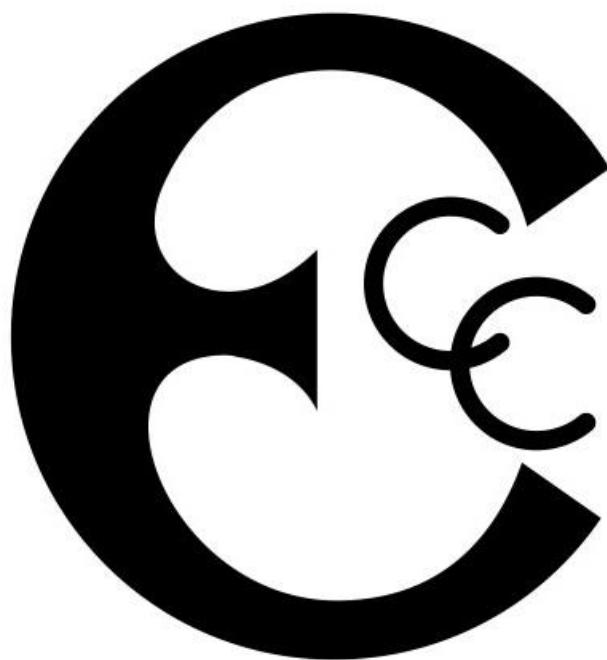


# *Eaton Country Club*



*2023*

*Player Information Guide*



Dear ECC Members:

On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to welcome you to the 2023 season. I am excited for this year to begin and to share some new changes for 2023! Please note: Anything highlighted in yellow are new editions or changes for the upcoming season.

The 2023 Association Presidents are:

*Ty Bailey – Men’s Association Co-President*

*Jack Drey – Men’s Association Co-President*

*Brandie Mahaffey – Ladies Association President*

*Tammie Wertenberger – Ladies Association VP/President-Elect*

2023 Golf Staff:

*Tom Hensel, PGA*

*Head Golf Professional*

*Austin Umland*

*Assistant Golf Professional*

*Dustin Erbes, Kaleb Dalpra*

*Seasonal Assistants*



# Handicapping

- All tournament and league scores where Golf Genius is used for scoring will be posted by the golf shop that day. All tournament and league scores will be posted as “C” (Competition) Scores.
  - In the latest update of the USGA Rules of Golf, “C” scores are not weighted any differently than “Home” or “Away” scores. It is simply a designation of how to sort scores by competitive rounds should a handicap adjustment be needed.
- Handicap indexes for most events will be determined by a player’s lowest handicap index 6 months prior to the event’s entry deadline.
- All handicap percentages will be determined from the USGA Rules of Handicapping Appendix C, listed below.

Format of Play	Type of Round	Recommended <i>Handicap Allowance</i>
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Match Play	Individual	100%
	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
	Total score of 2 match play	100%
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%	

## *Tees*

In certain events/leagues, players will have the option to play from different sets of tees. Tee options will be posted on the event's rule sheet. As a rule of thumb, below are the parameters for tee options for men based on index. Course Handicaps for all events that allow different tee options will be adjusted accordingly via USGA recommendations.

- 8.0 and under: Black or Blue Tees
- 8.1 – 14.9: Blue or White Tees
- 15 and above: Blue, White, or Red Tees
- Gold Tees may be considered for extenuating circumstances

*\*Please note some men's events require all players to play the Blue Tees.*

For Women, some events are played from Red Tees only. Some events the option of Red Tees or Gold Tees will be available. Tee options will be posted on event rule sheet.

ALL PLAYERS MUST NOTIFY THE GOLF SHOP WHICH TEES THEY ARE PLAYING UPON SIGN UP FOR EVENT.

For regular play, we suggest that you play whichever set of tees that allows you to have the most fun!  
Just remember when posting your score to indicate which set of tees you played from.

# ***Player Responsibilities***

## **Handicaps:**

All Men's and Ladies' Association members, or anyone participating in a golf event are required to maintain an accurate and honest handicap. Players are expected to understand how to properly adjust and post scores. If you are unsure of how to adjust or post your score, please ask the Golf Shop staff, or visit [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

"I didn't know" is **not** an excuse for handicap violations. Players are required to post all scores as soon as possible after **every** round. The GHIN mobile app is an excellent resource for posting scores which is very quick, easy to use, and always in your pocket. All scores should be posted the same day the round was played.

## **This is what the USGA says about what a Handicap Index represents:**

*A Handicap Index is designed to represent your ability when you're playing well – which is why you should be proud whenever you play to your handicap or better. You can typically expect to score about 2-4 strokes higher. (USGA Handicapping Reference Guide, pg.22)*

An important component of the USGA Handicap System is peer review, which provides the ability to review other member's scoring records. It is incumbent upon all club members to participate in peer review.

Participants in all club events must have an established handicap. If you do not have an established handicap the PGA staff will assign you one based on recent scores. If you do not have any recent scores, your handicap will be a +2 for men and a 0 for ladies.

The Golf/Handicap Committee will monitor and review handicaps for ECC events.

## **Posting Scores:**

To post scores, please utilize the GHIN mobile app or inform the golf shop of your score after your round. Posting your score the day you play is very beneficial to potentially take advantage of the Playing Conditions Calculator (please see the USGA rule book for more information).

Please post every round HOLE-BY-HOLE rather than entering a total score. This helps the club study the hole handicaps so we can make appropriate adjustments and helps with the accuracy of your handicap as it is figured with Stroke Control. The max score any player can take on a hole for posting purposes is Net Double Bogey. Many events (such as stroke play events) you can still record a score higher than Net Double Bogey, but for posting purposes, Net Double Bogey is the highest score the GHIN system will allow.

Net Double Bogey is defined as double bogey plus the number of handicap strokes allotted on that hole. If a player gets one (1) stroke on a par 4, net double bogey is seven

(7). (Double bogey: 6 + Handicap strokes: 1). If a player gets two (2) strokes on a par 5, net double bogey is nine (9). (Double bogey: 7 + Handicap strokes: 2).

### **Remember:**

We are here to have fun with old and new friends. Let's congratulate a player that shoots a career round!

### **Respect the Golf Course:**

All players are expected to repair ball marks, rake bunkers, and fill in divots with sand and seed mix. Leave each hole as you would like to find it when playing. Please remember to lay the flagstick down as to not damage the green.

### **Golf Cart Regulations:**

- Only two (2) riders per cart
- Max of three (3) bags per cart
- 3 players or less = 2 carts max per group (please pair up)
- 4 players or more = 3 carts max per group (please pair up)
- Driver of any cart (club or privately owned) must be 16 unless accompanied by an adult
- All carts must be kept 30 feet from greens, tees, and bunkers
- Keep all four tires *on the cart path* around tees and greens

### **Pace of Play:**

Players are responsible to keep up with the group in front of them. Don't look back when seeing if you are on pace, *look forward*. Always play ready golf (something the USGA rules now recommend). During team tournaments, balls that do not count for team score should be picked up and the "most likely" score should be recorded. During regular play, slower groups should always allow faster groups to play through if a hole is open ahead.

### **Practice Facility:**

Due to its small size, our range should be treated as more of a warm-up facility. The **MAX** distance allowable on the range is 250 yards. Please be courteous to other members and **DO NOT** strike any shots that could go further than 250 yards. You are liable for any errant shots that leave the range, in any direction.

### **Match Play Tournaments:**

There are frequent challenges to scheduling and playing matches, both individual and team. If you struggle to find a time available on the tee sheet, please contact the golf shop and we will do our best to help facilitate a time. Matches not completed by the deadline will be subject to a coin flip. Delays in each round push later rounds out further and further and the season simply cannot delay too long. Get your matches scheduled and played as soon as you can.



## **Rules:**

Players are responsible for understanding the rules. Rules/Format sheets will be available before every tournament. Please take the time to read and understand them. See the golf shop if you have any questions

- **No gimmies!** Any score going on the scorecard **MUST** go in the hole
- Please turn in legible and accurate scorecards
- Please only write **GROSS** scores on the scorecard
- All tournament scores and league scores will be posted by the golf shop as “C” scores

## **Dress Code:**

Proper Golf Attire for Men:

- Collared shirt | Well-maintained t-shirt | Pants/Jeans | Shorts of medium length

Proper Golf Attire for Ladies:

- Ladies’ shirts must have sleeves or a collar | Well-maintained t-shirt | Pants/Jeans | Shorts/Skirts/Skorts of medium length

Not Appropriate Attire:

- Tank tops | Muscle shirts | Spaghetti straps | Halter tops | Graphic t-shirts
- Cutoff jeans/slacks | Sweatpants | Gym shorts
- Metal spikes are prohibited

## **Other Golf Policies:**

- Guests may play with any member up to a total of five (5) times per year
- All golf shop credit expires **November 15<sup>th</sup>** this year
- Play will be commenced only with Golf Shop approval at either #1 or #10 tees. Play is not to be commenced from any other place on the course, except during authorized shotgun tournaments.
- 5-somes are allowed with Golf Shop approval
- 6-somes are allowed from November 1 – March 31 with Golf Shop approval
- Players stopping for lunch after 9 holes will relinquish 10<sup>th</sup> tee privileges
- Any individual damaging the golf course or carts in any manner shall be assessed the damage. Members are responsible for their guests.
- The Men’s and Ladies Associations, along with the PGA Head Golf Professional shall govern all matches, tournaments, and events. Approval of outside events shall be at the discretion of the Board of Directors
- Tournaments and events will be publicized via email, on bulletin boards, and through other means
- No game or contest of any character, to which the public may be invited, shall be held upon any part of the club grounds without the previous permission of the Board of Directors

## ***Race for the Cup Point System - Men***

The Race for the Cup point system is used to determine the Season-Long Race for the Cup Champion.

Standings are updated after each Race for the Cup event and are posted outside the golf shop and will be shared in golf shop update emails. Each event allocates 275 points for the top 10 finishers.

All members playing in Race for the Cup events (except for Finale/Closing Day) will be charged \$5 additional to the entry fee that will go to the Race for the Cup payout.

Each Event Allocates 275 Points (ties will be split)

***50 - 45 - 40 - 35 - 30 - 25 - 20 - 15 - 10 - 5***

- **REX EATON:** Top 5 Teams Split 95-75-55-35-15 respectively
- **2 MAN BEST BALL:** Top ten members
- **ARNOLD DALTON:** Top ten individual members
- **MEMBER/GUEST:** Top ten members.
- **CLUB CHAMP:** Top ten 36-hole net individuals.
- **INDIVIDUAL MATCH PLAY:** Point distribution determined by number of entrants
- **TEAM MATCH PLAY:** Point distribution determined by number of entrants
- **FINALE(Men's Closing Day):** Double points for top ten individuals.
  - *100 - 90 - 80 - 70 - 60 - 50 - 40 - 30 - 20 - 10*
  - *Overall points champion after final event wins the Cup + cash*

*\*No pairing requests will be allowed in Race for the Cup events.*

## ***Event Information / Entries***

Below are all the details for the 2023 events.

- **While we plan on the following dates, formats, and costs listed below, *all information is subject to change based on costs, participation, weather, etc.***
- Any entry fees for members will always be charged directly to the member's account. Please do not send in check/cash if you are a member.
- **All tournament and league scores where Golf Genius is used for scoring will be posted by the golf shop that day.**
- To play in any Men's or Ladies event, you must be a member of the appropriate association.
- To sign up for events, please email, call, or stop by the golf shop!
- **Nearly all events will have side games so *BRING CASH!***

### **Brown Grass (March 18th):**

Format: One Person Scramble  
Time: 10am shotgun  
Cost: \$30  
Handicap: 25%  
Tees: **See HDCP Parameters Above**  
Information: Individual competition. Straight up 1 person scramble. Choose best shot out of two. Max score net double bogey. Make your own groups or the golf shop will pair you up. Play in 3somes.

### **Men's Opening Day (April 2nd):**

Format: 1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Net  
Time: 10am shotgun  
Cost: \$30  
Handicap: 85%  
Tees: **See HDCP Parameters Above**  
Information: 4-person teams. Form your own 4-person team or the Golf Shop will pair you up. Breakfast provided by the Men's Association!

### **4-Person Scramble (April 15th):**

Format: Scramble  
Time: 9a shotgun  
Cost: Members \$35 + cart | Non-member \$65 + cart  
Handicap: 25% - 20% - 15% - 10% (from lowest to highest handicap)  
Tees: Age 59 and under: Blue/Red. 60 and over: White/Gold  
Information: Open to the public. Must have at least one ECC Member per team. Each person's tee shot must be used at least three times. Optional pari-mutuel wagering. Will play in 8-somes.

### **Ladies' League – Tuesday 9 & Wine (May 2 – Sept 26):**

Format: Individual Play Formats Vary  
Time: Tuesdays | Tee times between 4-6p  
Cost: \$30 for the season  
Handicap: Varies on game  
Tees: Varies by day  
Information: 9-hole league. Games vary by week. Choose your own tee time and pairings. Sign-up sheets are in the lady's locker room.

### **Ladies' League – Wednesday 18 (May 3 – Sept 27):**

Format: Individual Play  
Time: Wednesday morning | Shotguns  
Cost: \$30 for the season  
Handicap: 100%  
Tees: Varies by day  
Information: Games vary by week with a season-long putting contest. Sign-up sheets are in the lady's locker room. Pairings made at random by the golf shop.

### **Men's League – THURSDAY NIGHT ONLY (May 4 – Aug 17):**

Format: Team Best Ball Match Play  
Time: 5:15p shotgun  
Cost: \$150/team (\$75/player)  
Handicap: 85%  
Tees: See HDCP Parameters Above  
Information: Teams will rotate front/back 9 each week. Substitutes may be used. New this year, 2 subs may be used if both team members are not present, except on final payout rounds. In those rounds one sub can be used. A person can only sub 3 times for the same team during the season. Two flights will be determined by total team handicap. Position rounds played every 4 weeks or be used as a rain date. Payouts: 25% 1<sup>st</sup> half of season. 25% 2<sup>nd</sup> half of season. 50% season total.

### **Couples League – Fridays (May 5 – Sept 29):**

Format: Couples 9 Hole Scotch  
Time: Friday afternoon/evening | Tee times 4pm-6pm  
Cost: \$20/week  
Handicap: Team HDCPs vary by game  
Tees: Varies by week  
Information: Make your own tee times and form your own groups. Formats vary by week and will be provided by the golf shop. 6somes(max) allowed in this format

### **Ladies' Weekend League – Saturday or Sunday (May 6 – Sept 30):**

Format: Individual Play  
Time: Saturday or Sunday | Make your own tee time and play anytime  
Cost: \$30 for the season  
Handicap: 100%  
Tees: Red or Yellow  
Information: Must play with another Ladies or Men's Association member. Low gross/net paid out each week for red and yellow tees. Can play either Saturday or Sunday.

### **Men's Arnold Dalton (May 6th)**

Format: 9 Scramble | 9 Best Ball | 9 Pure Scotch  
Time: 8a shotgun  
Cost: \$80 Member / Non-Member \$130  
Handicap: Scramble: 35% low 15% high | Best Ball: 85% | Scotch: 50% team  
Tees: See HDCP Parameters Above  
Information: 2-person teams. New This Year! Each team must have at least 1 member. Boxed lunch after 18 holes.

### **Men's Individual Match Play (Brackets released May 1<sup>st</sup>):**

Format: Individual Match Play  
Cost: \$25  
Handicap: 100%  
Tees: See HDCP Parameters Above  
Information: Matches will wheel off the low player. Each round will have 1 month to complete the match. Matches not completed by the deadline will result in a coin flip the day after the deadline.

### **Men's Team Match Play (Brackets released May 1<sup>st</sup>):**

Format: Two Person Match Play. Alternate Shot Odds and Evens.  
Cost: \$25/player  
Handicap: 50% combined team HDCP  
Tees: See HDCP Parameters Above  
Information: Form your own 2-person team. Alternate shot, low index tees off odd holes. High index tees off even holes. Each round will have 1 month to complete the match. Matches not completed by the deadline will result in a coin flip the day after the deadline.

### **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Hickory Tournament (May 13<sup>th</sup>)**

Format: Chapman Scotch (2 Person Teams)  
Time: 8:00am Shotgun  
Cost: TBD  
Handicap: 60% low + 40% high  
Tees: Men/White, Ladies/Gold  
Information: Join us in celebrating Eaton CC's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! 2 person teams. Hickory clubs and specialty balls included.

### **Ladies 2-Lady (May 20<sup>th</sup>):**

Format: 6 Scramble | 6 Scotch | 6 Best Ball  
Time: 8a shotgun  
Cost: Member \$50 + cart | Non-member \$80 + cart  
Handicap: Scramble: 35% low 15% high | Best Ball: 85% | Scotch: 50% team  
Tees: Red only  
Information: Open to the public. 2-person teams. Must have GHIN.

### **Men's 2-Man Best Ball (May 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>):**

Format: Best Ball  
Time: Tee Times  
Cost: Member \$50 + cart | Non-member \$100 + cart  
Handicap: 85%  
Tees: Blue only  
Information: Open to the public. Limited to first 80 teams. Players without GHIN will play to a +2 course handicap. Calcutta Friday night. Any team not sold at Calcutta must purchase themselves for \$100 before teeing off. No flights.

### **Junior Golf Camp (June 6-June 9):**

Format: Four days of Junior Golf Camp. Grouped by age/ability.  
Time: Morning sessions  
Cost: Member \$100 | Non-member \$150  
Information: Ages 7-11: 9:00-9:50a | Ages 10-17: 10:00-10:50a. Topics covered: Rules and etiquette. Short game. Putting. Full swing. Tee shots. Sand and trouble shots.

### **Junior League (June 13-July 25):**

Format: Varies by week  
Time: Tuesday mornings starting after Junior Golf Camp  
Cost: Included in Junior Golf Camp costs  
Information: Every Tuesday morning during the dates above. New formats with prizes and contests each week. Junior Golf CHAMPIONSHIP the final day, 7/25.

### **Parent Child Tournament (June 17):**

Format: Scotch  
Time: Morning tee times by age  
Cost: \$40/team  
Handicap: Gross / Callaway HDCP System  
Tees: Varies  
Information: Open to all parent-child combinations (male or female). Grandparents included. One teammate must be ECC member.

### **Ladies Sunbonnet (June 24)**

Format: Individual Stroke Play  
Time: 8a shotgun  
Cost: Member \$45 + cart | Non-member \$75 + cart  
Handicap: 95%  
Tees: Red only  
Information: Open to the public. Flights based on number of players. Lunch after play. Derby following lunch.

### **Couples 4<sup>th</sup> of July Tournament – Couples Mixer (July 4)**

Format: Front 9 Scramble | Back 9 Chapman Scotch  
Time: 8a shotgun  
Cost: \$50/team  
Handicap: Scramble: 35% low 15% high | Chapman: 40% team  
Tees: **See HDCP Parameters Above**  
Information: Scramble format must use each player's tee shot at least three times. Any male/female combination allowed.

### **Men's Rex Eaton Member/Member(July 15-16):**

Format: Team Stableford/Quota  
Time: 8a shotgun  
Cost: **\$100/team (\$50/player) or \$400/team (\$200/player)**  
Handicap: Team: 95% | Individual: 95%  
Tees: Heavyweight Flight - Blue only, Bantomweight Flight - **See HDCP Parameters Above**  
Information: 2-person teams. **New This Year! 2 Flights, Heavyweight Flight & Bantomweight Flight. Choose flight at sign up.**  
**Back to 2 Day Event.**

### **Senior Club Championships (July 29th)**

Format: Stroke Play  
Time: Morning tee times  
Cost: \$25  
Handicap: 95%  
Tees: Must declare: Blue/White or Red/Gold  
Information: Overall club champion must play from Blue/Red tees.  
Open to men and ladies ages 50 and over. Must be ECC Member

### **Round Up | Men's Member-Guest (August 4th-6th)**

Format: Fri: Practice Round + Calcutta  
Sat: 9 Scramble | 9 Best Ball  
Sun: 9 Scotch | 9 Both Balls  
Time: 9a shotguns both days  
Cost: \$700/team  
Handicap: USGA recommendations for all formats  
Tees: Blue only  
Information: All fees included. Calcutta Friday night. Please see detailed sign-up sheet.  
Limited to first 40 teams.

### **Club Championships (August 19th-20th)**

Format: Stroke Play  
Time: Morning tee times  
Cost: \$40  
Handicap: 95%  
Tees: Men: Black\* (Champ) | Net/Gross | 27 holes Sunday  
Blue Flights | Net/gross competitions  
White Flight | Net/gross competitions  
Ladies: Red\* (Champ) | Gross only  
Gold Flight | Net/gross competitions  
*\*Overall club champion must play from Black/Red tees*  
Information: Only Men's Champ Flight plays 27 holes Sunday

### **Couples Nite-Lite (September 1st)**

Format: Scotch  
Time: 8p shotgun  
Cost: \$75/team  
Handicap: 15% of team  
Tees: Gold  
Information: Food, drink ticket, prizes, and LED glow balls included.



### **Men's Senior Classic (September 8th)**

Format: Individual Gross/Net  
Time: 9a shotgun  
Cost: Member \$45 + cart | Non-member \$75 + cart  
Handicap: 95%  
Tees: White  
Information: Open to the public age 50 and over. Flighted by age.

### **Men's League – Wednesday Night (September 6th – October 18th):**

Format: **Individual Ultimate Match Play**  
Time: Make your own tee time between 12 – 5p  
Cost: \$50 billed on week one  
Handicap: 100%  
Tees: **See HDCP Parameters Above**  
Information: Wednesday night league is an ultimate match play competition. Every night you will play a match against every other player playing that day. Each match will be worth 1 point with ties receiving ½ point. Play as many weeks as you can. Best 5 weeks count towards final standings. The more you play, the better your odds of gaining points! 2 Flights: Black/Blue Tee and White/Red Tee. Top point winners per flight will be paid out at season end. Any putt inside 18” will be considered “good.”

### **3-Person Scramble (September 16th-17th)**

Format: Scramble  
Time: 10a shotgun both days  
Cost: Member \$50 + carts | Non-member \$110 + carts  
Handicap: Day 1: None  
Day 2: ½ difference between your score and the flight leader's score  
Tees: Day 1: Men Blue | Ladies Red  
Day 2 by flight: Men Black/Blue/White | Ladies Red  
Information: Open to the public. Calcutta at ~5pm on Sat. after round 1. Any team not sold at Calcutta must purchase themselves for \$150 before teeing off on day two.

### **Men's Super Skins (September 21st)**

Format: 2-Man Gross Scramble  
Time: 1p shotgun  
Cost: Member \$45 + cart | Non-member \$75 + cart  
Handicap: None  
Tees: Blue  
Information: Open to the public. Minimum of 6 tee shots per player. Lowest handicap will be paired with the highest handicap, 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest with 2<sup>nd</sup> highest, etc. If no skins, pot will pay the top 5 teams.

### **Couples Championship(September 23<sup>rd</sup>)**

Format: 9 Holes Best Ball | 9 Holes Pure Alternate Shot  
Time: 9:00am Shotgun  
Cost: \$50 Couple  
Handicap: USGA Recommendations for both formats  
Tees: See HDCP Parameters above. To be eligible for Overall Champion Men must play Blue Tees, Women Red  
Information: Only Couples that are on the same membership are eligible for this event

### **Fairways vs Highways Ryder Cup**

- Fairways and Highways will now be a bi-annual event. Rotating with the WYCO Cup

### **Men's Closing Day / Race for the Cup Finale (October 1st)**

Format: 3-2-1 Net Best Ball  
Time: 10a shotgun  
Cost: \$30  
Handicap: 90%  
Tees: Blue unless otherwise noted at sign up  
Information: 3 net balls on par 3s. 2 net balls on par 4s. 1 net ball on par 5s.  
Make your own 4-person teams or the golf shop will pair you up. Flights based on total team handicap. Race for the Cup finale (individual net game at 95% handicaps will also be played during this event). Lunch and breakfast provided by the Men's Association!

### **WYCO Cup(October 7th-8th)**

Format: Team Match Play  
Time: TBD Tee Times  
Cost: TBD  
Handicap: 100%  
Tees: Blue  
Information: Qualifying TBD

### **2 Person Scramble(October 14<sup>th</sup>)**

Format: 2 Person Scramble  
Time: 10:00am shotgun  
Cost: \$90/member | \$120/non-member  
Handicap: 35% Low Index + 15% High Index  
Tees: Blue Tees/Men, Red Tees Women  
Information: Open to public. No mixed teams (only teams of all men or all women).  
Blind draw Calcutta.

### **Fall Classic (November 5)**

Format: 6 Holes Scramble | 6 Holes Scotch | 6 Holes Best Ball  
Time: 10a shotgun  
Cost: Member \$30 + cart | Non-member \$60 + cart  
Handicap: USGA recommendations on all formats  
Tees: 0 – 6.9 Index: Black  
7 – 14.9 Index: Blue  
15+ Index: White  
Ladies: Red  
Information: Must have at least one ECC Member per team.