



26TH MGA MIXED AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP VALLEWOOD GOLF COURSE, 4851 MCANDREWS RD, APPLE VALLEY, MN 55124 TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28-29, 2016 <u>NOTICE TO COMPETITORS</u>

RULES OF PLAY

The USGA Rules of Golf, the MGA Rules Card, and all Local Rules established for the Championship govern play. Players wishing to view the MGA Rules Card in advance may find it on the MGA web site – <u>www.mngolf.org</u> - under the Tournament & Rules Section. Otherwise, the Rules Card will be at each starting tee. Also, each participant will receive a Local Rules/Hole Location sheet daily at the starting hole.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: are permitted in MGA Championships.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play Policy posted on the MGA web site will be in effect and enforced.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT & INFORMATION

- COURSE SETUP:Men will be playing from the GOLD markers (6,438 yards; 71.5/127).Women will be playing from the COMBO distance (5,228 yards; 70.6/123)For specific course information, click <u>here</u> to view the setup.
- FORMAT: Day One: Four-ball Stroke Play From designated tee markers
 - Day Two: Chapman Stroke Play Both partners play from each teeing ground, with each partner playing his or her partner's ball for the second shot. After the second shot, partners select the ball with which they wish to score, and play that ball alternately to complete the hole.
- **STARTING TIMES:** There will be no change in starting times other than by decision of the Committee. Starting times both days will be in the morning beginning at 7:30. The **Mixed Division** will play first on Tuesday and last on Wednesday.
- **NET COMPETITION SCORING:** Your index as of **June 15th** will be slope adjusted to the course you are playing. In the four-ball competition the first day, men will receive 90% of their handicap and ladies' 95%. The second day, Modified Chapman stroke play, the player with the lower Course Handicap is allowed 60% of their Course Handicap. The player with the higher Course Handicap is allowed 40% of their Course Handicap. This is per USGA Handicap Manual recommendations.
- **TROPHIES:** Pottery will be awarded to the Overall Champions (the team with the lowest *36-hole gross score*, regardless of division) as well as the Low Gross and Low Net winners in each division. In addition, gift certificates will be awarded for top teams in both divisions. However, a team will win only one prize (the "biggest" for which it's eligible; if equal, gross takes precedent).
- **PRESENTATION PARTY:** There will be an awards luncheon immediately following the conclusion of play on Wednesday.
- **LODGING:** No lodging arrangements have been made.

VALLEYWOOD GOLF COURSE INFORMATION

- DIRECTIONS TO VALLEYWOOD GCSE: Click *here* for directions to Valleywood.
- **PRACTICE RANGE:** Range balls will be provided at no charge.
- **FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE:** The Course will be open with food and beverage service prior to and during play on Tuesday. The MGA will host an awards luncheon immediately following the conclusion of play on Wednesday.
- DRESS CODE: As stated in the entry form, the MGA dress code will be *strictly enforced*.
- FOOTWEAR POLICY: Valleywood prohibits the use of traditionally designed spikes. Penalty for breach: Disqualification.
- **CADDIES AND CARTS:** There are no caddies available at Valleywood. You may bring your own caddie if you wish to do so. Carrying your own bag is permissible as is using a pull cart. Motorized carts, both riding and pull carts, are permissible; teams are responsible for this expense.
- ETIQUETTE: Be sure to replace divots, rake bunkers (placing rakes outside the bunker) and fix all ball marks on greens.
- PRACTICE ROUNDS: To schedule a practice round, contact the Valleywood Golf Shop 952/953-2324.

The MGA thanks you for your participation and extends its best wishes for an enjoyable Championship!