

A word about viewing files on the LAGA website...

Just about everything you see on our web page is either an “html” or a “pdf” file type. HTML is Hyper-Text Mark-up Language. PDF is Portable Data Format. Html is the very basis of the web because it’s all about links – the ability to embed attributes in text or other objects that can point to and get you to an entirely different place. Pdf is separate from the web but very important to it because it is all about consistent visual representation of what the author wants you to see – works just like a printer. Html is great for POINTING to different stuff. Pdf is great for SHOWING stuff the same way every time.

Html is appropriate for our home page. The purpose of the home page is to list and link to whatever content is available at the site in the form of hyper-text links pointing to the local content or to other sites or whatever. Sexying it up with pictures, ads, colorful text and tables and whatnot is all just good marketing.

Pdf is appropriate for most all the other stuff we host – tee time schedules, scoring results, tournament info, by-laws, rules, rosters, the Duffer and miscellany like this note. The information in them is mostly static – once created never changed, and there’s rarely a link to anything else. And documents are shown exactly as the authors each created them: the Duffer has graphics, a variety of text fonts and styles, and newspaper like formatting; results have a few columns and is usually in flight groups; tee times have lots of columns, lots of rows, lots of text and for Wednesdays we have the precedent of showing them in a side by side format by alphabetic and by pairing; entry forms and some others are a combination of graphic and text with boxes and lines and such. In addition to supporting variety, and maintaining the design of the author, pdf brings one more critical feature to the table – scalability. Pdf readers allow you to size up or down virtually without limit. The pdf reader also allows you to navigate around the page by scrolling or dragging. It’s really the most versatile way to view a document.

I know some have had trouble adjusting to the ‘apparent’ small print. But, that’s only an artifact of looking at the whole page in, usually, the default opening view. Just size the page to whatever you want by zooming or scrolling or magnifying and move around by scrolling or dragging or paging.

Here are some basic tips for navigating in Pdf files:

Scroll Up	Up arrow, or mouse wheel forward
Scroll Down	Down arrow, or mouse wheel backward
Zoom In	Ctrl + equal sign, or Ctrl + keyboard plus sign, or Ctrl + mouse wheel forward
Zoom Out	Ctrl + hyphen, or Ctrl + keyboard minus sign, or Ctrl + mouse wheel backward

As a scrolling alternative, you may also select the Hand Tool and press and hold the primary mouse key while you drag the document around.

You can even rotate the view with Ctrl + Shift + hyphen (or equal or keyboard plus or keyboard minus) There are also mouse selectable features on the menus to zoom plus or minus, to directly set magnification, and to set default page views.

You should be able to quickly size pdf content to exactly what works best for your monitor, your screen window settings, and your eyesight.

If you have problems, just call the LAGA technical support hotline.

Oooops... there is no LAGA technical support hotline. Best I can do is wish you good luck. ;-)