



Hello SNEWGA Member,

Hope you are weathering this next batch of snow! Spring will be here soon enough!

A few items in this newsletter:

1. PACE OF PLAY

Welcome to the Pace of Play tips for February!

As noted in my last communication, the board is focused on improving Pace of Play all around this year, and we are starting by sending out periodic Pace of Play tips. Below is the first set of tips:

Tip #1: be ready to *play* when it is your turn. For example, if you are not the first person to play off the tee, you should be determining your club and shot selection while you await your turn, so that you are ready to play *immediately* when it is your turn. This is true in the middle of the fairway, too. Go to your ball and start preparing for your shot while others are hitting theirs. Don't wait!

Tip #2: after your shot, take your club with you into the cart and go! Replace the clubs and their head covers (including putter covers) in the bag *after* you reach the next stop.

Tip #3: Park the cart (or your bag) as near as possible to the "exit" of the green. The "exit" is where you would walk off the green to head to the next hole. This is also true of where you leave any extra clubs or equipment you've

brought to the green (like wedges or a towel): leave them on the “exit” side of the green. If your ball is on the other side of the green, just make sure you bring them with you as you get nearer to the hole.

These items may cost everyone a few seconds on every hole. But remember this, a **delay of 8 seconds every time** for the player who averages 95 shots/round translates to a delay of about 13 minutes. If everyone in the group takes a similar amount of extra time, **the group will take 50 minutes longer than they should!**

The R&A created an awesome [short video](#) on Pace of Play that demonstrates a few ways to speed up play and eliminate the “time stealers”. Watch it to see what you can do!

Start incorporating these tips into your regular weekend play, and they'll become your regular habit in all rounds!

We all have enjoyed rounds where the pace moved along nicely. Let's make this the year we do that in every round!

2. DELEGATE BOARD POSITION

We're still looking for a Delegate for Region 1. Anyone interested in getting a voice on the SNEWGA Board, please contact me or one of your regional delegates for more information. Delegates are posted on the SNEWGA.org website, [here](#).

3. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

One last reminder: don't forget that [online renewals](#) of SNEWGA Membership are open. If you haven't already, renew today! Lisa Neary, our VP Membership sent out a challenge earlier this month to see how many we can renew by the end of the month. Let's get crackin'!

See you all soon! Let's hope this next batch of snow is our last batch of snow!

Regards,
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President, SNEWGA