24th Annual USMA Class of '71 Tom Martin Shootout

A-Ga-Ming Golf Resort- Kewadin, MI September 16~19, 2024

General Information / Instructions

Handicaps- Your Shootout handicap was generously determined during the off-season by the Handicap Committee (aka, the "Dark Lords"), John "Kahuna" Andreini and Gordy "Gordo" Schnabel. The DL's based their decision on past Shootout performances and prize money won. If you are a new player or guest, the DL's determined your handicap from the information you provided with your registration. The DL handicap assignments are FINAL! Due to our need to establish teams and prepare scorecards ahead of time, the DL's will not adjust handicaps during the event. What you see is what you get!

Mulligans- You may use two (2) mulligans each day IF you purchased them up front with your registration. All mulligan donations are a tax-deductible gift to the Class Fund. The following guidelines apply-

- You may use a mulligan on any shot EXCEPT the "closest to the pin" and "longest putt" skills competition. You may burn a mulligan if you would like, but only your original shot will be eligible for any skills competition prizes.
- There is no such thing as a provisional mulligan. If you hit it, you've used it!
- Similarly, there are no "go-back" mulligans. If you find your ball is lost, out of bounds or unplayable, you may not return to the previous spot and hit another ball!
- After you hit your mulligan, you may choose to hit your original shot OR the second mulligan shot.
- Record each player's mulligans somewhere on the scorecard (suggest a small "M") so that you don't forget!

Gimmes- Putts "inside the leather" are good. This constitutes a "gimme" and you may pick up your ball without holing out. The gimme counts as one stroke. A ball is inside the leather if any part of the ball touches the putter shaft when the putter head is placed inside the cup. Any normal length putter from any player in the foursome may be used... but no belly putters!

Lost Ball, Out of Bounds, Unplayable- Our modified rule to keep up the pace of play. The penalty for a lost, out of bounds or unplayable ball is one stroke. Place a ball in a playable location no nearer the hole and as close as possible where you estimate your ball was lost, out of bounds or unplayable. Do not go back and play another ball. Your time limit to search for a lost ball is one (1) minute!

Prize Money- We collected \$15 in your daily golf fee as a contribution to the prize money pot. We will pay six (6) places for each flight or team competition using the following percentages: 1st- 26% 2nd- 21% 3rd- 17% 4th- 14% 5th- 12% 6th- 10%. In the case of ties, the percentages will be added, and money divided so that each individual / team will get an equal share. We no longer use scorecard playoffs.

(See Reverse Side!)

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Today's Competition

Shamble Team Competition- The Assistant Commissioner has assembled 4-person teams of relative equal strength with a team member from each flight, where possible. Each player will receive 75% of their DL handicaps. The Chief Scorer will prepare the scorecards beforehand, marking the number of strokes a player will receive on each hole by placing a red dot(s) in the upper right hand corner. (See example on last page)

Each player will hit their drive from the tee, then the team will select their best drive. Players then place their ball within one (1) club length of the tee shot selected and "in the same condition", no closer to the hole...EXCEPT, if the selected drive is on the green, the one (1) club length rule does not apply...all players will putt from the same spot. Players will hit their second shots from the selected drive spot then play their own ball until they have holed out or picked up (see pick up rule below). The team captain or designee will record the NET SCORE (gross score minus the hole handicap allotted) for each team member. The scorer will circle the two best scores for the team, and will record the sum of the hole scores on the "team line" on the scorecard. Finally, the scorer will add up all of the scores on the team line for each nine, and the total team score for the round. The teams with the lowest TOTAL NET SCORES win! The following guidelines/ rules apply-

- The first player listed in each pairing is designated as "Team Captain". We ask
 that the captain use their best small unit leadership skills in guiding the group
 through the course of play. The captain should review and know all of the daily
 rules. The captain will also ensure that the scorecard is completely filled out, that
 the math is correct, that it is legible and that it is turned in to the Scoring
 Committee in timely fashion. (See attached for an example of the correctly
 completed scorecard.)
- You may improve your lie by placing your ball within one (1) club length no closer to the hole and "in the same condition" everywhere EXCEPT in penalty areas, in bunkers and on greens.
- Your MAX number of strokes on any hole is a <u>gross</u> triple bogey! If your double bogey shot or putt is not in the hole, pick up your ball. You are done! Record the NET SCORE (<u>gross</u> triple bogey minus the hole handicap allotted) on the scorecard, relax and move on!

Today's Competition (cont'd)

- For Teams with Three Players- Each player on a three person team will "play" in rotation one hole at a time for their missing fourth player. The team will select a rotation order on their first tee, and will use this sequence throughout the conduct of play. On the first hole played, the first player in rotation will record his NET SCORE twice... once on his own line on the scorecard, and a second time on the "4th Player" line. The scorer will circle the two best scores for the team, and will record the sum of the hole scores on the "team line" on the scorecard. On the next hole, the second player in rotation will record his NET SCORE twice...and the sequence repeats until the round is complete. Do not change the order in mid-round to fit the situation! Note that it is possible for one player to have the two best team scores!
- Keep up the pace of play and HAVE FUN!

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