

## SPRING CUP 2017

### Two-Person Better Ball Net Tournament

#### 2017 CHAIRWOMAN: Donna Courchaine

Clubs may submit multiple teams. The club rep will list teams in order of preference. Should it be necessary to limit participation, those listed first will have priority. Each team can choose to play on either weekends or weekdays, but once entered cannot switch days. **Play will start Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8, and the Final will be in June.**

#### ELIGIBILITY/HANDICAPS

- All participants must hold a valid GHIN handicap. The maximum index is 40.4.
- Course handicaps for all players will be adjusted to 90%, and partners will be limited to a maximum handicap spread of 8 strokes after adjustment. If there is a greater handicap spread between partners, the higher handicap will be reduced to meet the 8 stroke maximum.
- All participants in the FINAL round must have been SNEWGA members for 30 days.

#### TEAMS

- Team members must hold their SNEWGA memberships at the same club.
- Pairings for Round 1 will be made according to the combined handicap indices of the team. For all subsequent rounds, pairing will be done by the preceding round's score.
- In Rounds 1 through 3, teams from the same club cannot play in the same foursome. No team may play alone in any round. Markers must be provided in that situation.
- **SUB RULES FOR 2017:**
- **"Players of record" are defined as the team that originally signs up to play in the Spring Cup. They are not allowed to be subs in any round, and may only play in their original division of choice.**
- **This year, subs will be allowed to move between divisions. However, once a sub loses in one division, she can no longer sub in either division.**
- **No sub can play in more than two rounds per division.**
- **A sub may only play in one of the two Spring Cup Division finals.**
- Team members and subs must hold their SNEWGA membership at the same club.
- Subs are allowed in each round. Subs must adhere to all the same policies as regular participants.
- Once a participant fails to advance, whether as a regular team member or a sub, she is eliminated from further competition.

#### CUTS/TIES

- For both weekend and weekday play, the number of teams advancing is as follows:
  - Round 1: 75% of participating teams

- Round 2: 6 teams
- Round 3: 2 teams
- Round 4: 1 team
- For rounds 1-3, ties will be broken by matching cards, according to USGA recommendations. Ties in the Divisional Finals (Round 4) and the Championship Round will be broken by extending the match until the tie is broken. Strokes are given as they fall on the card.

## PLAY

- A team may play with one player for the first two rounds. Teams must have both original players or a sub available to advance to Round Three. If the team is unable to send two players, the first team below the cut line will advance in their place.
- A player arriving late may join her partner **between holes only**.
- If both members of a team arrive late, but within 5 minutes of their scheduled tee time, the team will incur a two stroke penalty in stroke play, or loss of hole in match play rounds.
- Rounds 1 through 3 are stroke play, better ball, net.
- The Divisional and Championship Finals will be 18 holes of better ball net **match play** at a neutral site.
- Scorecards must be signed and attested.
- If there is doubt as to procedure or a dispute in a ruling during stroke play, you may play two balls as per Rule 3-3, and consult the tournament committee or chairwoman immediately after play.
- During match play rounds competitors should make every effort to resolve disputes by consensus, or contact the pro shop, chairwoman, or her designate for a ruling.
- Once play has commenced, if weather conditions (i.e., heavy rain or thunderstorms) cause a suspension of play, the chairwoman or her designate will determine if the round must be rescheduled.

## RULES

- All rounds shall be played according to USGA rules, except as modified by local rules.
- Updated instructions distributed by the Tournament Chairwoman will take precedence over these instructions.