

Greetings to all “Seasoned Citizens”

From the Riverside Senior Men’ Golf Club

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“One of the most wonderful things about golf is that it is a game that you can play for the rest of your life. In fact, Seasoned Citizens – may get more enjoyment out of the game than they did when they were young, because the deeper you get into golf, the more you learn to value the freedom, the companionship, the joy of being outdoors in beautiful surroundings, and the profound mysteries of the game itself. There are many ways a Seasoned Citizen can continue to score as well as when young, or perhaps score better due to the wisdom of age and the new equipment that is available.” Harvey Penick’s Little Red Book

Well, it’s that time of year again, when some of us put away the curling brooms, some of us return from the land of alternative facts, and beyond ...to start another golf season... when the weather is warm and the skies are sunny, the fairways are lush and the grass is green - straight drives and long putts, and when friendships are re-kindled.

Who are we? We’re a keen group of around 100 golfers 55+ who golf every Wednesday morning at the Riverside (see 2019 schedule below). Although competitive, we mostly enjoy fellowship and sharing stories. Ages: 25 players are 55-69 yrs.; 55 players are 70-79 yrs.; 20 are over 80. Handicaps: 0-19 HCP - 32 players; 20-27 HCP - 37 players; and 28+ HCP - 31 players.

2019 Registration is from 10 am to noon - **on Monday, April 8th and Friday, April 12th at the Riverside clubhouse** (please bring cash or cheque – debit/credit/bitcoins not accepted). The 2019 fee is \$90 which includes: May barbeque; weekly cash prizes; individual Golf Canada membership plus Player’s edition of Rules of Golf and our wind-up awards/AGM luncheon. Additional luncheon tickets are available for \$20 each.

YOUR 2019 EXECUTIVE:

President:	Rich Bayly	780.464.6779 baylyr@gmail.com	He gets your complaints.
Vice-President:	Michael Dean	780.466.9152 inprint@telusplanet.net	He gets your good ideas.
Past- President:	Stu Orr	780.915.7636 stewart.orr@shaw.ca	He smiles and waves.
Secretary:	Bob Ascah	780.975.9645 rascah@ualberta.ca	He gets your questions.
Treasurer:	Frank Johnson	780.641.6290 fsjohnson@shaw.ca	He gets \$\$ questions.
Draw Master:	Doug Loree	780.719.4474 dgloree@gmail.com	He books your tee times
Score Master:	Paul Iglinski	780.421.0901 paul.iglinski@gmail.com	He does the scores
50/50 Draw:	Les Howard	780.469.6264	Registration for the Executive, including 50/50 sellers, is subsidized to recognize their extra work. They pay \$20 for the banquet.
	Dennis Kowalchuk	780.464.3843	
	Mike Draper	780.433.7012	
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Invitation – come and see: What could be better than golfing each week at the terrific Riverside golf course in the beautiful river valley; the friendship of members; the buzz of gentle competition – what a joy. We encourage all current members to invite friends who might be interested in joining the Riverside Seniors at one of our Registration Days - Monday April 8 or Friday April 12.

Rich Bayly, President

Go to <http://edmontonriversidegolfclub.com/mens/senior-mens-club>. To access this letter.

Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club – 2019 Schedule

April Events:

- **8th Monday Registration**
10 am – noon Lawn care seminar by
Riverside superintendent - Paul Henry
- **12th Friday Registration** 10 am – noon

May Events:

- 8 am start - possibility of frost delays
- 1st Draw 1
 - 8th Draw 2
 - ❖ 15th **Shotgun Scramble & Barbecue:**
 - 22nd Draw 3
Aeration – play same 9 twice
 - 29th Draw 4
Tee off on 10th hole – full 18 holes

June Events: 7:30 am start

- 5th Draw 5
Chip & Putt Clinic: Club Pro, Ken Ingoldsby
gives pointers at putting green
- ❖ 12th **Scramble**
- 19th Draw 6
- 26th Draw 7
Tee off on 10th hole – full 18 holes

July Events: 7:30 am start

- 3rd **Don Leverington Trophy**
(Hole prizes)
 - 10th Draw 8
 - 17th Draw 9
 - ❖ 24th **Team – Best ball**
 - 31st Draw 10
- ❖ **Shotgun Scramble (May 15)** each team member hits his own tee shot; the best tee shot is chosen and marked. 4-somes use 3 tee shots each; 3-somes use 4 tee shots each. Everyone then hits their next shot from this point, (with the exception - just the player whose tee shot was chosen as best cannot play the second shot.) Repeat procedure with each shot until you reach the green. Once on the green, each player takes 1 putt unless the putt goes in, and 2nd putt is conceded. This results in a fast round giving everyone time to enjoy our BBQ. Team has one score per hole.
- ❖ **Scramble (June 12)** each team member hits his own tee shot; the best tee shot is chosen and marked. 4-somes use 3 tee shots each; 3-somes use 4 tee shots each. Everyone then hits their next shot from this point. Repeat procedure with each shot until you hole out. Team has one score per hole.
- ❖ **Team - Best Ball (24 July)** every effort is made to balance teams – please make every effort to help your team. Handicaps are not used in this event. All team members play the hole independently after the best drive has been selected. 4-somes use 3 tee shots per player; 3-somes use 4 tee shots per player. For 3-somes, the missing player score will be determined by averaging the other member's scores. The team score is the sum of the scores from all members.

August Events: 7:30 am start

- 7th Draw 11
- 14th Draw 12
Aeration – play same 9 twice
- 21st **Ken Darlington - round 1**
(Hole prizes)
- 28th **Ken Darlington – round 2**
(Hole prizes)

September Events: 7:30 am start

- 4th Draw 13
- 11th Draw 14
- 18th Draw 15 (last draw of the season)
- 19th **Wind-up Luncheon, Awards & AGM**
Woodvale Community league at
Millwoods Golf Course
- 25th Open tee times – no prizes

October Events: no schedule, no prizes

- 8 am start - possibility of frost delays
- 2nd Open Tee times
 - 9th Open Tee times
 - 16th Open Tee times
 - 23rd Open Tee times

The last formal draw will be Wed. Sept. 18th.
Wednesday league tee-times after that are open
on a first come/first serve basis. In other words
make-up your own foursomes or just come down,
join someone and play in our time slot while
weather permits

Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club – Prizes/Booking/Rules

50/50 Participation: 50/50 tickets can be purchased each Wednesday from 50/50 representatives as follows: \$2 for one ticket; \$5 for 3 tickets and \$10 for 7 tickets. Two cash prizes are awarded every week – check the bulletin board for winning ticket numbers – prize money is available from the 50/50 ticket sellers the week following. *“It’s a meet and greet opportunity to get to know all our golf members, who look forward to seeing if their ticket is drawn and getting that cash envelope in their pocket.”* A 50/50 rep.

2019 Weekly Prizes

Flights:	1st Net	2nd Net	3rd Net	Low Gross
1 st Flight – low Handicaps	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$15
2 nd Flight – mid handicaps	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$15
3 rd Flight – high handicaps	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$15

Determining Winners:

1. Actual score card total (actual score – no maximum), less official player handicap determines the low net scores for prizes. Signed score cards (complete with individual player initials) are placed in the box outside the ladies change room. Score cards are used for count backs to resolve ties.
2. To be eligible to win weekly prizes, players must enter their adjusted total to the Golf Canada handicap system no later than Friday of the week played.
3. For the regular weekly draws, each golfer can win up to **THREE** weekly prizes during the golf season; (excluding scrambles and team play) giving more folks a chance to win. Last year, over half our players won once or more. **This year we’ve added a low gross prize for each flight.** Players can win this honor only once per season – prize money will be awarded at the annual luncheon. **Every hole must be putted out.** All Wednesday games are considered a tournament; therefore “no gimmies”. Pressure, real or imagined, makes putts seem longer and tougher.

Handicaps: To qualify for weekly flight and major tournament prizes, members are required to have an official Golf Canada handicap. For members without official handicaps, posting scores to Golf Canada for 5 rounds at any course will establish a handicap. New members with an official handicap can enter their handicap into the Golf Canada - Riverside Handicap System. A board member will be assigned to each member who doesn't have an established handicap – to help him get comfortable with the process. Anyone in the pro shop can assist in the handicap process. **Black or White Tees:** Members will tee off from the Black (middle) tees. Those members 76 years or older can tee off from the White (forward) tees if they wish. When posting to Golf Canada – specify Black or White tees.

Booking process: Our primary objective is to give all members opportunities to meet and to play with as many different players as possible during the season. The Drawmaster provides a “draw book” with one page for each Wednesday of the season. Members identify those Wednesdays they will be golfing and can specify tee time preferences, whether they need a cart or not and persons they'd like to golf with. With that information, the Drawmaster puts together next week's draw sheet which is emailed to all, those without the internet can call the pro-shop (780.496.2998) **Notification of no-show.** If you can't make your tee-time you are required, as a courtesy to others, to notify the pro-shop as soon as possible (780.496.2998).

R&A and USGA rules underwent significant revisions (effective January 1, 2019) to enhance the golf experience and to speed up play. Each Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club member will receive a copy of the Players Edition of the Rules of Golf as part of their registration package.

Check out the following link which provides an excellent summary video and quiz of these changes:

<https://www.randa.org/en/rules-essentials/all-in-one>