match play nights.

You may complete a scheduled match play event any time before the original date of the match play if you know you can’t make it on any given week.

The only penalty for doing the match play early is that you **will not be eligible** for closest to pins.

We have made this change to prevent 1 vs 2 matches and to give everyone a chance to earn as many points as possible.