

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHANGES IN 2012

- **IMPORTANT CHANGE!**

- **ORIGINAL PROCESS WILL BE USED FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGISTRATION INSTEAD OF FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVE.**

Previously we announced a change to first-come, first serve with all individual events. However, we are reverting to the original registration process for our individual section events. It became evident that the first-come, first-serve process would not serve the interests of all Senior Tour members. We realized that this process for individual events is flawed: a Senior Tour member could be wait listed more than once a season which is unacceptable. We are acting to ensure the Senior Tour experience remains enjoyable for every member of the Senior Tour.

Individual section event entries will be accepted until the event entry deadline. At that time if an event is oversubscribed, a drawing will be held to create a wait list. Wait listed players who do not get into the event will not be wait listed in any additional individual section events for the duration of the 2012 season.

TEAM EVENTS will continue to be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis as they have for the past three years.

If you have any questions about this Senior Tour policy, please contact Joel Comstock (joel@mngolf.org, 952-345-3968).



- **NEW! CART PAYMENTS FOR EVENTS WITH A CHOICE TO WALK OR RIDE will now be made with your event entry**

Cart payments will not be made at host sites as they have in previous years but instead will be included with your event fee.

- **NEW! TWO-DAY, 36-HOLE, ALL SECTION INDIVIDUAL EVENT Bigger prize payout and more performance points awarded.**

We're excited to offer a two-day, all section event to challenge your game for two rounds of golf.

- **NEW! ALL SENIOR TOUR EVENTS WILL HAVE STABLEFORD FORMATS**

In previous years we have offered a few stroke play events throughout the season. We have eliminated stroke play events and will just utilize the stableford format for all of our events except for the Section Cup Challenge which is a match play format.

- **SUPER SENIOR SECTION EXPANDS TO EIGHT EVENTS including a one-day, two-man team event**

- **SENIOR TOUR FINALS FOR ALL SECTIONS to be held at Woodhill Country Club**

- **SENIOR TOUR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS AND MGA RULES WORKSHOPS April 18 (Bunker Hills GC) OR April 26 (Edina CC)**

Have questions about the Senior Tour? Would you like a refresher or become more informed on the Rules of Golf? We'll be offering free Senior Tour informational meetings before a few MGA Rules Seminars. We'll answer any questions you have and discuss Senior Tour procedures and situations. The meetings will be limited to an hour so players will be able to attend the MGA Rules Changes 2012 Seminar afterwards if they are signed up. The Rules Changes seminar is \$25 and includes hors d'oeuvres and an Official USGA Rules of Golf book. Senior Tour informational meeting will start at 5:00 pm and the Rules Changes seminar runs from 6:00-9:00 pm.

- **THANK YOU**

Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with all aspects of the Senior Tour in this handbook. Please don't hesitate to contact Joel or Karen with any questions or comments.

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2012 MGA SENIOR TOUR HANDBOOK

TOUR FORMAT

The MGA Senior Tour is made up of five sections - Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Super Senior. Each section has its own series of 18-hole events (ten for all sections except the Super Senior section with eight). Four two-day events are open to all sections except the Super Senior section. A player may play in any section, but cannot play in more than one except if he is 70 years or older. Players in this age category can sign up for the Super Senior section as well as one of the other sections. All sections compete for net and gross awards in two age divisions, Senior Division (55-64) and Master Division (65 and over) except for the Super Senior section having just one age division.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The Senior Tour is open to amateur golfers who:

1. are current Associate Members of the Minnesota Golf Association and whose club is a member of the MGA.
Please contact your club in SPRING to ensure that your membership is active for the 2012 season.
2. have reached their 55th birthday by May 1, 2012 for all sections except the Super Senior section in which they have reached their 70th birthday in 2012.
3. have a Handicap Index limit of 24.4 for all sections except the Super Senior section in which there is no Handicap Index limit. A Dual member participating in the Super Senior section and one other section must have a handicap index of 24.4 or lower.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

2012 Membership Registration begins **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2012**. Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western: \$55, Super Senior: \$40, Dual: \$80

You may register two different ways:

1. Apply online with a credit card at mngolf.org. See page 3 for complete information on using the MGA Online Member Program & Event area.
2. Fill out an application and mail it or drop it off in our office with a check. Applications are available for download on our website at mngolf.org, at the MGA office or can be mailed to players who request it. Applications are mailed to all of the previous year's participants who do not have an email address or online access.
Any applications RECEIVED PRIOR to Monday, February 6, 2011 will be returned to sender.

Each section of the MGA Senior Tour is limited to 210 members. Tour membership is limited to ensure that each tour member has the opportunity to compete in events. Allowing more would create too many wait lists. Please do not sign up for the MGA Senior Tour if you are limited in your availability to play.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP ENTRY PROCEDURE

Applicants for the Senior Tour must apply on line with a credit card or complete an official Senior Tour membership application which must be signed and accompanied with the membership fee of \$55.00 (\$40.00 for Super Senior/\$80 for Dual).

Applications by telephone, fax or e-mail **will not** be accepted. MGA Senior Tour membership application forms will be accepted until the membership limit is reached. Senior Tour membership must be made prior to the deadline for the first event the individual wishes to enter.

SENIOR TOUR DIVISIONS (SENIOR/MASTER)

A player's division is determined by his age (Senior 55-64, Master 65+). A player's age for the season is **his age as of May 1, 2012**. Even if a player's age changes during the season that will not change his division assignment. For Super Senior section players there is just one division.

For a Team event, if a Master player is paired with a Senior player you will compete in the Senior Division for that Team event. Any performance points made in a team event will be applied to each player's correct division in his section.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP WITHDRAWAL & REFUNDS

Senior Tour Membership Fee will be refunded if the MGA office is notified in writing and the following provisions are met:

1. Written notice of Tour membership resignation must be submitted before a player is accepted into his first Senior Tour Event or before the sixth event of the season (fifth event for the Super Senior section)..

ENTRY PROCEDURE FOR TOUR EVENTS

REGISTRATION FOR ALL EVENTS
BEGINS MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGISTRATION - There is no priority with individual event entries. As long as an entry is received by an entry deadline there will be an opportunity to play.

In the case of an oversubscribed field, there will be a blind draw after the closing entry date to bring the field down to 120 players (or the maximum number of players for the event) - those players not making it into the field will be put on a waiting list. Wait-listed players will be contacted if openings become available.

After the event, those still on the waiting list who did not play will receive a designation that prevents them from being wait listed again. This will help ensure that each member only has to sit out one oversubscribed event.

ALL SECTION, TWO-DAY EVENT REGISTRATION -

There is priority for all of the All Section Events. When a team event fills then a wait list will be created as entries come in. Wait-listed players will be contacted if openings become available.
After the event, those still on the waiting list who did not play will NOT receive a wait list designation as in the Individual Event registration process.

All entrants who do not get in an oversubscribed individual or all section event will receive notice from the MGA with their entry status for the event.

You may register two different ways:

1. ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION ON YOUR COMPUTER OR WITH A SMART PHONE (ANDROID OR IPHONE) -

Apply online with a credit card at mngolf.org. Go to the Senior Tour Home Page (under Tournaments) and click on the Event Online Entry link on the righthand side. Please see boxed out area on the next page regarding detailed Online Entry details and information.

With an Android or iPhone, go to your favorite app store and download the free "GHIN Mobile" app which will appear as a "GHIN" icon on your touch screen. When you run the app for the first time, enter you GHIN# and Last Name to get started. By clicking on "Tournament" you will be taken to the MGA Online Registration Area. If the username and password page doesn't show up immediately click on "Login" in the upper righthand corner.

2. DROP OFF OR MAIL A PRINTED EVENT FORM -

Entry forms for each section are available for download on our website at www.mngolf.org, also at the MGA office or will be mailed to players who request it or do not have an email address or online access.

One entry form may be used to enter one event or as many as you like at one time. **Printed entries must be accompanied with ONE PAYMENT CHECK (made to the MGA,) whether it be for just one event or multiple events. The one check should include a total payment for multiple events selected.**

Entries by telephone, fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Entries close at 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date for each individual event. Time limit for entries means time of receipt at MGA, not postmark.

PAYMENT PROCESSING FOR TOUR EVENTS

ALL CHECKS WILL BE CASHED UPON RECEIVING OF PRINTED ENTRIES OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE CHARGED UPON ENTRY ONLINE UNLESS A PLAYER IS WAIT LISTED.

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS FOR A PARTICULAR SENIOR TOUR EVENT

Entry fee will be refunded for a specific Senior Tour Event, if the MGA office is notified **by 3:00 pm three business days prior:**
the Wednesday prior to a Monday event,
the Thursday prior to a Tuesday event,
the Friday prior to a Wednesday event.

No refunds will be given for any reason after the withdrawal deadline to the start of the event.

Online withdrawals will receive a charge back immediately to the credit card used for entry. For those entries with payment made by check, reimbursement checks will be mailed out after the end of the 2012 season by early October.

MGA ONLINE MEMBER PROGRAM & EVENT REGISTRATION AREA

A link to this area of mngolf.org is on the Senior Tour homepage from there you will be able to register for all MGA programs and events including the Senior Tour, Associate Member Days, Rules Workshops and Championships.

1. REGISTER & LOGIN WITH THE MGA ONLINE MEMBER PROGRAM & EVENT AREA

- **Previous Senior Tour Players:** You will use the same username and password as you did in 2011. If you have forgotten this information there is a **Recover Username and Password** link on the Login page. Please login to make sure your username and password is working and go into **Edit Profile** (link is located on the left hand side) to verify that your information is current.
- **New Senior Tour Players or Players who have not participated before:** You will need to set up a username and password and create a profile with the MGA Online Member Program & Event Registration area. A link is provided on the Senior Tour homepage. Once in the online area click on **Click Here to Register** and follow the steps to set up your username, password and profile. There is no fee to set up your username, password and profile.

2. JOINING A MEMBER PROGRAM & NAVIGATING THE MGA ONLINE MEMBER PROGRAM & EVENT AREA. -

From here a window will open up to the MGA Event Schedule page. In the main part of the page is the listing of all 2012 MGA events including everything offered by the MGA, not just Senior Tour events. **Listed to the left are links to important areas such as:**

Program Signup - This is where registration for the 2012 Senior Tour occurs. Click into this link to take you to the list of all MGA Programs. You will see each 2012 Senior Tour section listed. Select the box of the section you are interested in joining, it will turn yellow, then click on the light gray **Register** box at the top of the page and follow the steps for payment. You may only select one Senior Tour section unless you are 70 or older and would like to play in the Super Senior section as well as one other section. If you are 70 or older and signing up for a dual membership, select the Dual Membership box and one other Senior Tour section of your choice.

Transaction History - see what you have processed with a credit card online including membership, entries and withdrawals.

Events Registered For - shows what events you have signed up for and allows you to withdraw from them.

Edit Profile - have a change of address, phone, email or would like to change your username and password, do it here.

Note: if you would also like this change to be reflected to your GHIN record which sends out eRevisions and the Minnesota Golfer magazine be sure to contact Karen.

Online registration information continued on the next page.

Edit Photo - this year we have activated the photo feature of our online results and profiles. If you would like a photo associated with your profile just upload during the the username and password set up or in the **Edit Photo** link.

3. FILTERING THE LIST OF EVENTS IN THE MGA EVENT SCHEDULE PAGE. -

In the main part of the MGA Event Schedule page is the listing of all 2012 MGA events including everything offered by the MGA, not just Senior Tour events. At the top of the page you can see two drop down boxes. One for **Season** and one for **Member Program**. Using these drop down boxes you can filter this list so it is a little easier to find what you are looking for. Here is how each filter works:

Season - drop down to **SrTour 2012** to filter your list to just 2012 Senior Tour events.

Member Program - drop down to your 2012 section to filter the list to just that section's individual events*.

**Please note: All Section, two-day events are not associated with a particular section and will be seen in the SrTour 2012 Season list, but not in a Member Program list. For example, if you select "2012 Northern Section," just the ten individual Northern Section events will be shown with none of the All Section events will be shown.*

4. SELECTING AND REGISTERING FOR EVENTS FROM THE MGA ONLINE MEMBER PROGRAM & EVENT HOME PAGE. -

From the list of MGA events (or the list you have filtered using the **Season** or **Member Program** drop down boxes), simply check the boxes to the left of the events you are interested in registering for. Each selection will turn yellow. You can select one or as many as you like at a time. Then click on the light blue **Register for Selected Events** box at the top of the page and following the steps taking you through the payment and completion in registration.

You will receive confirmation emails for each event entered.

SHOWING UP ON TIME & NO SHOWS

Please be respectful of the host site, Senior Tour staff and other competitors by showing up in a timely manner and honoring your commitment to participate. Arriving within 15 minutes of your shotgun time is considered late. Arriving late means you will not be guaranteed the ability to play due to the juggling of carts, tee boxes and foursomes prior to your arrival. No refund will be available in the event of withdrawal due to lateness or no show.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

No provisions have been made for practice rounds at any Senior Tour sites, but clubs may be open to public play at prescribed times.

PAIRINGS AND RESULTS

Pairings and notice to competitors will be posted to each section's Pairings and Results page and players without email will get a mailing ideally no later than one week prior to the event.

For half of the Senior Tour events, pairings are created in an ABCD format. We found this allowed more players the opportunity to play with different golfers throughout the summer. For the other half of the events, pairings will be created in handicap index order.

If an event is extremely undersubscribed, modification may be made by the MGA Senior Tour Committee and changes will be communicated to each player prior to the event. Once entries are accepted, only substitutions by entered players may be made. Any changes or substitutions after the close of the entries will be handled by the MGA.

Results will be posted to each section's Pairings and Results page within four days following each event. Results are not mailed out to those players without email, but a copies of results will be available to look at, at all events.

PACE OF PLAY

Please make every effort to keep a good pace of play. Work with your fellow players and keep up with the group ahead you at all times. If you fall back at all, close the gap.

MGA CONDUCT POLICY

By submitting an entry, or by participating in any MGA competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the MGA. The player's entry may be rejected for any event, at the discretion of the Official in Charge, at any time before the close of the competition (as defined in the USGA Rules of Golf Book-Rule 34-1b). Likewise, the player's entry may be rejected, at the discretion of the Committee for reasons deemed necessary, at any time after the close of the competition. Unbecoming conduct or actions at any MGA event, or state, national, or international event, or conduct or action deemed detrimental to the MGA, the spirit of the game, or to the host facilities are grounds for such rejection.

These include, but are not limited to:

1. Cheating
2. Willful destruction of golf course or MGA property
3. Abusive language or conduct towards MGA and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
4. Abusive or derogatory criticism of the MGA and/or host facility staff, volunteers, or other players
5. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
6. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
7. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
8. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after completion of a round
9. Inappropriate golf attire
10. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming

Should such an incident occur, the Official in Charge shall submit a report to the Senior Tour Committee. Future sanctions may range from suspension from future MGA events to not being eligible for MGA team competitions and/or player awards. This may include losing exempt status for future year(s). The decision to reject an entry during an event by the Official in Charge is final.

AWARDS

All sections compete for net and gross awards in two age divisions, Senior Division (55-64) and Master Division (65 and over) except for the Super Senior section having just one age division. Merchandise certificates will be awarded as determined by the MGA Senior Tour Committee. No contestant can win more than one award per event.

SENIOR TOUR SCORING REQUIREMENTS

In order to tabulate the winners of shotgun Tour events as quickly as possible, each score card must be filled out completely including gross and net scores. Please fill in stableford points on each hole as well as total stableford points must be filled out on each score card. If a player fails to complete a hole, he must enter the score he most likely would have had. All scores shot during the MGA Senior Tour are tournament scores and will be posted by the MGA into each player's handicap record. Each score card must be totaled and have two signatures before it is turned into the scoreboard. Score cards that are not totaled or incomplete in any way will be returned to the players to complete before they will be accepted.

Be sure to start your score card on the hole on which you are starting and mark the card after each hole. Please keep a neat, legible score card. No individual or team may keep their own score.

Stableford Points

1 Point = Bogey	4 Points = Eagle
2 Points = Par	5 Points = Double Eagle
3 Points = Birdie	

Upon completion of play, players must check their hole-by-hole scores carefully. Both the player and the marker must sign the card and return it to the Senior Tour site captain in a prompt manner.

SENIOR TOUR PERFORMANCE POINTS

The top eight positions in the net and gross competition in each division in each event* will receive Senior Tour Performance Points. Each player's performance points accumulate for a performance point total that is taken from their top four finishes. Performance points will be awarded as follows:

The top 8 in the net and gross competition

	<u>Individual Event</u>	<u>Team Event</u> (Points per player)
1st	50 points	30 points
2nd	40 points	24 points
3rd	35 points	21 points
4th	30 points	18 points
5th	25 points	15 points
6th	20 points	12 points
7th	15 points	9 points
8th	10 points	6 points

*The new 36-hole individual event at The Jewel GC and Coffee Mill G&CC will have higher performance points awarded and will be announced closer to the event.

There is a link to the performance points standings on the Senior Tour homepage and at the top of each section's Pairings and Results page. If you would like a copy of the standings contact Karen.

SENIOR TOUR FINALS

The 2012 MGA Senior Tour Finals will be played at Woodhill Country Club on Monday, September 17.

For the Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western sections, the top four players in Net and Gross, in each age division from each section will be invited to the Senior Tour Finals along with the top eight players in Net and Gross from the Super Senior section for a total of eighty players.

The Finals will be an individual stableford net and gross competition with eight champions recognized:

- Overall Net and Gross Champions
- Senior Net and Gross Champions
- Master Net and Gross Champions
- Super Senior Net and Gross Champions

FOOTWEAR POLICY

ALL Senior Tour Events require soft spikes.

MGA DRESS CODE

For all MGA competitions, players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing.

All males are required to wear shirts with collars or mock turtlenecks and sleeves, and either golf slacks or Bermuda shorts which measure no higher than two (2) inches above their knees. All females are required to wear either slacks, shorts, or golf skirts that are of appropriate length, and golf tops (sleeveless tops are permitted).

Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include the following:

Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cutoffs, jeans, jean shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, and sweats pants.

The committee in charge shall decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of any player who does not comply with this policy.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The USGA Rules of Amateur Status will be the standard for the MGA Senior Tour. Each participant must conform to those Rules in every respect. **See Rules and Regulations on page 8** or better yet, sign up for an MGA Rules Workshop in spring. Go to the Rules area on mngolf.org or call Karen to see what is being offered.
- Each participant in the MGA Senior Tour acknowledges that neither the Minnesota Golf Association nor the host facilities are responsible for any injury during the playing of any Senior Tour event.
- Each participant in the MGA Senior Tour acknowledges that his membership is subject to rejection at any time by the MGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct (see MGA Conduct Policy to the left).
- The MGA reserves the right to use any photographic or video image of any competitor taken during a Senior Tour event for its own media-related use(s).

MGA SENIOR TOUR CAPS

Each registered Senior Tour participant is eligible to receive an official 2012 MGA Senior Tour Cap. Caps are available for pick up at events and in the MGA office.

MGA SENIOR TOUR ROSTER

The Senior Tour Roster is available to all 2012 Senior Tour Members. The roster lists each 2012 member including: full name, member club, section, division, home/cell phone and email. *If you would prefer not to show your home/cell phone and email or one or the other (i.e. cell phone instead of home phone, etc...) please contact Karen.* Printed rosters will be available for pick up at all Senior Tour events. Please note after the season begins that we do get some contact changes. If you are having trouble reaching someone, check with Karen to see if there has been a change to the person's contact information. We will also send out an updated roster periodically if many changes have been made.

Please be respectful of this Senior Tour information. It is meant to be informative for Senior Tour players and NOT for sales or blast email uses.

JUST A FEW FINAL REMARKS ON THE NEXT PAGE...

Let us know what you think..

Please don't hesitate to talk to your MGA site captain or MGA staff regarding your thoughts about the Senior Tour. We're constantly striving to create the optimal golfing experience for you and appreciate your feedback of all kinds.

We're very appreciative of our host sites and we can't forget to let them know...

To host an MGA Senior Tour event is a common request from golf clubs, courses and country clubs all over the state. Each year we try to tap into the wonderful choices we have to offer variety, challenge and discovery for all Senior Tour participants. Each host site's staff and pro work very hard to put on a quality event. Please don't hesitate to thank them and let them know you enjoyed your round of golf with them at an event!

Thank you... for your participation in the MGA Senior Tour. It has a tremendous history and has become a program that has been emulated in other golf associations across the nation. Here at the MGA we are very proud of the program and of the players, host sites and staff who have come to make it such a successful and valuable part of golf in Minnesota.

Have a great season this year!



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2012 SELECTED STATE & NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date	Event	Site
June 14-16	13th MGA Senior Players' Championship	Dakota Ridge Golf Club
June 14	2012 US Senior Open Sectional Qualifying	Edina Country Club
July 21-22	61st MPGA Senior Publinks Championship	Greenhaen Golf Course
August 27-29	91st MGA Senior Amateur Championship	Northland Country Club
September 4	2012 US Senior Amateur Sectional Qualifying	The Minikahda Club
September 10-11	39th MGA Senior Amateur Four-Ball Championship	Prestwick Golf Club

MGA SENIOR TOUR CHAMPIONS

Year	Sr. Tour Finals Site	Champion(s)
1996	Bearpath Golf & Country Club	Mike Sewall, <i>Fox Hollow Golf Club</i>
1997	Woodhill Country Club	Net: Bob Ziegler, <i>New Prague Golf Club</i> Gross: Bob Leaf, <i>Stillwater Country Club</i>
1998	The Wilds Golf Club	Net: Duane Baglien, <i>New Prague Golf Club</i> Gross: Bud Tompkins, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
1999	The Minikahda Club	Net: Paul Plager, <i>Northern Hills Golf Course</i> Gross: Jim Blanchard, <i>Deer Run Golf Club</i>
2000	Hazeltine National Golf Club	Net: Ron Seagren, <i>Hiawatha Golf Club</i> Gross: Dean Fjelstul, <i>Hazeltine National Golf Club</i>
2001	Oak Ridge Country Club	Net: Tom Wos, <i>University Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2002	North Oaks Golf Club	Net: Gilbert Schmitz, <i>Redwood Falls Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2003	Somerset Country Club	Net: Roy Bogen, <i>Dwan Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2004	Interlachen Country Club	Net: Bob Berg, <i>Brookview Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2005	Windsong Farm	Net: Marv Kaiser, <i>University Golf Club</i> Gross: Ron Clayton, <i>Waseca Lakeside Club</i>
2006	White Bear Yacht Club	Net: Gary Swenson, <i>Pebble Creek Golf Club</i> Gross: Mike Cleland, <i>St. Cloud Country Club</i>
2007	Golden Valley Golf & Country Club	Net: Karl Olson, <i>Headwaters Country Club</i> Gross: R.J. Smiley, <i>Hardwood's Golf Club</i>
2008	North Oaks Golf Club	Net: Les Ernster, <i>Northern Hills Golf Course</i> Gross: R.J. Smiley, <i>Hardwood's Golf Club</i>
2009	Wayzata Country Club	Net: Jack Hughes, <i>Braemar Golf Course</i> Gross: John Fox, <i>Braemar Golf Course</i>
2010	Windsong Farm	Net: Jack Hughes, <i>Braemar Golf Course</i> Gross: Tom Smith, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2011	Somerset Country Club	Net: John Silliman, <i>University of MN, Les Bolstad Golf Club</i> Gross: Mike Cleland, <i>Pebble Creek Golf Club</i>



Mike Cleland, 2011 Overall Gross Champion



John Silliman, 2011 Overall Net Champion

SENIOR TOUR - MGA RULES OF PLAY AND INFORMATION

Minnesota Golf Association Senior Tour Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and by the following Local Rules and Definitions. Additional Local Rules for each club will be distributed at each event.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Stroke Play-Two Strokes.

TIME OF STARTING - In an Individual event, the player shall start at the time and hole laid down by the Committee. If the player arrives at the starting point, ready to play before his group has completed their first hole, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. If the player arrives after the first hole is completed, he is Disqualified. He may continue to play but cannot turn in a score.

LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS - The One Ball Rule is not in effect.

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by nearest inside points of stakes, flags, fence posts, masonry walls at ground level. When OB is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. Rule 27-1.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS - Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes, flags or yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes, flags or red lines. Rule 26-1.

- When stakes, flags and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes and flags identify hazards and lines define margins.
- When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.
- When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Defined by white lines. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Flower beds on the course are also deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY - When play is suspended for a potentially dangerous situation, play must discontinue immediately and shall not resume until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a potentially dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Penalty for breach of suspended play rule is disqualification.

Discontinuance of Play Signals:

- Potentially Dangerous situation - One prolonged airhorn note.
- Other types of suspension - Three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated.
- Resumption of play - Two short airhorn notes, repeated.

YARDAGE DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

The Local Rule is as follows:

"For play in all Minnesota Golf Association events, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used."

PACE OF PLAY - Each participant is expected to complete their round and return their completed scorecard within 4 hours and 45 minutes of starting the round otherwise the scorecard will not be accepted for that event meaning no performance points or prizes awarded - ESC score will still be posted to GHIN.

The Local Rule for stones in bunkers is NOT in effect!!!

OBSTRUCTIONS - An obstruction is anything artificial, including the artificial surfaces of roads & paths and white lined areas tying into them, except:

- A. Objects defining out of bounds, such as a wall, fences, stakes & railings;
- B. Any part of an immovable artificial object which is out of bounds;
- C. Any construction declared by the Committee to be an integral part of the course. See Rule 24.

NO PRACTICE PUTTING RULE - Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played. This does not preclude a player from finishing out a hole in a stableford event where his score may not be used in a team competition. Penalty - Two Strokes at next hole.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE - Applies to stroke play. A competitor may play a second ball if the competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure. Before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his marker or fellow-competitor his decision to proceed under this rule and which ball he wishes to count if the rules permit. The player shall report the facts to the Committee before returning his score card even if he scores the same with both balls; if he fails to do so, he shall be Disqualified.

OVERHEAD POWER LINES - If a ball strikes an overhead power line or cable, the player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and play another ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

EMBEDDED BALL - Anywhere "through the green," a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. Appendix I - Local Rules.

REPORTING RESULTS - *Upon completion of play, players should check their hole-by-hole scores carefully. Both the player and the marker must sign the card and return it to the Committee in a prompt manner. All scores must be totaled.*