

January 9, 2024

Hello to all current, former, and prospective Summit Seniors golfers and welcome to the start of the 2024 season. This letter has important information that applies to all of you so please take the time to read it. Important changes for the 2024 season are highlighted.

PDF files for the 2024 Membership Form & 2024 player iCaps/Divisions are attached to this email as well as posted on our website (www.ssgoa.org) under "Membership". **The 2024 Tournament Schedule will be posted on the website soon.** The cost of the SSGOA Membership has been increased to \$60 while the tournament entry fee remains at \$55. **Please help us by mailing in your \$60 membership registration check as soon as possible. If you want your card sooner than the first tournament, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope so we can mail your membership card to you.** Courses honoring the \$34 green fee rate throughout the season will be listed on the backside of the card.

Your \$60 registration fee plus any business sponsorships we receive are the only sources of operating funds to cover the season end banquet, raffle prizes, the Individual Championship event, banking fees, software fees (\$6 per player) and other operating expenses. Business sponsorships are critical to the success and financial health of our organization. Depending on how much our sponsorships contribute, we have to flex our budgets up or down for all activities and perks beyond the tournaments. Therefore, if you know of any businesses that may be interested in being a sponsor, please refer them to a board member or provide their contact information.

Tournaments that we run are break-even events. Your \$55 tournament entry fee is divided between \$34 paid to the golf course for green fees + cart and \$21 for the prize that will be paid out to tournament winners.

The \$55 biweekly tournament fees are still payable IN ADVANCE by cash, check or credit card. As stated on tournament entry forms, 2-man team entries should be submitted with the \$110 fee. **Credit card payments will now incur a 3% service charge fee in 2024.**

**For 2024, Division cutoffs are based on your iCap at the start of the season. Division cutoffs by iCap, your beginning of season iCap and your designated tournament division are shown in the attachment or on the website. Division cutoffs were established with the objective of having approximately the same number of players in each division.**

- For competitive reasons, we strongly recommend that you play in your designated division.
- **Player can move up one Division and play tournaments in the higher division only if your partner is already in that higher division, based on their beginning of season iCap.**
- **Players moving up to a higher division will now receive their full handicap instead of the division cutoff. Fighting for each tournament will be based on the team total full handicap. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PAST SEASONS. We will be monitoring the results of this change closely throughout the season.**
- Once you have played a tournament, you will remain in that division for the remainder of the season regardless of changes to your iCap during the season.
- Examples:
  - Team partner with beginning of season iCaps of 10.0 (A Division) and 14.5 (B Division) can play in the A Division tournaments because at least one of the players is a true A Division player
  - Team partners with beginning of season iCaps of 14.0 and 14.5 are both B Division players. They cannot move up to play in "A" Division tournaments.
- Your iCap index will now be calculated using your last 10 quota event scores, throwing out the 2 worst and 2 best scores, and averaging the iCaps for the remaining 6 scores.

Other highlighted changes for the 2024 season:

- **The -1 for a triple bogey has been eliminated. Maximum gross hole scores in quota events are back to double bogey with 0 points.**
- A "root rule" will be implemented and will be posted on our website before tournament play begins. This rule is meant for safety purposes only.
- We have found it necessary to also implement and post a Harassment Policy. SSGOA is an all-inclusive organization that strives to provide an environment to all golfers that is safe and free from any type of harassment. All players need to be aware that their actions and the things they say may

possibly be deemed as offensive by others. Such actions when reported will be promptly investigated and if found to be substantiated, will not be tolerated. This policy will also be posted soon.

- Due to July 4<sup>th</sup> falling on a Thursday, the schedule has been cut back from 11 to 10 tournaments. There will be 5 quota events this season, down from 6 last season. The best 4 net scores from quota point tournaments will be used qualifying for the end of season Individual Champions tournament.
- **Tannenhauf GC has been added to the tournament schedule due to the closing of Sanctuary.**
- The end of season Individual Champions tournament (Jim Fenwick Memorial) will be at Firestone Country Club, West Course this year on Monday, September 16, 2024. Due to the additional cost and depending on the amount of sponsorships, there may be an entry fee for that tournament.
- The end of year banquet will be at Guy's Party Center on Thursday Sept 12, 2024.

Questions regarding rules, iCap or Division should be directed to Kevin Tucker at [administrative.manager@ssgoa.org](mailto:administrative.manager@ssgoa.org)

Our website, [www.ssgoa.org](http://www.ssgoa.org) is a wealth of information including but not limited to tournament schedules, tournament results, tournament starting times, tournament rules, sponsors, and a listing of our board of directors. Please utilize this resource to answer most of your questions.

In the event that you still have questions or want to provide some input, suggestions or raise an issue, feel free to contact one of the board members shown below by email or using our new phone number, 216-438-3337.

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From time to time, SSGOA will send mass emails from our golf software. It will be from golfsoftware or golf club.net. If you do not get messages that other players are getting, verify your email with a tournament manager or check your spam folder. You might need to add the email sender to your contacts to avoid being sent to your email spam folder.

Our board continues to work hard on your behalf to maintain and improve our organization. Your input is always appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at tournaments this year.

On behalf of the entire SSGOA Board of Directors, we look forward to seeing you at tournaments this season,

Chuck Maroon  
President, SSGOA