

Wednesday League Play

LEAGUE: The Los Altos Golf Association (LAGA) sponsors league play every Wednesday morning, weather permitting, except for December, January and when greens are being top-dressed. LAGA members with a USGA handicap and if space is available are eligible to play. New members must have 3 scores entered in the LAGA computer to have a temporary handicap calculated to be eligible to play. Wednesday morning play is limited to about 120 players. Limited Wave Two play is usually offered Wednesday afternoons (PM) or carries over on Thursday morning (AM). We cannot always accommodate every player every week so usually every fourth week player's assigned to Wednesday morning are scheduled for Wave Two along with permanently assigned Wave Two players. Wave Two players may opt to play Wednesday PM, Thursday AM or not at all that week if Wednesday is full as stated on the entry form. Thursday AM carryover is first come, first served; when all in-group are checked in they will be called to the tee.

SIGN UP: Entry fee is \$7.00 (cash only). Completed entry forms for the following Wednesday are taken in the clubhouse starting about an hour before each Wednesday event, until 30 minutes before the last tee time. Entry fees should be stapled to the back of the form and dropped in the brown box. One to four persons may sign up on each form. All players on an entry form will normally be paired together. If no one is manning the entry table, blank entry forms will be on the table. They may be filled out with the entry fee(s) attached and dropped in the locked LAGA box. Starting times are determined by a blind draw. The draw is made each Thursday for the following Wednesday. Tee times are usually posted by Friday afternoon on the LAGA bulletin board, in the pro shop and on LAGA web page, www.abqlaga.org. We will schedule two waves if more than 120 persons sign up. The 2nd Wave will start about 4.5 hours after the 1st Wave first Tee Time or be carried over to the following week for the 1st Wave.

SENIOR FLIGHT: Entry is \$1.00 more and optional. This is a tournament within a tournament for those persons 60 and over that want to enter. It is a separate set of flights and individual net medal play. Payoff is usually three or four places depending on how many players are entered.

FORMAT: The format is by handicap, along with handicapped skins by flights in individual net medal play, and Closest to the Pin (CTP) on three par 3 holes, all for a \$7.00 entry fee. Flights usually have 12 to 15 players, determined by the total number of entrants. Winners (usually four places) are paid in cash. For skins, your hole-by-hole net score is compared against the hole-by-hole net score of each other golfer in your flight. If your net score for any hole is lower than everyone else in the flight, you win a skin. The more skins won, the less each one is worth. About \$4 out of the \$7 entry fee goes to individual medal play, \$2 goes to the skin pot and \$1 goes to CTP.

CLOSEST TO THE PIN (CTP): On holes 4, 7 & 15 players compete against all players in their handicap group. Players will be divided into groups possibly by handicaps, i.e. 0-10, 11-19 and 20-above. A clipboard with a list of players, a pencil and a tape measure will be left beside holes 4, 7 & 15.

HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE (HIO): We offer HIO insurance for a cost of \$3.00 that will cover your cost for the year. For each HIO \$100.00 is paid or whatever is left in the fund. If extra funds are available later in the year, we may pay \$25.00 for eagles on 4 pars and/or \$5.00 for CTP on your second shot on two selected par four holes. If the second shot is to take place, a clipboard with a list of only those names that can participate will be placed at the affected holes.

RULES: Follow the USGA rules of golf, LAGC and LAGA local rules as posted on the bulletin board. Course conditions occasionally require adjustments that you will be informed of (otherwise play the ball as it lies and putt out on each hole- **no gimme putts**). If you do not complete a hole (pick up before putting out, etc.) you are disqualified from the flight individual medal play, but you remain eligible for skins on all holes completed.

SLOW PLAY: Slow play has sometimes been a problem. To help stop slow play: (1) Play ready golf. (2) Watch the shots of others in your group so you can help locate errant shots. (3) If your shot has any possibility of being out of bounds or lost, play a provisional ball until you can determine if your original ball is in play. (4) Be ready to putt when it's your turn, and rather than marking, putt out if you can do so without stepping on someone else's line. (5) Try to keep pace with the group in front of your group. **Groups or individuals that are identified as playing slow will be warned, penalized and may be required to play as the last group or last player in future events.** Persistent slow players will be asked to correct the situation or not play in our events. A foursome should be able to play Los Altos in 4 hours. **Anything over 4:30 is slow play.**

DOUBLE POSTING: Exceptionally low scores will be double posted to your GHIN scoring record. This is to insure your handicap index more accurately reflects your current play. An exceptional score is a net score that is 3 or more strokes lower than the course rating. The white tees at Los Altos are rated at 67.1, so a net score of 63 or lower will be posted twice by the committee. Generally, it will only lower your index by one point or less. Repeated exceptional scores may result in your handicap being modified. The Wednesday League Committee posts all League scores after the tournament so you do not have to put them in yourself. The same is true for weekend tournament scores.

CANCELLATIONS: You may cancel your tee time by calling 298-2323 or 296-4948 or a Wednesday volunteer(s) by 9PM on the Tuesday prior to play. **Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of your entry fee.** Illness and emergencies will not be penalized but call the golf course or inform a friend of your problem to notify us. If you did not turn in an entry slip for the draw, you may call 298-2323 to see if there are any cancellations or openings.