



Central Nebraska Senior Golf Assc

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2022 Tourney Schedule

DATE	COURSE	FORMAT
May 4 -- Wed	Meadowlark Hills -- Kearney	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
May 11 -- Wed	Alma GC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
May 12 -- Thurs	York CC	4-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
May 17 -- Tues	Ord GC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
May 19 -- Thurs	River's Edge, North Platte	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
May 23 -- Mon	Calamus GC - Burwell	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
May 25 -- Wed	Elks CC -- Hastings	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Handicapped
June 1 -- Wed	Bayside GC	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
June 2 -- Thurs	Gibbon Valley View GC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
June 6 -- Mon	Broken Bow CC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
June 8 -- Wed	Awarii Dunes -- Axtell	2-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Handicapped
June 13 -- Mon	Cross Creek -- Cambridge	2-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
June 16 -- Thurs	St Paul CC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
June 21 -- Tues	Centura Hills -- Cairo	4-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
June 27 -- Mon	Kearney CC	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Handicapped
June 30 -- Thurs	Arnold GC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
July 6 -- Wed	Jackrabbit Run -- Grand Island	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
July 11 -- Mon	Crandall Creek GC -- Ogallala	2-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
July 12 -- Tues	Southern Hills GC -- Hastings	2-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Handicapped
July 18 -- Mon	Arrowhead GC -- Curtis	2-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
July 20 -- Wed	Indianhead -- Grand Island	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
July 26 -- Tues	Ravenna GC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
July 28 -- Thurs	Heritage Hills, McCook	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
Aug 4 -- Thurs	Wildhorse GC -- Gothenburg	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
Aug 8 -- Mon	Fox Hollow -- Sutton	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
Aug 11 -- Thurs	Holdrege CC	2-man SHAMBLE -- U-PICK – Handicapped
Aug 17 -- Wed	MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT	-- annual membership meeting at dinner
	Awarii Dunes GC	Individual AND 2-man Best Ball – Handicapped
Aug 22 -- Mon	Lochland CC -- Hastings	4-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
Aug 23 -- Tues	Cozad CC	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Handicapped
Aug 29 -- Mon	Frederick Peak GC, Valentine	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
Aug 30 -- Tues	Thedford GC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
Sept 6 -- Tues	Oregon Trail -- Sutherland	2-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
Sept 8 -- Thurs	Loup City CC	3-man Scramble -- MIXER
Sept 15 -- Thurs	Lake Maloney, North Platte	3-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Gross ONLY
Sept 21 -- Wed	Lakeside CC – Johnson Lake	2-man Scramble -- U-PICK – Handicapped

U-PICKS **may** be “handicapped” which will pay both Gross and Net places; -- **OR** -- they **may** pay Gross only places. Those using handicaps will be according to the current tournament policies. All MIXERS are Gross payouts only. Those events paying Gross places only will be flighted by scores on specific holes; front nine / back nine scores; counting down scores to divide into flights; by total team handicap; or by some other random method.

All players may use the "senior" tees, if available, at all tournaments (otherwise use regular men’s tees). Players 75 and older **ONLY** may use the next forward most tees, regardless of handicap or flight.
EXCEPTION: The Memorial Tournament will have tee boxes assigned by age & flight as in the past.

2022 TOURNEY SCHEDULE:

We have 34 tournaments again packed into Nebraska's short summer season. The season starts on May 4th at Meadowlark Hills. The **2022 Memorial Tournament** location will be at **AWARII DUNES GC** at Axtell. This will continue to be an individual tournament **flighted by age** and will pay both gross and net places. Your single-entry fee will include entry into a 2-man / Best Ball tournament, also paying Gross and Net places. For one entry fee, you will get 4 chances to place. As in the past, we will hold our annual membership meeting and elect directors during the dinner following the tourney. Due to the slower play of individual events, this tournament will be limited a maximum of 100 players. We will welcome **GIBBON VALLEY VIEW GC** and welcome back **BAYSIDE GC** to the 2022 schedule. Hopefully Covid restrictions are in the past, but I will keep you posted of any schedule or policy changes as we move forward. For now, we are proceeding full speed ahead to our normal tournament practices (announcements and drawings prior; meal after; etc.).

The Membership Roster is available on the web site www.cnsga.com and it is updated periodically as new players join. Players who cannot access the web site may ask a friend to look up a player's address, phone, etc. OR they can contact me 308-325-2035 or Andy@lakewayinc.net for information on specific members. I have added a second roster sorted by hometown to make it easier to pool travel or look up a past playing partner.

As always, all tournaments will include 18 holes of golf, cart, and a meal after golf. Host Clubs are required to pay back a minimum of 30% of the entry fee as a prize pool. Holdrege CC will again be a 2 Man / Best Ball format, with the Tee shot being a scramble (Shamble Format). The rest are 2, 3 or 4-man scramble formats. Some will allow players to "Pick your Team" and are shown as **U-PICK** on the entry form. Those shown as **MIXER**, mean the host club will assign the teams and give you a chance to "mix" and meet new partners, you will NOT be allowed to choose your partner at these events. We will continue to give host clubs more flexibility in flighting, team make up, handicapping, etc., so expect some variations. Some events will use handicaps for individuals or teams and will pay both gross and net places. Others will be flighted based on scores on specific holes, front nine vs. back nine, total team handicap, gross team score, or some other system, and will pay gross places only.

We will continue the policy of the last few years with everyone playing the senior tees where available. Players age 75+ may move to the forward tees, regardless of flight or handicap. Some courses may elect to have additional tee boxes based on age or handicaps. The policy for Gimmie Putts will remain: "All putts for birdie or better must be holed out. Players should use good judgment in giving other putts. This is to apply to all tournaments, including the Memorial Tournament." Generally, "gimmies" should be limited to a putter's grip or about 12". I have included the full Tourney Policies in this booklet. They are also on the website.

An updated tournament schedule is included in this newsletter, please discard all previous versions. The sign-up sheets for 2022 tournaments are attached to this mailing. Both are also on our website: www.cnsga.com. Entry forms AND checks should be **mailed directly to the course**. As long-time members know, some tournaments do fill, so I encourage you to get your entries mailed as soon as you know your plans. **Clubs will require a completed entry form from every player. If one person sends the entry for a team, they need to fill out a separate entry form each team member.**

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Your association annually awards scholarships to high school seniors with the emphasis on golf participation. THANK YOU to everyone who made an additional voluntary donation. The 2022 Scholarship winners of \$1,000 each are: **Zach Vandervoort**, Hebron; **Marcus Holling**, Grand Island; **Ethan Smith**, Doniphan; **Colbi Smith**, Arnold; and **Elizabeth Mestl**, Henderson. The winners have been notified, so please feel free to congratulate those that you know personally. Check the website for additional details.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Your association remains financially very healthy. Our income and expenses remain consistent. Membership has also been consistent at about 500-550 the last several years (526 end of 2021). In FY 2020/2021 we collected \$13,150 in dues. Members generously gave an additional \$4,825 to the Scholarship fund. Our host clubs pay \$1 per player at each tournament, which was \$2,094 in 2021. We had \$5.39 in interest income and \$300 in advertising. Which makes a total revenue of \$20,374.39. We also closed an old passbook savings account of \$3,000 which had accumulated \$13.77 interest. We added \$2,000 from the passbook account to our reserve account with Fidelity Investments. With this \$2,000 we have invested a total of \$8,000, current value is over \$11,000, even with the recent market decline. Our major expenses are printing & mailing and office supplies which totaled \$3,799.76; \$6,000 in administrative fees; \$2,273.26 for drawing merchandise; \$1,110 for Memorial tourney Payouts, \$200 for hole-in-ones; \$1,006.58 for director meeting expenses, and we gave \$5,000 in scholarships. So, our total expenses in 2020/21 were \$21,386.33. We ended the year with a positive cash flow of \$1,001.83.

We ended the year with \$7,718.26 in checking, and \$0.00 in passbook savings. The Fidelity Funds account with total deposits of \$8,000, had grown to \$11,959.58 at the end of FY 2020-21. We also had about \$1,850 in carry over drawing items, mostly golf balls. By a resolution of the Board a few years ago, we do maintain a minimum reserve of \$8,000 (about 1/2 years operating budget), which is now in the Fidelity account.

As stated at the beginning, your association is in very good fiscal condition. If anyone wants more detailed financial information, they can contact me or any other board member.

EMAIL:

Like it or not, the electronic communication age is upon us. Since you are getting this printed book, I must not have your email address. Emails allow me to send updates on tournaments and other information. It also saves the association a huge amount on printing and mailing expenses. I am very protective of your information, and do not share it outside the board members, so please feel safe to send me your email address. Many members get emails through their wife or business. Just contact me at: FA "Andy" Anderson, CNSGA, PO Box 321, Kearney, NE 68848 -- 308-325-2035 or Andy@lakewayinc.net. Be sure to include your name in the email.

SUGGESTIONS / COMMENTS:

The directors of CNSGA welcome your constructive comments and suggestions. This is your association; we need your input and direction. If you have suggestions on new tournament formats, new courses, ideas for recruiting new members, or other suggestions please contact one of the Board members below.

Hope you enjoy the year. ANDY

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**CENTRAL NEBRASKA SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION
GENERAL TOURNAMENT POLICIES and RULES:**

DESIGNATED DIRECTOR:

A CNSGA director will be assigned to each event. DD's will make initial contact about 3 weeks ahead of tournaments. Hopefully, this will result in improved communication and more uniformity in our tournaments. Host Clubs should feel free to contact your DD, or me with any questions.

CANCELLATIONS:

Full refunds of entry fees are required for cancellations 14 days or more prior to the tournament. At the club's option they may charge a \$10 fee for cancellations received 7-13 days prior; or may charge \$25 for cancellations received 6 days or less prior to the tournament. Clubs may set a cutoff date for entries and are not required to take late entries.

ENTRY FORMS:

Completed Entry Forms and payment are required from **EVERY** player. Players are NOT considered entered until BOTH are received by the Host Club. If a club is gracious enough to accept a phone entry, then players need to complete the entry form before playing. Host Clubs please insist on a completed entry form from every player. Host Clubs need to retain all entry forms for 30 days following the event in case of questions.

MEMBERSHIP:

Tournaments are for PAID MEMBERS ONLY, participants MUST join CNSGA prior to playing. Clubs may use standby non-member players to fill teams, BUT they are not eligible to receive tournament winnings.

PLEASE HAVE STAND-BY PLAYERS AVAILABLE.

If possible, Host Clubs should have 1-2 stand-by players available. In the event you are short a player, consult with the CNSGA Designated Director present to adjust teams or handicaps.

TOURNAMENT FORMATS:

Most CNSGA tournaments are 2, 3 or 4-man scrambles or Best-Ball events. Formats are agreed upon at the time tourney agreements are negotiated. Host Clubs have flexibility in setting other formats, but they must be approved by the CNSGA Executive Director, or the Designated Director for that event.

MULLIGANS:

Since they slow play, Mulligans are NOT permitted under normal policies. Requests to sell Mulligans may be considered to fund specific programs BUT must be approved by the Executive Director prior to the event.

FLIGHTING:

Clubs have flexibility in setting teams and flights. You can flight by handicap; "weighted" handicap; scores on random or selected holes; front 9 or back 9; or any other method you choose. You may also simply list all gross team scores, then countdown to divide into flights. Just be fair **AND tell the players how you determined the teams / flights.**

TEAM MAKE-UP: HOST CLUB PAIRED EVENTS – MIXERS -- (NOT pick your partner)

Our PREFERRED method is to: FIRST divide the field into multiple flights by individual handicaps, THEN make up teams within the flights keeping total team handicaps as equal as possible. Consider having a Super Senior flight (over age 75) if you have enough players. You may use other options for team make up, but again BE FAIR and TELL THE PLAYERS your method.

HANDICAPPING: This will apply mostly to **U-PICK** Your Team events, but clubs may use in MIXERS if they choose. Host Clubs may choose to pay Gross places **ONLY**. **HOWEVER -- IF** you give handicap strokes to individuals or teams, then you **MUST pay both Gross and Net places**.

SCRAMBLES: **WEIGHTED HANDICAP** system: calculate team handicaps by giving 50% of the low handicap and 25% of the higher handicap as an adjusted team handicap (i.e. a 4 handicapper with a 24 handicap partner would get 2 + 6, or a total team handicap of 8 from their gross score) -- on 3 & 4 man scrambles give 50%, 25%, 10% & 10% -- round to a single stroke to keep it simple. THEN divide the field into flights by total TEAM handicap.

BEST BALL: Give each individual player 100% of their individual handicap on a hole-by-hole basis. MAXIMUM handicap of 2 strokes per hole. In a **SHAMBLE** give a maximum of one stroke on par 3's as players may use their partners tee shot, maximum of 2 strokes on par 4's & 5's.

NOTE: CNSGA reserves the right to adjust individual player's handicaps at any event. If you question a player's handicap, contact a CNSGA Director immediately, we will work with you to solve the question.

TEES: 2022 policy same as last several years.

All players will use the "senior" tees, if available, at all tournaments (otherwise use regular men's tees). All players 75 and older use the next forward most tees, regardless of handicap or flight (10-35 yd advantage on par 3's, 25-75+ on par 4's & 5's – you know your course, use good judgement, but the advantage needs to be legitimate). Players under age 75 should NOT play forward in any event. Super Senior flights should be limited to players aged 75 and older.

SCORE CARDS:

Make individual score cards for EACH team. It is much easier to adjust in case of no-shows or late entries. Teams should EXCHANGE SCORE CARDS and have someone from EACH team sign when finished. Players are responsible for submitting a complete & correct score card, once submitted it cannot be changed

AGE:

Players age for all purposes is after their birthday in the current calendar year.

WINTER RULES:

All our events are "Winter Rules" or preferred lies on the entire course. Player's may improve lies within one club length (no closer to the hole) even in hazards. However, the improvement MUST be in the same cut of grass. Balls in tall rough may NOT be moved to first cut rough, balls in the fringe may NOT be moved to the fairway, etc. Balls played from a hazard may be placed BUT lies may not be improved to be outside of the hazard. **NOTE:** Players are expected to use discretion and fair play in taking the one club length allowance. For example, a ball found in water, should NOT be moved to a dry location, even though still within the hazard and within one club length of the original spot. Similar consideration should be given if a ball is within (or behind) the branches of a tree, bush, or other natural obstacle. Players may improve the lie, but NOT the line of a shot. Once on the green, putts must be played within 6" of the original spot, not nearer the hole.

SLOW PLAY:

Slow play is an increasing problem. Include this in your announcements. Keep up with the group in front. If you fall behind, pick up the pace. PLAY READY GOLF, hit when the way is clear. If your shot does not directly affect the other team, you can hit at the same time.

GIMMIE PUTTS: Revised in 2018 and continues in 2022

All putts for birdie or better must be holed out. Players should use good judgment in giving other putts. This is to apply to all tournaments INCLUDING Memorial Tournament.

UNCLAIMED PAYOUTS:

Host Clubs are responsible for mailing payouts to players when the entire field does not finish at the same time. Example: when scheduled tee times are used instead of shotgun starts.

GPS – LASER:

CNSGA will allow any measuring device approved by the USGA to be used at our tournaments.

FLAG PRIZES:

CNSGA encourages (but does not require) awarding flag prizes to give more players a chance at winning something. Flag prizes DO count toward the 30% required minimum payback. Try to avoid multiple flag prize winners - one per player is preferred. Try to give all players a chance to win: long drive for different age groups; more long putt or closest chip from off the green prizes, and few close in two or close in three prizes, etc.

GENERAL RULES:

- INSIST on getting a completed Entry Form from every player
- Hold all entry forms for at least 30 days following your tourney in case of a question.
- CNSGA wants to pay as many players as possible, rather than have any single player receive a large payback
- Tournament agreements require a MINIMUM of 30% of the entry fee be paid back
- Pay no more than **1-1½ times the entry fee** for 1st place (i.e., \$50 entry should pay \$50-\$75 maximum for 1st place)
- ALL HANDICAPPED events require paying BOTH Gross and NET places -- see Handicapping above
- Pay as many places as possible
- Try to make paybacks easily divisible between players, try to have small bills in the envelope to make division easier
- If using merchandise certificates have them preprinted to save time (these seniors seem to be in a hurry)
- To speed play, conceding or tapping-in putts will not negate remaining partners a chance to make the original putt
- NEVER more than 6 on a tee box, if an odd number of teams in a 3-man scramble send one team out alone

Suggestions / Observations:

- (Required) Have morning coffee & rolls, and a choice of noon sandwich available– These can be at an additional charge, but clubs with complementary coffee & rolls have better attendance.
- The meal a high priority for many of our players. Tournaments with poor meals suffer in attendance. Cost is a concern but provide the best meal you can afford.
- IF there is any possibility of running out of food, YOU need to SERVE it to control the portion sizes
- Free Range balls are a nice PERK and get positive player comments.
- Use drawing tickets as a tool so players check-in as they arrive, that way you know if anyone is missing,
- Have a greeter with a master list to get players to the right cart & post a master list by the entry door
- Have players names on the carts, and carts lined up by hole assignment
- Have players names (& handicaps if applicable) on each team score card – one card for EACH team.
- Remind players to exchange score cards and check their cards
- (Required) Post flights & scores after the event so players can see where they finished/placed
- (Required) Provide CNSGA with scores and placings -- New in 2022
- Have enough help to tend bar, serve food, and calculate / post scores
- Have 2-4 local standby players available with varying handicaps, as there are often last-minute cancellations or no-shows
- Clubs may use non-CNSGA members as fill-ins (age 50+), BUT they can NOT receive any tournament payouts (encourage them to join CNSGA)
- Be sure to have a couple of extra carts available, in case of a break down
- If enough players, consider having a “Super Senior” flight for players over 75
- Round payouts to be easily divided (example do not give \$50 to be divided 3 ways, pay \$48 or \$51 instead)
- Use small bills to aid in division among the winning team OR have merchandise certificates pre-printed
- Tournaments that consistently “fill” are the ones that provide the best meals and service

THANK YOU for agreeing to host a CNSGA event. **Contact me** with any questions or suggestions. We want to get as many people to your tournament as possible, as your success is our success.

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