

Shamrock Hills Golf Association Newsletter

Greetings everyone, and welcome to the new Shamrock Hills Golf Association Newsletter! It is my hope to publish this on a monthly basis, and it will be available via the golf course website, as well as posted in the locker rooms. Our first edition will be an introduction of the Board Members, schedule highlights, and some useful information for everyone. Looking forward to a great year at Shamrock Hills! Your comments are always welcome.

Jason Hull, President

2018 Things You Need To Know

Your 2018 Board members spent a lot of time over the winter revising the schedule and implementing what we hope will be some positive changes. The two biggest changes are 1. We have invited ALL of the Shamrock leagues to join us this year. As you have probably noticed, we no longer call ourselves the "Men's Association". We are now the Shamrock Hills Golf Association; 2. We have also lowered the annual dues for the Association to only \$45! You'll still have all the benefits, including GHIN handicap, but at a much lower price! Please get your dues paid up as soon as possible, and let's get the season rolling!

As you may have noticed, we have changed the event schedule slightly too. We heard the comments that there were just so many events, it was hard to justify playing in all of them. You can check out the full schedule at <http://www.shamrockhills.com/GolfAssociation>

On that note, all of our events will now have online registration available via Golf Genius. If you haven't checked it out yet, I encourage you to do so. Not only can you sign up for tournaments, you can see who else is signed up, get tournament details such as format and start times, plus you can view results. For those that have not used the Golf Genius app, I think it's something you should also check out. For any of our events where the golf course is providing your scorecard, the Golf Genius app can be used for scoring. Simply download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play Store onto your phone. When we hand out event scorecards, you'll have a Golf Genius ID on the card. Just punch that number in, and you'll have online scoring available for your round! You can see a live leaderboard for that event...it's just like the pro's! If you have any questions about Golf Genius, any one of your Association Board Members will be glad to help you out.

Upcoming Events – April / May 2018

April 1: Get Signed Up for 2018 Match Play
April 14-15: Shamrock Open, 2 person 2 day scramble
April 21-22: 1st Skins Game of the Season
May 1: Match Play Begins
May 26-28: 2nd Skins Game

<http://www.shamrockhills.com/>

Score Posting and Handicaps

As mentioned earlier, one of your member benefits is receiving a GHIN handicap. What is GHIN? It's the Golf Handicap and Information Network. Your handicap is based on three factors, the score you post, the course rating, and the course slope. The system is designed to create fair competition between golfers of varying abilities. By entering the scores from all the rounds you play, GHIN determines your handicap, updated twice per month during our "active" season. You are encouraged to post ALL scores, as this is the best way to ensure the most accurate handicap for you. As part of score posting, there is a chart located near the computer in the golf shop with the Equitable Stroke Control information. ESC is a tool used to help prevent golfers from over-inflating their handicap. The chart will show you several handicap ranges, and show you the maximum score you are allowed to record. For instance, Jason Hull has a handicap of 6.4, the maximum score he can post is a double-bogey. So if he makes a triple bogey (and he does this from time to time), he will need to adjust his score by 1 stroke before posting in GHIN. Please be sure to check the ESC table in the golf shop before entering your next score.

Course and Cart Rules

Any of us that have been around Shamrock for a while have seen the dramatic improvements that have taken place. The Clubhouse has never looked better, the zoysia fairways are great, and the greens are already rolling like it's summer. A well-maintained golf course makes for a more enjoyable experience for everyone. The Association plays a big part in keeping it that way. We have a large membership, and play a lot of rounds amongst us. I hope we are all doing our part by filling in divots with the sand tubes now provided on the carts; obeying the enter/exit cart signs; raking sand traps and fixing ball marks. Please don't drive carts near greens/tee boxes, and please do your best to help us keep Shamrock Hills marching in the right direction. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Season Opener Results

We had 40 players, 20 two-person teams make it out and brave the weather on March 23rd to kick off our season. A great turnout! Congrats to the following teams:

A FLIGHT		B FLIGHT	
1 st Waters/Blomberg 31		T-1 st Hull/Hull 35	
T-2 nd Brown/McKinney 32		T-1 st Kelley/Sharp 35	
T-2 nd Cameron/Cameron 32		T-3 rd Curley/Aguirre 36	
		T-3 rd Finke/Finke 36	

Board of Directors

Jason Hull	Eric Reisner
Ray Downing	Wade Minor
John Ham	Alex Downing
Jim Cameron	Derrick Beasley

KC CUP

Our division this year includes Eagle's Landing, Shawnee Golf & Country Club and Blue Springs Country Club. First match is April 20th at Eagle's Landing. Watch the newsletter for results and updates! Go Team Shamrock!