

# SIR 102 GOLF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES – 2024

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### 1.0 2024 GOLF COMMITTEE POSITIONS

#### 1.1 Golf Chairman – Jeff Dye

- 1.1.1 Appointed by the Sir Branch 102 Executive Board

#### 1.2 Tournament Director (TD) – Jim Stephenson

- 1.2.1 Responsible for Monthly Sign-ups and Weekly Pairings

#### 1.3 Assistant Tournament Director (ATD) – Joe Wolf

- 1.3.1 Responsible for Annual Golf Schedule

#### 1.4 Handicap Chairman (HC) – Randy Howery

- 1.4.1 Responsible for Scorecards, Results and Score Posting

#### 1.5 Golf Treasurer – John Thomas

- 1.5.1 Responsible for Collections, Payouts, Refunds and Reimbursements

#### 1.6 Golf Secretary – Fred Campbell-Craven

- 1.6.1 Responsible for records of the Golf Committee Meetings

#### 1.7 Golf Travel Chairman – Don Wagner

- 1.7.1 Responsible for Out-of-Town Overnight Tournaments

## PLAYING GOLF WITH SIR BRANCH 102

### 2.0 MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

#### 2.1 Sir Branch 102 Attendance Requirement

- 2.1.1 The Golf Club operates under the auspices of SIR Branch 102 and is subject to its rules. A basic requirement the Branch places on all members is attendance at its monthly luncheon meetings (Monthly Luncheon) held on the second Tuesday of each month.
- 2.1.2 While excused absences are understood, the Golf Club expects each member to meet this obligation on a consistent basis.
- 2.1.3 Frequent, unexcused, absences can be grounds for disciplinary action as provided by Section IX of the SIR 102 Branch Bylaws.

#### 2.2 Golf Club Business Meetings

- 2.2.1 Additionally, the Golf Club strongly encourages members to attend and participate in the Club business meeting held on same date and location of the Monthly Luncheon.

### 3.0 GOLF SIGN-UPS

3.1 Golf Club Sign-up Sheets (Sign-up Sheets) for the following month's golf events will be available on the Sir 102 website [<https://sirinc2.org/branch102/>] the weekend before the monthly Sir 102 Luncheon. Sign-up Sheets will also be emailed to all Sir 102 members prior to the monthly luncheon.

3.2 Sign-up Sheets may be hand delivered to the Golf Club table between 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM on the day of the Monthly Luncheon for the next month's events. (There is no December Luncheon, so January Sign-up Sheets may be mailed to the TD during the month of December.)

3.3 Any changes to this schedule will be announced in the Sir 102 Branch Newsletter and our golf website.

3.4 Sign-up Sheets received after the table is closed will be handled separately by the TD. Entry Fees must be included with these late sign-up sheets. Sign-up sheets with payment may also be mailed directly to the TD by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

3.5 Sign-up with your Buddies to play with your Buddies. In general, pairings will be completed in the order Sign-up Sheets are received.

- 3.5.1 Foursomes that sign-up together will play together.
- 3.5.2 Threesomes will be paired with a single until all threesomes have been paired.
- 3.5.3 Twosomes will be paired with other twosomes.
- 3.5.4 Foursomes will be created from the remaining singles.

3.6 Notes on the sign-up sheets or other verbal requests regarding pairings will not be accepted nor followed. Sign-up with your buddies if you want to be paired with them.

3.7 If there are no special contests in a month, "special" pairing methods may still be used at least once each month to encourage fellowship through playing with members other than your regular buddies.

#### 3.8 Entry Fee

- 3.8.1 The Entry Fee for each event will generally be the sum of the negotiated event Green Fee with Cart and the SIR Tournament Fee.

- 3.8.2 The SIR Tournament Fee will be up to \$7 for each event as determined by the TD. The fee is used to pay for Tournament Prizes, Member Appreciation Day, Awards Banquet, and other expenses incurred in operating the Club.
- 3.8.3 Full Payment. Each Signup Sheet must be presented with full Entry Fee payment for all the players on the sheet. Sheets presented with less than Full Entry Fee payment will be rejected. They may be corrected by either increasing payment to the full Entry Fee amount or eliminating one or more players to change the amount required to match the amount presented.
- 3.8.4 Inadvertent over payments will be refunded. Inadvertent under payments will be subsequently collected or deducted from player's prize moneys.
- 3.8.5 The Club Championship, Match Play Championship, and other Special Events require an additional registration fee.
- 3.8.6 Recognizing the extensive time commitment required of the SIR 102 Golf Club Tournament Director and Golf Club Treasurer to execute their respective office duties on behalf of the club, they are eligible to be refunded the golf course fee if they are signed up and pay the total fee for that event. The tournament fee, match play, hole in one insurance and other fees are not included.

#### 4.0 STANDBY REQUESTS

- 4.1 Members who do not sign-up at the Monthly Luncheon or mail a Sign-up Sheet by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month and later wish to play may email a request to the TD ([Sir102TD@gmail.com](mailto:Sir102TD@gmail.com)) to be put on the Standby List.
- 4.2 The request to be put on the Standby List must be for one event at a time with the Date, Course name and "Standby" in the Subject line of the email. To assist in processing the requests, email the TD the weekend prior to the event date.
- 4.3 Upon being added to the event, the Standby Player is confirmed via email and is obligated to pay the Entry Fee on the day of the event when checking in at the course.
- 4.4 Standby Players who sign-up to play and fail to cancel at least two days prior to the event and/or fail to show up to play must pay any fee charged to the club plus the tournament fee to play in future events.
- 4.5 Standby Players are not guaranteed to play, but as event openings become available, players will be selected from the Standby List on a first-in-first-out basis.

#### 5.0 INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY

- 5.1 Individual Medal Play is the typical weekly event. Up to four flights will be created based on the current index of each player. While the goal is to have the same number of players in each flight, adjustments will be made to incorporate natural breaks between indices.
- 5.2 Four-Man and Two-Man Team contests playing your own ball may be planned and individual scores recorded by the club Handicap Chairman, but results and any associated payouts will be as a team competing against all the other teams in the field or in their flight when more than one flight exists.

#### 6.0 TEE ASSIGNMENTS

- 6.1 Suggested Tee assignments may be determined by the TD and shown on the posted pairings list and/or preprinted scorecards. Tees are based on the course slope, the course rating and player's index.

6.2 Players must always clearly print their full name and identify the tee used on the scorecard they turn in at the end of the round. Without an identified name and tee, the score cannot be posted nor prize money awarded.

## 7.0 SCORECARDS

7.1 Preprinted score cards may be provided for each event with the player's tee assignment and/or current handicap information listed on the card. The member's playing handicap will be based on the tees assigned and indicated as the tees used.

### 7.2 Score Keeping

7.2.1 Each player is to exchange cards with another player (Marker) in his group and mark that player's gross score on each hole.

7.2.2 As Marker it is your responsibility to: Verify the accuracy of the score reported on each hole; Sign the player's scorecard attesting to the accuracy of the reported scores; Should you disagree with a reported score, do not sign the scorecard and bring the issue to the TD/HC.

7.2.3 Each Player is to sign his own score attesting to the accuracy of the scores.

7.2.4 Neither the Marker nor the player is required to add up the gross scores or compute a net score. However, it is helpful in posting scores if the player has done so.

7.2.5 Posting of scores to USGA will be made in bulk by the TD or HC or at times requested of the players. Posted scores should be the adjusted score per USGA procedures.

7.3 All Club members are expected to post their own adjusted score immediately after every non-Club round.

## 8.0 EVENT CHECK-IN

### 8.1 Two Days Before the Event

8.1.1 Final pairings are set 48 hours prior to the event and emailed to the course; posted to the Club website; and emailed to Club members. Final pairings may be fixed earlier, if required by an individual golf course.

8.1.2 It is the Club's goal to minimize impact of any last-minute pairing changes and start time adjustments. The TD/HC will attempt to contact players impacted by any such changes prior to the event.

8.1.3 It remains each player's responsibility to learn/verify his start time. Members who do not use the computer often, should ask another member to keep him in the loop via a phone message. If unable to find a support, they can ask any golf officer to assist.

### 8.2 Day of the Event

#### 8.2.1 45 Minutes prior to Start

8.2.1.1 Generally, players are required to check-in with the TD/HC at least 45 minutes before their scheduled tee time. The TD/HC will be available for check-in at least 1 hour before the first tee time.

8.2.1.2 Cart Path Only Disruptions: On days of wet conditions and the course requires cart paths only, players may unexpectedly cancel or be No-Shows. The TD/HC may be required to create new foursomes, and these will be put-out on a first come, first-out basis.

#### 8.2.2 30 Minutes prior to Start

8.2.2.1 Any player who has not checked-in 30 minutes prior to his tee time may be Disqualified from the event's competition.

- 8.2.2.2 Check-in will close 30 minutes prior to the last tee time.
- 8.2.2.3 Late arrivals need to locate TD/HC to receive his preprinted scorecard if provided. They may be instructed to pay their fees at the pro shop and show the receipt to TD/HC. A refund of his green fee will be given at the next month's Monthly Luncheon.

## 9.0 REFUNDS AND PAYOUTS

### 9.1 Cancellation Refunds

- 9.1.1 When a Pre-Paid Golfer cancels, he will receive his refund for the Green Fee with Cart at the following month's luncheon. Cancellations received by the TD after the Final Pairing Sheet is posted, may not receive a refund, if the Club is charged a Green Fee.
- 9.1.2 Standby Golfers that are added to the Final Pairing Sheet are responsible for the SIR and Golf Course Green Fees, if the Club is charged a Green Fee.
- 9.1.3 No-Show Pre-Paid Golfers will not receive a refund.
- 9.1.4 No-Show Standby Golfers failure to pay accrued fees to the Club may result in ineligibility to play in future tournaments.

### 9.2 Event Results and Payouts

- 9.2.1 Event Results are posted on the Sir 102 website and emailed to all members.
- 9.2.2 The weekly event payout target will be \$3 from the SIR Tournament Fees collected from each member that played in the event. The payout target is 1/3 of the members in each flight.
- 9.2.3 The same number of positions will be paid to each flight of an event.
- 9.2.4 Standings by net score in each flight will be determined by using either:
  - 9.2.4.1  $[Gross\ Score] - [(Index) * (Slope) / 113] + [Par] - [Course\ Rating]$  or
  - 9.2.4.2 USGA course handicap formula.
- 9.2.5 Ties will be broken by using the net last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes, 18<sup>th</sup> hole (10-18, 13-18, 16-18) per USGA Appendix I, Part C.
- 9.2.6 Ties that cannot be broken will share place winnings equally PGA style. The payout will be in whole dollars, rounding up any fractional amounts.

### 9.3 Timing of Refunds and Payouts

- 9.3.1 Refunds and event payouts will be made at the Monthly Luncheon held the first month after the month of the event.
- 9.3.2 Any refund or payout not claimed by the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive Monthly Luncheon after it was originally available will be returned to the Club's treasury.
- 9.3.3 Members may authorize a friend to pick up their money by notifying the Treasurer.

## 10.0 HANDICAPS

### 10.1 NCGA/USGA:

- 10.1.1 Every club member must belong to an NCGA/USGA SIR's golf club. If a SIR belongs to NCGA/USGA through another SIR golf club, he can join SIR Branch 102 Golf Club by paying the yearly Club dues.

### 10.2 Rules

- 10.2.1 Except for rules adopted locally, (Section 13.0 – State and Local Rules) the SIR 102 GC uses the USGA Rules of Golf and the World Handicap System.

## 11.0 HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE POOL

- 11.1 The Hole-In-One Insurance is an optional prize Pool and if a member does not want to participate, he is not obligated to pay into the Pool.
- 11.2 Insurance Claims: For any insured member who shoots a Hole-in-One in a SIR 102 Event, the Club will reward the Pool member with \$200. The member has no other responsibilities or obligations to other SIR 102 members. In the event there are multiple members that shoot a Hole-In-One on the same day, they will each receive \$100.
- 11.3 The Hole-In-One Pool is established at the January luncheon; and periodically when the Treasurer informs the TD that the Pool requires replenishment. A \$5 entry fee is collected via the Monthly Signup Sheet from each golfer interested in joining or continuing with the Pool. To join the Pool at any other time, the fee is \$10.
- 11.4 Unused Pool money from the prior year is liquidated back to the Pool members at the January luncheon through a random drawing for Sir 102 Golf Gift Vouchers. Pool member must be present to win.

## 12.0 PACE OF PLAY

- 12.1 One of the goals of the Club is to stage golf events in which all members have a fun and an enjoyable time. One key to this is to ensure all players can complete a round in a reasonable amount of time ... within 4 1/2 hours.
- 12.2 To speed the pace of play the Club has adopted the "Ready Golf" approach. As long it doesn't interfere with other players, go ahead, and take the shot. It applies to every shot...on the tee, fairway and putting.
- 12.3 Falling Behind Group Ahead. It is each player's responsibility to complete the round of golf within 4 hours and 30 minutes AND no more than 10 minutes after the group ahead of you and encourage his playing companions to do the same. Another help is to pay close attention to your playing companion's shots and note where his ball has likely come to rest.
- 12.4 If a group of golfers are asked by a Marshall to pick up their pace of play (on the clock) because they are too far behind the group in front of them, and after falling further behind, are asked to advance to the position they should be on the course, penalty strokes will be assessed for each hole not finished. The penalty strokes will consist of two (2) strokes added to each hole not completed, i.e., Par 4 hole, plus handicap 1 stroke, plus, two (2) penalty strokes equal a total score of seven for the hole. (If the missed hole is a par 5, the score for that hole would be an eight). The penalty score will be assessed to everyone in the affected group.

## 13.0 STATE AND LOCAL RULES

### 13.1 Winter Rules

- 13.1.1 Unless otherwise announced in advance of an event, the Club plays under "winter rules" year around.
- 13.1.2 A player may lift, clean, and place his ball from tee to green except when:
  - 13.1.2.1 in a hazard (red or yellow staked), or
  - 13.1.2.2 in a bunker. (Local rule: exception: if the players all agree that the bunker needs repair...no dry sand, but rocks and dirt, extreme wet conditions, then the ball may be removed one club length from point of entry, no closer to hole with no stroke penalty)
- 13.1.3 The placing of the ball must be within 6" of the original position in medal or match play; and within 1 club length, when off the green, in scramble play. The placement may not be any closer to the hole, nor from out-of-bounds to in-bounds, nor from off-the-green to on-the-green.

- 13.2 Putt Out
  - 13.2.1 A ball in play should always be holed out. No putts may be conceded or taken in stroke play except as provided below.
  - 13.2.2 In competitions in which both stroke and match play are occurring simultaneously, one's match play opponent may concede a putt or hole at any time for purposes of the match. However, for stroke play purposes, the player must still finish the hole by holing out.
- 13.3 Provisional Ball
  - 13.3.1 If there is any question that a shot may have gone out-of-bounds or otherwise be lost outside a water hazard, play a Provisional Ball immediately.
  - 13.3.2 However, upon reaching the spot where you believe your shot has landed and you cannot immediately find your ball (limit search to 2 minutes or less) or you find it to be out-of-bounds (and no Provisional Ball has been played), go back to the approximate spot the ball crossed out of the fairway, drop a ball at that spot in the fairway, and take a two stroke penalty.
- 13.4 Local Leaf Rule:
  - 13.4.1 The Local Leaf Rule is intended to speed play on courses in which there is an unusual condition, e.g., heavy accumulation of leaves or the rough is unusually high do to prior wet conditions.
  - 13.4.2 If you are reasonably sure your golf ball went into the leaves or unusually high rough, but you can't find it, it is permissible to drop another ball, with no penalty, in the area where the ball is thought to likely to have come to rest. The next shot is to be played from in the leaves / heavy rough.
  - 13.4.3 In the event there is either out-of-bounds or water hazard near the leaf area or unusually high rough, to receive relief under this rule a consensus among the players in the group must be reached that the ball did not go out-of-bounds or in the water hazard. Otherwise, play must continue under the applicable USGA Rule(s).
- 13.5 Pin in your Cap – SIR 102 Honor Roll Recognition
  - 13.5.1 The Club has created an award to recognize a special achievement by a Club member during a round of golf. It's called a Pin in your Cap.
  - 13.5.2 Any SIR member who during a SIR sponsored golf event scores a Hole In One is eligible for a Pin in their Cap. At least two other players must testify to that achievement.
  - 13.5.3 Any SIR member who during a SIR sponsored golf event shoots their age is eligible for a Pin in their Cap. You may only receive this award once a year. At least two other players must testify to that achievement.

## 14.0 RAINOUTS

- 14.1 Unlike many other SIR branches, our Club contracts events all 12 months of the year, knowing the weather is likely to be less than ideal during the winter months. These contracts may require a firm player count at least 8 days in advance of the event. Thereafter, the Club is liable for green fees, and inclement weather is not a contractual exception. However, courses tend to be flexible regarding the contract in recognition of the frequency and the number of players we turn out for events at their course. To continue to receive such consideration and flexibility, it is incumbent on the Club to use its best efforts to play every event.
- 14.2 How/When Notified

- 14.2.1 Unless, due to weather conditions, it is known in advance a course is unplayable, a Rainout will not be called until the morning of the event.
- 14.2.2 The TD will review the weather and make a decision. A Rainout will be called if: a course is closed or unplayable; current weather conditions make play unsafe; or moderate to heavy rain is predicted to last much of the day
- 14.2.3 Cold or wet conditions and/or light rains will not be cause to cancel an event.
- 14.2.4 The decision regarding a rainout will be made at least ninety minutes before the first tee time. The TD/HC will inform the golf course of the decision.
- 14.3 Member Notification Process
  - 14.3.1 In the event of a Rainout, the TD will immediately post to the website and email to all members a Rainout announcement.
  - 14.3.2 Members who do not use the computer often, should ask another member to keep him in the loop via a phone message during the winter months.
  - 14.3.3 Refunds for Golf Fees and Tournament Fees will be given for cancellation initiated by the club or the course.
- 14.4 Cart Path Only Restrictions
  - 14.4.1 If, due to weather conditions, a course requires all carts (even with Blue Flags) to remain on the cart path the event will not be cancelled, but refunds will be granted to players who call and inform the TD/HC of their decision not to play at least 30 minutes before the start time.
  - 14.4.2 If you choose to call the course pro-shop rather than the TD/HC, there is an excellent chance that word of your decision will not be given to the TD/HC within 30 minutes of your tee time. Refunds will not be given in such cases if we are charged by the course.

## 15.0 GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS

- 15.1 Guests: Club Members are encouraged to invite their friends to play in any of our regular weekly events as a guest. They will not:
  - 15.1.1 pay the SIR Tournament Fee,
  - 15.1.2 be eligible to compete for the weekly prize money,
  - 15.1.3 have their scores retained or posted for handicap purposes.
- 15.2 Prospective New Members Steps
  - 15.2.1 Become a Branch Member
    - 15.2.1.1 To become a SIR 102 Golf Club member, one must first be a SIR Branch 102 member. The first step in becoming a branch member is to be introduced to the Branch Board by your sponsor at one of the regular monthly Executive meetings. The 2024 dues are \$30.
    - 15.2.1.2 The sponsor should then obtain a SIR Branch 102 Application for Membership or Transfer sheet from the Branch Membership Chairman, assist the prospective new member in filling it out., and see that it is returned to the Branch Membership Data Administrator.
  - 15.2.2 Become a Golf Club Member
    - 15.2.2.1 The Golf Club Membership Dues must be submitted to the Treasurer. Until the correct dues are submitted, the prospective new member will be treated as a guest.
    - 15.2.2.2 If a new GHIN is being assigned, the Club Handicap Chairman will notify the new member of his assigned number.
  - 15.2.3 Golf Club Membership Dues

- 15.2.3.1 Every Club member must pay their annual Golf Club Membership Dues to retain their active club member status. The Club Membership Dues are the sum of the current applicable NCGA Dues (\$46 for 2024) and the current SIR 102 Golf Club Dues (\$24 for 2024).
- 15.2.3.2 Each year the NCGA determines the final date that they will bill the Golf Club for every member on their books. That date is shared with all members. Fees paid after that date will incur a late fee established by the NCGA.

## SPECIAL CONTESTS AND EVENTS

### 16.0 CONTESTS OTHER THAN INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY

- 16.1 Multi-week contests may include Club Championship, Match Play, etc.
- 16.2 Single week games may include scrambles, best ball, and closest to the pin.

### 17.0 SCRAMBLE CONTESTS

- 17.1 A Scramble is a frequent team event, and to create competitive teams, the Low index A player will be put with the highest index B player, the lowest index C player and the highest index D player. The second team will be composed of the next lowest A and C players and the next highest B and D players. This procedure will continue until all players have been paired.
- 17.2 Scramble contests use ABCD teams and receive a team index: 20% of A Player Index; 15% of B Player Index; 10% of C Player Index; 5% of D Player Index. The team net score is the team gross score minus the team index. When circumstances create one or more threesomes in a scramble event, an 'average' player index is created for the B player position by the average index of the threesome.
- 17.3 Scramble contests do not require a minimum number of drives from each player. Each player in a foursome gets a tee shot from their designated tee box and each player gets one swing within a club length from the ball location (12 inches if on the putting surface) as determined by the 'A' player in the group.
- 17.4 When only a threesome can be assembled, the group is allowed four swings from each ball location. Fourth swings from tee boxes should be distributed among the players. The player whose ball location is used, is not allowed the fourth swing from that location.
- 17.5 Cancellations, standby and other last-minute changes may impact these pairings. Best efforts will be made to keep teams balanced.

### 18.0 BEST BALL CONTESTS

- 18.1 One Best Ball: A 4-man team event taking one score comprised of the lowest net score per hole. For example: If the four players have the following NET scores:  
Player 1 nets a 4; Player 2 nets a 5; Player 3 nets a 6; Player 4 nets a 7  
The Team score for that hole is Player 1's score (Team score equals 4)
- 18.2 Two Best Ball: As above, but combine the two lowest NET scores. The Team score for that hole combines Player 1's and Player 2's scores (Team score equals 4+5=9)
- 18.3 First and Third Best Ball: Like the above but combine the first and third best NET scores. The Team score for that hole combines Player 1's and Player 3's scores (Team score equals 4+6=10)
- 18.4 3-4-5 Best Ball: A 4-man team event calculating the lowest three NET scores on par 3's; lowest two NET scores on par 4's; lowest single NET score on par 5's.

## 19.0 CLOSEST TO THE PIN (CTTP) CONTESTS

- 19.1 CTTP is part of our weekly play. One hole or more will be posted by the TD/HC.
- 19.2 Three places are paid for two flights: AB and CD. A fourth payout is authorized to resolve a tie. The ball must be on the green to be measured.
- 19.3 At special events (out of town tournaments) balls off the green may be measured but must not be out of play or in a bunker.

## 20.0 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS (BEST 3 OF 5 ROUNDS)

### 20.1 Eligibility:

- 20.1.1 A member must play in 6 club events between January 1st and April 30th to be eligible to play in the year's Club Championship. Club Championship rounds will be played in May, June, July, August, and September.
- 20.1.2 Players will receive credit for each Club event they play or paid green fees, but was cancelled by the Club e.g., Rainouts.
- 20.1.3 Any member who fails to qualify may petition the Club Officers for consideration based on special circumstances, e.g., illness. The member must inform the TD/HC prior to the first Club Championship event, preferably by email, and explain his special circumstances. The Club Officers, after evaluating the request, will decide and inform the member of their decision.

### 20.2 Registration:

- 20.2.1 All eligible players may register for the Club Championship on the May Signup Sheet. Registrations will continue to be accepted up to Check-in of the third Club Championship round.
- 20.2.2 A one-time \$10 registration fee will be charged each participant. This will fund the competition's prizes given out at the Annual Awards Celebration.

### 20.3 Flights:

- 20.3.1 Up to four flights of approximately the same size will be created from the registered players based on their handicap index. Natural breaks in indexes may be considered making competitive flights.
- 20.3.2 Players will remain in the same flight throughout the Championship rounds regardless of any changes in their index.
- 20.3.3 Each Championship round will be scored per section 9.2.4 based on his index on the date of his round.
- 20.3.4 The Club Champion in each flight will be determined by the low net total of each player's three best rounds from the five designated championship rounds. In the event there is a tie, the 4th best low net will be used. And, if necessary, the 5th round will be used to break ties.
- 20.3.5 If a player involved in the tie has not played in the additional round, he will be dropped from the group of ties.
- 20.3.6 Should a tie still exist after using all available championship rounds, the winner will be determined in an 18-hole playoff at the next scheduled individual play event. If a player is unable to participate in this play-off round, he will be dropped from the group of ties.

## 21.0 MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS

### 21.1 Eligibility:

- 21.1.1 The annual Match Play Championship is open to all Club members. No minimum number of rounds is required to enter.

- 21.2 Registration:
  - 21.2.1 Registration for the Match Play Championship will be on the April Signup Sheet.
  - 21.2.2 A onetime \$10 registration fee will be charged each participant. This will fund the competition's prizes given out at the Annual Awards Celebration.
  - 21.2.3 In the event more than 32 players register for the competition, a qualification round will be held prior to the 1st Match Play round.
    - 21.2.3.1 The low 32 net scores will move on to match play.
    - 21.2.3.2 Registrants, unable to play in the qualifier, will be dropped.
- 21.3 Flights:
  - 21.3.1 If there are 32 players, four flights will be created with 8 players in each flight based on handicap index.
  - 21.3.2 If there are less than 32 players, up to four flights will be created based on the number of participants. The goal will be to have about the same number of participants in each flight, based on logical breaks in range of player indices.
  - 21.3.3 There will be one winner from each flight. These flight winners will continue, in a two round play-off to determine the Club's Match Play Champion. Pairing for the first round will be by blind draw.
- 21.4 Seeding:
  - 21.4.1 Seeding and byes in each flight will be as determined by the TD in the best interest of the club and players.
- 21.5 Match Play Rounds
  - 21.5.1 Match Play Contests may be single elimination, double elimination or begin with World Cup type round robin pools as determined by the TD.
  - 21.5.2 The Club will designate certain events as "Match Play" events. All Match Play remaining- registrants will be scheduled to play their match at each such event.
  - 21.5.3 Matches may be played at another time and on another course upon the mutual agreement of both match participants. Any rescheduled match must be completed one week before the next Club scheduled Match Play round. Failure to do so will result in the disqualification of both participants.
  - 21.5.4 If one participant is unable to play on the Club scheduled date, it becomes his responsibility to obtain agreement for the time and place of the rescheduled match. Failure to obtain agreement with the opponent will result in the automatic loss to the opponent by the member who was unable to play on the date scheduled by the Club.
  - 21.5.5 The member unable to play on the Club scheduled date is required to notify the TD/HC prior to that date of the postponement and of the opponent's acceptance of a new date and course. Failure to make this notification will result in the automatic loss to the opponent by the member who was unable to play on the date scheduled by the Club.
- 21.6 Strokes Given/Received
  - 21.6.1 TD/HC will compare course handicaps from their designated tees of each pair of Match Play golfers. If their handicaps are the same, no strokes are given or received, and they play scratch on each hole.
  - 21.6.2 If there is a difference, the lower handicap player gives the difference in strokes (low handicap subtracted from high handicap) to the higher handicap player beginning on the 1st handicap hole.

## 21.7 Ties

21.7.1 Any match which ends in a tie after 18 holes, the winner will be determined by matching cards as follows:

21.7.2 Most wins on holes 10-18, then holes 13-18, then holes 16-18, then hole 18.

21.7.3 If there still is a tie, Compare net scores on the 1st handicap hole (ranked number one on the card). The lower net score is the match winner.

## 22.0 MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

### 22.1 Purpose

22.1.1 In the fall of the year, one event will be designated "Member Appreciation Day" to thank and reward those Club members who have actively supported the club throughout the year. A luncheon will be provided immediately after completion of the shotgun event.

### 22.2 Eligibility

22.2.1 The event will be open to all Club members regardless of the number of rounds he has played throughout the year.

22.2.2 Every participant will be required to pay the entire SIR Entry Fee as shown on the monthly Sign-up Sheet.

### 22.3 Reimbursements for Golf and Lunch

22.3.1 The Club will reimburse green/golf cart fees and lunch for each member participant who has played the Minimum Required Rounds. Minimum Required Rounds will be one-half of the scheduled Thursday events from January 1st through the end of August.

22.3.2 Member participants who have not met the Minimum Required Rounds but have played in at least one-third of the events, will be reimbursed one half of the green/golf cart fees and lunch expenses.

22.3.3 Other participants will receive no reimbursement.

## 23.0 ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION

### 23.1 Purpose

23.1.1 The Club Annual Awards Celebration is held on the second Tuesday of November each year to celebrate our golfing year and elect a new Golf Committee for the coming year. It will be held immediately following our general meeting and lunch in lieu of our regular guest speaker.

23.1.2 Additionally, it is held to recognize and honor those players who have competed and won the multi-week contests, such as Club Championship and Match Play Championship. In addition, the Club will recognize a Frank Tischer award winner and a Most Improved Player award winner.

### 23.2 Open to All

23.2.1 The luncheon is open to all Golf Club members.

23.2.2 There is no required minimum length of membership time, there is no minimum number of events that must have been played, all Club members are strongly encouraged to attend the annual Awards Celebration. A complimentary lunch will be provided for all club members who attend the Awards Celebration

### 23.3 Special Player Awards

23.3.1 Each year the Golf Club recognizes exceptional season long performance through the Frank Tischer Award and Most Improve Player award.

23.3.2 Frank Tischer Award

23.3.2.1 Our Frank Tischer Award is an annual SIR 102 Golf Club award given to the club member who has actively participated in the Club's weekly golf events and demonstrated excellence in play and sportsmanship.

23.3.2.2 Eligibility Every member who has participated in at least 20 of the Club's current year weekly golf events (individual or team) from January 1st through October 31st is automatically in the running for this award.

23.3.2.3 Excellence in play considers the lowest average net score for each eligible member by summing their net scores from the weekly events in which individual scores were calculated and dividing this net-total by the number of scores accumulated.

### 23.3.3 Most Improved Player

23.3.3.1 This award is given to the active club member who has the highest improvement factor in his handicap.

23.3.3.2 Eligibility: Every member who has participated in at least 20 of the Club's current year weekly golf events (individual or team) from January 1st through October 31st is automatically in the running for this award.

23.3.3.3 USGA website generates a 'Most Improved Golfer Report'. If not available, use the USGA Handicap System – Appendix H Method for Determining Most Improved Player.