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President's Message



Steve Reid, President

A big "Howdy" to all our friends in the World Senior Golf Federation. I hope all of you have gotten off to a good start for the year 2016 and are looking forward to our annual tournament beginning with the official practice in the form of a 10:00am shotgun start for everyone on Friday, August 26.

We were approached about travel difficulties on Labor Day weekend, so we moved the tournament, having the practice round on Friday, August 26 and final round and banquet will be on Friday, September 2. Better travel rates are generally on Saturday, so this might be a good advantage.

So a quick overview of the tournament will be the practice round on Friday, August 26, team matches and qualifying rounds on Saturday, August 27 and Sunday, August 28. Monday, August 29 will be our day off. Match play rounds will begin on Tuesday, August 30 and end on Friday, September 2. This will allow for a Saturday departure, September 3.

There are other exciting things being added. One is a 2nd Team from each country vying for the Team Championship. So each country can have two teams, with one playing for the Gross Championship and one playing for the Net Championship. Read more about this in the Golf Section of this newsletter.

Second, we are inviting all American entries to join the USA team and march in the Flag Ceremony. The uniform the Americans wear will be grey trousers, blue blazer with white dress shirt and maroon tie. So the American players should be the largest entry in the Flag Ceremony and that will be exciting to see.

Third, it has been decided to limit any new member to a handicap of 20 or an index that converts to a 20 handicap or lower. This limit does not affect any current member that has played in the tournament in 2014 or 2015. We want the members that have been playing with us to continue to grace us with their presence but any member that has not played with us in the last two years and wants to join us must have a handicap of 20 or lower.

Now that you have the above information, let me inform you of the site for the 2017 and 2018 World Senior Golf Federation Tournament. The event will be held at the Omni LaCosta Resort in Carlsbad, California, the site of many previous PGA events. This is one of the finest resorts anywhere, with two terrific courses right outside your door. Please understand, in order to have priority entry into the 2017 tournament, you must have played in the 2016 event at Lake Tahoe. Anyone wanting in the 2017 event that did not play in the 2016 event will be put on a list based on when the entry was received and will be contacted with any openings when the priority entry time is completed.

There is a lot of information in this newsletter, so please read it carefully and contact us with any

President's Message Continued

questions.

Thanks for your continued support of this organization. The highlight of our year is the World Senior Golf Championships and the many friends that come to the event from many nations of this great world. The handshakes and hugs go a long way in our efforts for better relations between peoples of many different countries.

Practice Round and Teams

Beginning in 2016, each country will be permitted to have up to two teams for Team Play, one Net and one Gross team. That would require at least 6-8 players from a country (3-4 net, 3-4 gross). A country may just enter one team as in the past but must declare if that team is playing for net or gross in advance of the tournament. Those with two teams must declare to Sherry the names of the players on the Net team and the names of the players on the Gross team, no later than 7:00pm on Friday, August 26 (no later than the Flag Raising, Welcome Reception). As in the past, the best 3 of the 4 scores will be used to compute the winners and runners-up

In order to alleviate transportation difficulties and the lateness with which some players returned to the hotel to prepare for the flag raising ceremony on Friday, August 26, this year all players will tee off in a 10:00am shotgun start. This will require everyone arriving by Thursday, or at the course no later than 9:00am on Friday in order to have an official practice round.

Once again, the 2015 Champion, Nigel Mansell, has earned the privilege of being seeded #1 in match play if he is in attendance at the 2016 tournament. And I am sure, if his schedule permits, he will be anxious to try to accomplish something no other player has been able to ... Champion in three consecutive years.

Words from the Tournament Chairman



Butch Turner, Tournament Chairman

The preparations for the 2016 World Seniors Golf Federation's Tournament is well underway and promises to be much improved from the previous year. The moisture the Tahoe area has received this winter should improve the course's condition and enhance their playability. The scenery around the area should be absolutely fantastic. Hope to see you there!!

Your Board of Directors has initiated and improved on some of the logistics for the tournament which will alleviate some of the issues we encountered last year, these improvements will definitely make your golfing experience more enjoyable.

To further improve every participant's enjoyment of the tournament I need your assistance. I am requesting that every individual make a special effort to always be aware of the position of their group on the course. If you cannot see the group in front of you your foursome is out of position and your entire group should put forth every effort to regain your position as quickly as possible. The goal of the Board is to have each round completed in a four and one-half hour time frame. If everyone will just keep the group in front of them in sight we can reach this goal and greatly improve everyone's attitude and who knows maybe your game.

Now is the time to start your plan for being with us in August. You will be receiving your invitations shortly so get your game in shape so you can bring home the trophy. I look forward to seeing you in Tahoe 2016.

Tournament Information

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2016 WORLD SENIOR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS®

August 25—September 2

Thursday, August 25

Registration
Team Captain's Meeting

Friday, August 26

Official Practice—10:00am Shotgun—Gray's Crossing
Registration
Flag Ceremony and Welcome Reception

Saturday, August 27

International Team , Qualifying,
& President's Medal Play—Gray's Crossing
Ladies Luncheon and Putting Contest
Free Evening

Sunday, August 28

International Team Play, Qualifying &
President's Medal Play—Gray's Crossing
Ladies Excursion
Ladies Scramble
Free Evening

Monday, August 29

Free Day

Tuesday, August 30

Match Play, Round One—Gray's Crossing & Old Greenwood
Ladies Golf, Format TBD
Team Awards Reception and Dinner

Wednesday, August 31

Match Play, Round Two—Gray's Crossing & Old Greenwood
Ladies Golf, Format TBD
Western Steak Fry

Thursday, September 1

Match Play, Semi-Finals—Gray's Crossing & Old Greenwood
Ladies Excursion
Free Evening

Friday, September 2

Match Play, Finals—Gray's Crossing and Old Greenwood
Bermuda Longtail & Argentine Trophy - Gray's Crossing
Awards Banquet

Saturday, September 3—Departure



Invitations will be mailed for the 2016 World Senior Golf Championships in February

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Team Captain or
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The Ladies

2016 will be busy with respect to the activities planned for the ladies. Thanks to the generosity and support of Mrs. Kay French, our ladies are provided with activities almost every day and they are an integral part of our evening social functions. Several on-site activities are being planned in 2016 in addition to the traditional activities.

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| Saturday, August 27 | Ladies Morning Hospitality Ladies Reception & Luncheon Putting Contest for ALL ladies |
| Sunday, August 28 | Ladies Morning Hospitality Excursion Ladies Scramble Golf |
| Monday, August 29 | FREE DAY |
| Tuesday, August 30 | Ladies Morning Hospitality Ladies Golf—Format TBD |
| Wednesday, August 31 | Ladies Morning Hospitality Ladies Golf—Format TBD |
| Thursday, September 1 | Ladies Morning Hospitality Excursion |
| Friday, September 2 | Ladies Morning Hospitality |

