CHLGA HAPPENINGS

SPECIAL EVENTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ON GOING

**Ace of Aces** is an individual low gross/low net game. First and second low gross and first and second low net scorers in each flight qualify in 6 bi-monthly rounds for the final tournament which is held in the last month of season play. The appropriate chit payout according to their finish is paid to players in the qualifying rounds. For the final tournament, qualified players are assigned to flights using handicap indexes which are current as of the date of play. First place winners in each flight in the final competition are awarded double chits. Ties are broken in the qualifying rounds as well as the final tournament using the Standing Rule.

The **Magnolia Cup**, played 6 times on alternating months, is an individual point quota game based loosely on the Fed Ex Cup/CME Cup model where points are accumulated based on gross scores by hole. In each individual round, players must reach a quota point requirement which is determined by individual handicaps. The four flights are established on the first play day of a new season. The player does not change flights throughout the season even though handicap indexes increase or decrease. The number of quota points required per round may fluctuate based on individual handicaps. Upon reaching quota, all points accrued in the round are plus. Only plus points are tracked so if a player does not exceed quota her cumulative score will reflect zero for that round. Points over quota are tracked on a per game basis. Results are posted on the website under League Golf Results, so it is easy for a player to determine where she ranks in her flight. Chits are awarded in each flight at end of season for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place or including 4th place to keep a ¼ payout per flight. Ties are broken using the Standing Rule. The first 3 games, played during the first half of the season, have 12 chits (6/1st, 4/2nd, 2/3rd) available per game. 12 X 4 flights equal 48 chits allotted per game. Following this math, the 48 chits times 3 games equal 144 chits allotted for the first half of the season. The same formula is applied to the second half of the season. The dollar worth of a chit during the first half of play is given to 144 chits while the dollar worth of a chit during the second half of play is given to 144 chits. At the end of the season the two amounts are added together to fund the final chit payout for Magnolia Cup.

Our **Hole-in-One** program which extends through the last day of season awards a cash bonus of $100.00 to members who make that perfect shot during league play. Per League bylaws the Hole-in-One is official even though the game in progress was cancelled providing the player has not withdrawn or been disqualified.

The **Eagle Good Shot** program awards the player a $10.00 bonus which is paid in cash at the fall and spring general meetings. Per League bylaws the Eagle is official even though the game in progress was cancelled providing the player has not withdrawn or been disqualified.

The **Ringer Challenge**, a tournament which tracks your best gross score on each hole, begins on your first day of play. Hole by hole scores are compared weekly until you achieve the lowest possible gross score. On your first day of play you will receive yellow and blue Challenge Cards which are used to record gross scores. Another blue Challenge Card will be available every Tuesday morning. The Challenge Coordinator retrieves all blue cards for audit purposes every 2 weeks. Your updated, signed, and dated blue card should be placed into the small storage box in the Pro Shop within two weeks after the date of play. The yellow card becomes your point of reference from your first day of the play. As of October 2019, a player who withdraws or is disqualified may not record any scores for that round in the Ringer Challenge. If a game is called for official reasons by the Board or Pro Shop scores up to that point may be recorded unless the player withdrew or was DQ’d prior to cancellation. The final Aces of Aces tournament is the last event in which Ringers can be recorded. Each member is then assigned to a flight based on their handicap index at that time . One low gross winner awarded in each flight earns double chits.

The **Most Improved Player** is determined by comparing each golfer’s handicap index on the first play day of the season to their handicap index at the conclusion of the final Ace of Aces tournament. Members who join after the first play day of the season are ineligible for Most Improved Player. The MIP coordinator uses an approved USGA formula to determine the winner.

The **Member/Guest Subsidy Fund 50/25/25 Raffle** is held on the first Tuesday of each month to collect money to subsidize the cost of the bi-annual Member/Guest Tournament. Members purchase raffle tickets upon arrival and the drawing takes place soon afterward. The Treasury receives 50% of the proceeds while 2 lucky members share the remaining 50%. Winning the raffle is a great way to start your day!

ANNUAL EVENTS

The **Holiday Luncheon and General Business Meeting** usually follows play on the last day of the two-week Partner Ringer Challenge. Although the event is festive, the meeting itself takes precedence over decorations, door prizes and other elements that are often involved in invitational tournaments. The 2018-2019 sitting Board approved a motion allowing the Holiday Luncheon event coordinator to request an allowance of up to $50.00 which, upon Board approval, can be allotted from the Member/Guest Subsidy Fund. Additionally, the Coordinator is sanctioned to add up to $2.00 per member to the cost of lunch to further subsidize the event. The event committee is encouraged to sponsor a raffle during the event to recoup the money disbursed from the Member/Guest Subsidy Fund.

Our **Guys and Gals Tournament** gives each member a chance to invite a male partner to accompany them on the golf course for a best ball format. The partner must have a certifiable handicap in GHIN or other acceptable handicap system. This non-subsidized event usually has a theme. The entrance fee for the Guys and Gals tournament covers prize money, the luncheon and miscellaneous items such as decorations. Chits are not earned for this event. Following Board approval in 2020, the winners receive pro shop credit which is posted to individual accounts immediately after the event. Each tournament coordinator should attempt to keep the cost of the event to a minimum by recognizing that our male guests do not enjoy some of the frou-frou stuff females enjoy. Door prizes and giveaways are not encouraged although our guests seem to enjoy the excitement of a money tree.

BI-ANNUAL EVENT

The **Member/Guest Tournament** gives all members the chance to invite their favorite female golfer(s) to join them for a day on the course followed by lunch, frivolities and all the trappings of an invitational tournament. The partner(s) must have a handicap which can be certified either in GHIN or an acceptable handicap system. The cost of this bi-annual event which is held during even numbered years is supplemented by the Member/Guest Subsidy Fund. The Member/Guest Committee is convened at least 6 months prior to the event and planning is intensive. The Committee manages all aspects of the event including invitations, sign-up, lunch, tee gifts, facilities, decorations and cost of entry fee. The League Play Director works closely with the Committee Chair to manage all aspects of the golf game including prize money, flights and game format. This themed event gives CHLGA an opportunity to shine, to impress and to show our stuff. We strive to make this day a proud time for members and a fun time for guests.

Update 07/17/2020 to reflect Board decision regarding pro shop credit for Guys & Gals event

Update 03/2025 to provide additional information on the Magnolia Cup and reflect changes in the League.