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GENERAL INFORMATION

- ☞ From Monday, July 31st through Sunday, August 6th there will be **NO** indoor food service.
- ☞ Luncheon will be available under the Four-Ball tent only from 10:30 to 3:00pm.
- ☞ Dinner will also be served under the tent Tuesday through Friday.
- ☞ Down Bar will be CLOSED.
- ☞ Saturday night's Dinner Dance will begin at 5:30 inside our main dining room. Seating arrangements will be provided inside and under the tent. Please specify. Players plus one **ONLY**. **Reservations required.**
 - Please contact the Office (508-993-3453) to coordinate seating arrangements **no later** than 4:00 PM on Thursday, August 3rd.
- ☞ **Sunday, August 6th - Awards for all players and guests. All members invited to attend to honor this year's winners. Entertainment and hors d'oeuvres to follow award ceremony.**
- ☞ Four-Ball Entry Fee Includes:
 - Monday Night Stag Dinner - 6:00 PM
 - Luncheon - Tuesday through Saturday
 - Friday Night Dinner Dance for each player and their guest only. (Tickets not transferable)
 - Four competitive rounds of golf including the Medal Play
- ☞ Satellite Entry Fee Includes:
 - Monday Night Stag Dinner - 6:00 PM
 - Luncheon - Wednesday through Saturday
 - Saturday Night Dinner Dance for each player and their guest only. (Tickets not transferable)
 - Three competitive rounds of golf including the Medal Play

☞ *Starting Times*:*

FOUR-BALL TOURNAMENT

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| July 29-31st | *Practice Round (Please see golf shop for tee times) |
| Tuesday, August 1st | 11:00am tee times off #1 & #10 |
| Wednesday, August 2nd | 11:30am tee times off #1 & #10 |
| Thursday, August 3rd | 11:30am tee times off #1 & #10 |
| Friday, August 4th | 11:30am (If you play on Friday, you are not eligible for Sat. Medal Play) |
| Saturday, August 5th | 11:30am |
| Sunday, August 6th | 11:00am |

SATELLITE TOURNAMENT

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| July 29-31st | *Practice Round (Please see golf shop for tee times) |
| Wednesday, August 2nd | 7:30am Shotgun off #1, #7, and #13 |
| Thursday, August 3rd | 7:30am Shotgun off #1, #7, and #13 |
| Friday, August 4th | 7:30am |
| Saturday, August 5th | 9:00am |
| Sunday, August 6th | 9:00am |

MEDAL PLAY-Fourball Only*

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| Saturday, August 5th | 7:30am 1st tee only (subject to change) |
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Tee Times and Starting Holes may be changed at any time during the competition by the Tournament Committee

RULES OF PLAY

USGA Rules are in effect with the following exceptions: One Ball Rule: Waived

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| <i>EMBEDDED BALL</i> | (Except in hazard) Ball embedded by the force of its own impact (through the green); free drop allowed no nearer to the hole. Ball may be cleaned. |
| <i>PRACTICE AREAS</i> | Free lift from all practice areas. Drop within one club-length no nearer to the hole. Applies to holes; 1, 5, 6, 9 & 14. |
| <i>FLOWERBEDS</i> | (and GARDENS) Free drop allowed to the nearest point of relief. Ball may be cleaned. Plantings along left side of hole #6 beyond the teeing area are not considered flowerbeds. Ball shall be played as it lies. |
| <i>OUT OF BOUNDS</i> | All outside boundaries of the course are OB. No OB within confines of the course, with the following exceptions: |
| <i>5th hole</i> | Ball beyond the out of bounds markers designating parking lot area are OB. |
| <i>6th hole</i> | Ball on or over the road or in parking lot to the left of the 6 th fairway is OB between designated white lines. |

ANY BALL IN THE PARKING LOT IS OB

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| <i>WHITE LINED AREAS</i> | Through the green relief may be taken without penalty. Clean and drop ball within one club length of nearest point of relief. Remember, if you intend to take relief from the white lined area, you must take complete relief (the ball must be dropped outside of the white area). <i>*Newly seeded areas, players MUST take relief.</i> |
| <i>CART & CADDIE</i> | Cart and Caddie rules are waived for this tournament. |
| <i>14th HOLE</i> | Cart path is defined as a man-made object. <i>USGA Rules Apply.</i> |
| <i>IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS</i> | The player shall lift the ball and drop it within one club length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief on a part of the course that avoids interference by the immovable object. |
| <i>17TH HOLE</i> | Please note: All water and the bridge on hole #17 are considered to be <u>one hazard</u> . Any ball crossing the margin of the hazard must be taken and dropped behind the pond <u>fronting the green</u> keeping the point of entry between you and the hole. USGA rules apply. |
| <i>18th HOLE</i> | Drop areas will be assigned for balls on practice putting green. |
| <i>MARKERS</i> | Championship Event - BLACK MARKERS ONLY Satellite Tournament - BLUE MARKERS - Competitors over the age of 70, and choosing to play from the GREY markers will be subject to handicap adjustment per Section 3.5 of the USGA Handicap system |
| <i>PRACTICE</i> | In order to prevent any inconvenience to those individuals playing the golf course, practice will be allowed only at practice nets in the Pro Shop and chipping and putting green areas. |

SLOW PLAY

The August Four Ball Committee and the Greens Staff have worked together to promote a smooth flow through the golf course and a close monitoring of pin placements. However, speed of play ultimately depends on you, the participants. We urge you to be conscious of the time it takes to play a hole. Please be considerate of those waiting behind you. The USGA rule regarding pace of play will be in effect for this tournament and will be enforced by rangers. **Please note that these rangers have been appointed by the August Four Ball Committee with the endorsement of the Board of Governors to implement the USGA Pace of Play Policy. Please understand it is not our intention to intimidate anyone, but in matters of slow play the ranger's decision is final. Any disrespect shown to these individuals, whose only interest is serving fellow members and guests, may be subject to disqualification from the tournament.** A copy of the USGA Pace of Play Rules and Regulations has been included in this package for all participants. Once again, we urge you to be conscious of the time in order to keep this tournament enjoyable for all. **On hole #5 please park in designated area (turn-around) behind and to the right of green. **Hole #18 please park carts behind the green on the pavement.*

LIGHTNING

In the event of severe lightning in the area a horn will be sounded to suspend play. After three consecutive blasts of the horn, players should mark your ball and come in immediately. One long blast indicates that play can resume.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are permitted but power must be turned off during tournament play. Violation of this rule will result in the loss of hole. If a ruling is required during play by the head golf professional, a player may contact the golf shop at 508.992.9339. For your convenience if you need to be reached emergently, the pro shop will contact you on the course.

MEASURING DEVICES

Distance measuring devices ARE permitted during competition.

TURF CARE

The sprinkler system is set on a timer. Each cycle lasts only three minutes. If this occurs during your play, please delay play until the completion of that cycle.

RULINGS

If you need a ruling have one of the rangers contact the Golf Shop at 508.992.9339 or call PGA Head Professional Larry Demers at (c) 401-714-2115.



Handicaps

Attention all Four-Ball Participants

- Report All Scores** Any match of 13 holes or more should be reported for handicap purposes.
- Un-played Holes** To the number of strokes already played, add the total of par for the un-played holes, plus any handicap strokes to which the player is entitled to on unplayed holes.
- Incomplete Holes** In the event that a player does not hole out, he shall record for handicap purposes the score he most likely would have made if the hole had been completed (subject to equitable stroke control).
- Conceded Strokes** For handicap purposes, a player is not necessarily obliged to accept a conceded stroke. For example, suppose your opponent makes a 4 and you are already a 4 and still 80 feet from the hole. You may report a score of six, the most likely score and not a five. On the other hand, if your ball is 5 feet away, a five would be the most reasonable score to report.*
- Score Cards** Each player is obligated to be certain that his score card is complete and accurate - name, membership number, date, scores for un-played holes, gross score, equitable stroke control adjustment, and attestation. Please, return all scorecards, to the scoreboard. **CCNB golf shop staff will post all member scores during tournament play.**
- Unfinished Holes and Conceded Strokes**
A player who starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record for handicap purposes the most likely score. The most likely score may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit, defined below.
- There is no limit to the number of unfinished holes a player may have in a round, provided that failure to finish is not for the purpose of handicap manipulation.

**We have assumed that the August Four Ball Committee will request players to Pick up on a hole when out of contention, thus negating the need to hole out.*

Unfinished Holes and Conceded Strokes- Continued

Example 1: A and B are partners in a four-ball stroke play competition. On a hole on which neither player receives a handicap stroke, A lies two, 18 feet from the hole. B lies two, 25 feet from the hole. B holes a putt for a 3. A picks up on the hole, because A cannot better B's score. A records X-4 on the scorecard because 4 is A's most likely score.

Example 2: A and B are playing a match. On a hole on which neither player receives a handicap stroke, A has holed out in 4; B has a 30-foot putt for a 5. B has lost the hole, and picks up. B records X-6 on the scorecard because 6 is B's most likely score.

Example 3: A and B are playing a match. On a hole on which neither player receives a handicap stroke, A is one foot from the hole, lying 4. B is 10 feet from the hole, lying 3. B putts and misses. They both concede a half. Both players record X-5 because that is their most likely score.

Holes Not Played or Not Played Under The Principles of The Rules of Golf

If a player does not play a hole or plays it other than under the principles of the Rules of Golf (except for preferred lies), the score recorded for that hole for handicap purposes must be par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole. This hole score, when recorded, should be preceded by an "X."

Example: A player with a **Course Handicap** (Not your Tournament Handicap) of 10 receives a handicap stroke on the first 10 allocated handicap-stroke holes. If the player does not play the sixth allocated handicap-stroke hole, which is a par 4, because of construction on the green, the player must record a score of par plus one for handicap purposes, or X-5.

Equitable Stroke Control

All scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores, are subject to the application of Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). This mandatory procedure reduces high hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability.

A handicap determined from scores to which ESC has not been applied may not be termed a Handicap Index.

ESC is used when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds a maximum number, based on the table below, for the player's **Course Handicap** from the tees played.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

| COURSE HANDICAP | MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 9 or less | Double Bogey |
| 10 through 19 | 7 |
| 20 through 29 | 8 |
| 30 through 39 | 9 |
| 40 or more | 10 |

Example: A player with a Course Handicap of 6 has a maximum number of par plus two strokes (double bogey) for any hole. A player with a Course Handicap of 13 has a maximum number of 7 for any hole regardless of par.

COUNTRY CLUB OF NEW BEDFORD

August Four-Ball Pace of Play Policy

USGA Rule 6-7 states that the player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.

The Tournament Committee has established the following guidelines regarding slow play/out of position for this tournament.

DEFINITION OF "OUT OF PLAY" POSITION: The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any place during the round, the group is behind the allotted time of play.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it:

- A. Is taking more than the allotted time to play and
- B. Falls more than one hole behind the preceding group (an open par 3 or par 4 or when the preceding group is on a par 5).

If a group falls out of position, immediately after all players have left the teeing ground but before any subsequent strokes have been played, an official will inform the group that they are out of position and that they will be monitored and timed.

MONITORING: Any player in a group out of position who takes **more than 40 seconds to play a stroke** on one occasion will be advised of that fact and notified that if he exceeds 40 seconds on one more occasion (a total of two timings exceeding 40 seconds); **he will incur a penalty of disqualification** from the hole being played. Any player, who takes more than 40 seconds on any additional occasion, will incur the same penalty.

Note: The timing process is continuous for the stipulated round.

TIMING: The timing of the player's stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play, and he can play without interference or distractions.

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and there are no distractions. Timing will begin after he has had reasonable time to select his club. Any time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, the timing will begin after the player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean, and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt, and remove loose impediments on his line of putt.

RULING OR OTHER INCIDENTS: If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs, which causes the group in question to lose position with respect to either the allotted time permitted and/or the preceding group, players are expected to make up the time and/or position.

It is unreasonable for players to take more than 15 minutes per hole in a group of four.

| TIME LIMITS: | Groups of 4 |
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| HOLE # | Time |
| 1 | 0:15 |
| 2 | 0:30 |
| 3 | 0:45 |
| 4 | 1:00 |
| 5 | 1:15 |
| 6 | 1:30 |
| 7 | 1:45 |
| 8 | 2:00 |
| 9 | 2:15 |
| 10 | 2:30 |
| 11 | 2:45 |
| 12 | 3:00 |
| 13 | 3:15 |
| 14 | 3:30 |
| 15 | 3:45 |
| 16 | 4:00 |
| 17 | 4:15 |
| 18 | 4:30 |

HAVE A GREAT WEEK AND BEST OF LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS!
The Tournament Committee

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