**UW Golf League 2025 Season Kickoff Letter**

**Administration**

The Saints team is serving as the league secretary for the 2025 season. Dale Schoeller will serve as the treasurer and Greg Schoeller is secondary treasurer. Dale will handle weekly subs assignments. Mike Calouri and David Sliwicki round out our team. David will handle the awards for the weekly hole prizes. Our team will before the opening day and finish plans to handle the weekly communications and end of season scramble outing. Thad Molling and Jon Holmes have graciously agreed to continue to take care of scoring duties and Jon will also serve the additional function of league webmaster. We all should thank Aaron Weber for once again agreeing to provide the hole prize balls. His generosity helps reduce league costs for all of us.

**Schedule**

League play will begin on Thursday April 17 and continue through Thursday August 21 except for Thursday July 3th when we will not play. We have been able to secure an earlier starting time (4:30pm) for both week 1 and week 2 with teams teeing off between 4:30 and 5:10 and will revert to the normal starting tee time of 5:10 pm with teams teeing off between 5:10 and 5:50 starting with week 3. The usual rotation between all three courses will continue with a goal of having each team play around 1/3 of their matches on each course.

**Rules Changes/ Modifications**

We have received two proposed rule changes from the team captains for the 2025 season. For reference, below are the newest changes that were implemented in 2023 and none in 2024.

1. Those individuals who share a membership on a team may choose to be available to sub for another team on those weeks they are not scheduled to play on their own team. They may not sub for a team that is playing against their own team. (NEW 2023)
2. Those individuals who have reached the age of 70 at the start of the season may elect to play from either of the two forward tee boxes –**note change in colors this year** (green or white- replaced lavender “red”) rather than the standard blue (new color last year, replaces silver) box used by all others. They need to make the election at the start of the season and continue with that choice through the entire season (rules modification in 2023).

.

**Member Dues and Green Fees**

## PVGC has changed the greens fees for this season to $23 from $19 per round (greens fee increase of $80 for the season). As in the past, we added a miscellaneous supplies fee ($22) to the league dues for 2025. The full payment for dues and fees will be $436 for the full season (increase of $64). Reduced rates are available for those who wish to purchase a PVGC season pass, useful if you golf there frequently. Those who wish to take advantage of this option (or a cart option) can go on line to <http://sc.cps.golf/PleasantViewWebStore/> and purchase it on line.

Other PVGC discounts such as the Middleton Resident Card has been discontinued for the 2025 year. Members of our league should notify Becky Halverson (bhalverson@golfpleasantview.com) and me (dschoel@nutisci.wisc.edu). so that our weekly payments to PVGC are correct.

As noted above Aaron Weber has again agreed to provide the golf balls for our weekly hole prizes. This allows us to pass those savings on to all members –those savings are reflected in the rates. All of us should offer Aaron a thank you for his contribution!

PVGC requires online payment from us in advance of play so it is very important to have all payments in before our scheduled start date so that we have sufficient funds to make the payments to PVGC.

 Dues/fees with or without a season pass and payment deadlines

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Item** | **Full season or half season payment due by April 10**  | **Second half season payment due by June 12** |
| Full league dues and fees | $ 436 full $218 half | $218 |
| With Full PVGC Season Pass | $ 22 full | -- |
|  |  |  |

We will continue to make use of the UW Credit Union as our checking account service provider but I was slow to contact them this year. I am still working on setting up the electronic payment system. You will receive an email next week with directions to pay directly to our account at the UWCU. Currently you can write a check payable to “UW Men’s Golf League and mail it to Dale Schoeller at the below address before April 10.

 Dale Schoeller

 N9381 Wood Duck Cir

 Belleville, Wi

 53508

**Weekly Hole Prizes**

As in the past, weekly contests for golf balls will be noted on the match scorecards. The first group of golfers to tee off each week will be given the prize flags and are responsible for placement on the course through their round. The last group to tee off each week is responsible for picking up the flags from the prize holes and returning them to the Saints team at the end of play. For those prizes designated for “longest drive in the fairway” there will be one prize and flag for those teeing off from the standard blue tee box and one for those teeing off from one of the forward tees (those 70 and over)

**Substitute Process**

We will attempt to use the same process for needed subs as last year.

1. An email will be sent out to all league team members on Saturday or Sunday of each week asking for an **email** (dschoell@nutrisci.wisc.edu) response no later than 5pm Tuesday if you will need a sub for the coming week’s match. If you know well ahead of time that you will need a sub send an email notification as soon as possible so I can add it to the appropriate week’s list.
2. We will contact the list of subs via email before Tuesday each week to identify who will be potentially available. As noted earlier those members who are part of a shared membership and not scheduled to play with their own team any given week may choose to be available as subs.
3. Those subs who have indicated they will be available for play will be assigned to those teams needing a sub after Tuesday evening and the subs will be notified by email if they will be playing (team, course, tee time). The member and team that requested the sub will also be notified by email.
4. Thad Molling (scorekeeper) will receive an email list of all subs for the week and he will include the sub and their average on the weekly scorecards.
5. As in the past unexpected late requests for subs may occur. We will try to handle them as best we can to fill open slots. In some cases these late subs may not be included on the printed scorecards.

**PVGC Updates for 2025**

The WSGA handicap information was finalized after the 2024 construction for PVGC’s and redesigned holes are now in play. Becky will keep me (league secretary) posted if there are any changes to the course during 2025. Current information on the course rating and WSGA official handicap system is on-line (https://www.golfpleasantview.com/handicap-information).

**Rates -**

Please remind your golfers that league rates are discounted from some of the normal public play rates which can be as much as for nine holes walking.

**League Payments -**

If any of your golfers are planning to purchase a pass a PV golf season pass, please do so by April 1st so payment due for the league can be correct calculated. Even though the purchase the pass now, they can let Becky know if they want a different start date.

 (Note –we will be paying PVGC weekly so in the case of cancellations, you will be credited the and savings applied to the end of year scramble)

**Golf Passes -**

UW League golfers looking at purchasing a golf season passes or other PV items, please go to <https://www.golfpleasantview.com/golf-course/rates/pass-rates>. All passes are for purchase online.

**CREDIT UNION PROCESS**

**Sending Money with UW Credit Union still being arranged**

I am still working on setting up a free service that allows UW Credit Union members to instantly transfer money electronically to our account.

Your account information is kept completely confidential—the recipient of your transfers will not see your account number or other identifying information about your account.

**How a First-Time User Accepts an Invitation**

1. The process has to be changed for 2025 and is still in process.

**How to Send Money**

1. still in process