



2019 18 Hole Senior Men's Flex Club
Wednesday Mornings beginning May 1st –August 28th

PLAYERS GUIDE

Welcome to the 2019 Senior Men's Flex Club. A few items to get you started.

Starting times:

New for 2019- All tee times will be made online at www.stonebrooke.com.

Tee times can be made 9 days in advance.

If you are a single player we would be happy to pair you up with another senior flex group so please call to make your tee time. When making your tee time online, please include the players names that will be playing in your group. If you are only going to have 3 players, please call us to cancel so singles looking for groups can be paired with other club members.

*Please note that this is not intended to be a structured league where you are guaranteed availability each and every Wednesday. This is rather a FLEX CLUB but you can be assured that there will be at least 15 dates of play. Therefore, this Club is subject to cancellation **OR** 7:30 or 8 am shotgun starts due to corporate outings. We will do our best to give you advance notice of these dates. If play is cancelled due to an outside event we will add on days at the end of Season until we get to at least 15 weeks of play or until August 28th. Please note that rain outs will not be rescheduled unless the course is deemed closed by management.

TEES: All play is from the GOLD tees.

Games:

Each week we have \$5.00 game (Skins, Field Events, Blind Holes, Blind Partners, etc). Along with the \$50 league dues this will create your prize fund to be distributed after play. A portion from the club dues will be distributed each week.

WEEKLY GAMES: Flighted Individual Low Net and Low Gross and a weekly game.

HANDICAPS: USGA handicap is not required for the league. Instead we will be using our league manager software to determine your league handicap each week. For all NEW members to the league. If you have an established USGA handicap, this will be used as your starting handicap. Then after 3 rounds, the league manager software will determine your league handicap. New players that do not have an established USGA handicap, will receive 80% of what they score for the first 3 weeks, then will have established handicap. Returning players will receive the ending handicap of 2018. A portion of dues are applied to each event and towards the season long champion)

SEASON LONG: Along with the weekly games there will be a season long event. Format is Individual Stableford each week- 4 points for Net Eagle or better, 3 points for Net Birdie, 2 points for Net Par and 1 point for Net Bogey. At the end of the season your top 6 point totals will be added together to determine the season long champion.

Prizes and Results:

All prizes will be distributed in the form of golf shop merchandise credits. Sorry, no special orders. Weekly prize winnings will be posted to your account in the golf shop by the following week of play. The results will be posted online at www.stonebrooke.com under leagues, then . Prize winnings expire on Sept 30, 2019.

Scorecards:

New for 2019: Please exchange scorecards with another member of your foursome and sign and attest, making sure the hole by hole scores are correct before turning in. Please pick up your official individual scorecard each week. Please make sure of legible writing.

Subs/ Make ups:

Due to the flexibility of this club, sorry no makeups or subs are permissible.

Tees/Pace of Play policy:

Play will be from the GOLD tees. For the enjoyment of the club, pace of play has been established at 2 hours per nine holes. **New rule for 2019- Your ball is lost if not found in 3 minutes (rather than the previous 5 minutes). It is recommended that you play "ready golf" and make each stroke in no more than 40 seconds.** Please play without undue delay. Groups continually playing longer than posted policy may be asked to forfeit club play. Thank you in advance for *keeping the pace*.

Rules: 2019 USGA rules will govern play.

New League Rule: Out of Bounds/Lost Ball: If you can't find your ball within 3 minutes of searching, you may drop a ball in the general area in which you and your playing partners agree that it is with a 2 stroke penalty (instead of going back to the tee/previous shot) and you may drop your ball in the fairway equal to where you think it was lost. See this video for more information, <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>

Example: Hole 10- If your drive goes into the left woods, and you cannot find it, you may drop in the nearest edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole, to where your ball went in, and you are hitting 4.

Other rule changes include:

1. The golf flagstick no longer has to be attended, and there are no penalties incurred if a golfer hits the ball into the hole while the flagstick is standing.
2. If you have to drop a ball, you now do so from **knee height rather than shoulder height.**

3. You are now allowed only three minutes, instead of the previous five to find a lost ball. To speed up play, players may drop a ball in the vicinity of where it was lost or went out of bounds- See local rule above.
4. Golfers in the bunker and hazards are allowed to remove loose impediments, rocks, sticks, etc. Must do so without ball to move.
5. Golfers are now permitted to repair spike marks on putting greens prior to putting.
6. Golfers shall play quickly, with a recommended 40-seconds established to play your stroke.
7. No penalty occurs for accidentally striking your golf bag or your caddy post stroke.
8. If you accidentally move your ball while searching for it, you can replace it where it was, and incur no penalty.
9. The penalty for a double hit is removed. Golfers simply count the one stroke they made to hit the ball.

All in all, the USGA changed 20 total rules this year, all designed to encourage more seamless play when on the golf course. So please visit the USGA website for a complete list of new rules.

Daily Fees:

Green fees for \$36.00 plus tax or \$18.00 plus tax for 2019 Players Card holders. Players are required to pay the \$5.00 daily game entry prior to play. Please allow only 2 carts per group. New for 2019 all fees include a chance to win \$1,000 with hole in one on hole #4. Rain Checks- Rain checks will be given for the green fee part of the fee, however, you will not be refunded the \$5 game fee.