

Nine-Hole Play Recommendations

The Golf recommends keeping the 9-hole rates the same (50% of the 18-hole rates) for 2009 with the following provisions:

1. 9 hole play will be designated to one course each day for the 7 day week. The course selected for Tuesday and Wednesday will be the course played by the WGA 9 hole and the MGA 9 hole groups. The other 3 week days will be on a rotating basis. Every effort will be made to vary the course each day or, at least each week. Friday, CC will be open to only 18 hole play and pay. On the weekend only WW and LH will be in the rotation. CC will be available for 9 hole play after 3:00 for 9 hole play all week.
2. 9-hole play is allowed any day after 3PM SDT Time/4PM DST at any course at the 50% of the 18-hole rate.
3. All tee time requests must be for 9-holes if that is the intention of the person playing. If someone begins an 18 hole round on the 9 hole designated course and plays only 9, a refund for that person will be made. A concerted effort will be made to educate all golfers to properly use the Chelsea system to arrange 9-hole play.
4. Golfers playing on any course not designated for 9 hole play will pay the 18 hole rate. There will not be a refund for 9 holes on a course designated for 18 holes unless the course is closed during play by Eagle.
5. The nine hole course rate will be 50% of the appropriate 18 hole rate. There will not be any tee times set aside for the 9 hole play on the designated course.

Rationale:

With the present economic problems impacting heavily on SCT residents, any rise in the cost of golf will be felt and resisted. We have agreed to a 4% rise in all green fees. Raising the cost of 9-hole play to 65% of the 2009 18-hole rates (a 35% increase in the 2008 9-hole rates) was felt to be excessive.

After two years of breaking even, or better, 2009 with a third golf course and an untested budget does not appear to be a good time to possibly alienate a segment of our community (those who regularly play nine holes).

Any 9-hole rate other than 50% of the 18-hole rate would probably require both 9 and 18-hole punch cards.

Allowing 9-hole play any time on any course at a rate 65% of the 18-hole rate was considered. This, however, was not deemed the appropriate time to initiate a substantial fee increase affecting a select group of people.

The original plan was very difficult if not impossible to administer with the Pro Shop and Chelsea.