

# 2021 Riverside Senior Men' Golf Club

## Greetings to all "Seasoned Citizens"

*"... the most wonderful thing 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**

**Who are we?** We're a keen group of around 115 golfers 55+ who golf every Wednesday morning at the Riverside Golf course (see 2021 schedule below). Although competitive, we mostly enjoy fellowship and sharing stories. Membership is evenly grouped into 3 handicap brackets: 0-20; 20-27; and 28+.

**What about COVID-19?** Golf is one of few activities permitted under COVID-19 requirements. However, its specter will continue to cast shadows in 2021. Our club follows COVID-19 protocols – particularly as it pertains to physical contact. This year the majority of all transactions (registration, cash receipts & prize payouts) will be done electronically. Completed score cards will be sanitized when submitted.

**What do members get?** Our draw master puts together a weekly draw sheet that incorporates member preferences – early/mid/late tee times, carts, friends. Getting to know new people is a major part of our club's magic - our members make everyone welcome. Our score master tracks all the results and reports weekly. You enter your scores with Golf Canada and maintain an official handicap.

- **Annual fees:** \$115 - Pays for Golf Canada membership and all performance prize monies (180 weekly prizes and over 250 event prizes)
- **80/20 option:** \$50 per unit - this is a lottery draw with 3 winners per week. Payout is 80% of monies collected. Only those paying on before April 21 are eligible for 80/20 cash prizes. Participants can win every week, whether they play or not.

**How do you Join & Pay?** Pay our treasurer, Terry Chevalier **on or before April 21, 2021** by e-transfer (chevalierjt@gmail.com) or phone him (780.231.5133) to make other arrangements. New members pls also email: First & Last name, phone #, postal code, year of birth, Golf Canada Handicap.

### YOUR 2020 EXECUTIVE:

<b>President:</b>	Rich Bayly	587.594.2606 baylyr@gmail.com	He gets your complaints.
<b>Secretary:</b>	Bob Ascah	780.975.9645 ascahll@gmail.com	He gets your questions.
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Terry Chevalier	780.231.5133 chevalierjt@gmail.com	He handles the \$\$.
<b>Draw Master:</b>	Doug Loree	780.719.4474 dgloree@gmail.com	He books your tee times.
<b>Score Master:</b>	Erv Callin	780.907.0005 ecallin@me.com	He does the scores.

**Come and play:** What could be better than golfing each week at the terrific Riverside golf course in Edmonton's beautiful river valley; the friendship of members; the buzz of gentle competition. Our current membership is capped at 115, with returning members given renewal priority. New members will be accepted on a first-come basis.

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

# Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club – 2021 Schedule

**Spring Tee times:** 8 am – possible frost delays

May 5<sup>th</sup> Wk. 1 Draw  
May 12<sup>th</sup> Wk. 2 Draw  
May 19<sup>th</sup> Wk. 3 Draw  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Wk. 4 Draw

**Summer Tee times start at 7:30 am.**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> Wk. 5 Draw – **Chip & Putt Clinic:**  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Wk. 6 – **Shotgun Scramble & BBQ Social**  
June 16<sup>th</sup> Wk. 7 Draw  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> Wk. 8 Draw  
June 30<sup>th</sup> Wk. 9 Draw  
July 7<sup>th</sup> Wk. 10 Draw- **Don Leverington Tourney**  
July 14<sup>th</sup> Wk. 11 Draw **Victoria swap #1**  
July 21<sup>st</sup> Wk. 12 Draw  
July 28<sup>th</sup> Wk. 13 Draw

Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> Wk. 14 Draw  
Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> Wk. 15 Draw – **Victoria swap #2**  
Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> Wk. 16 **Club Championship** – Round 1  
Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> Wk. 17 **Club Championship** – Round 2  
Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> Wk. 18 **RivEx Cup** – Round 1  
Sep. 8<sup>th</sup> Wk. 19 **RivEx Cup** – Round 2  
Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> Wk. 20 **Wind-up Scramble/BBQ/AGM**

September 15<sup>th</sup> is the end of scheduled draws. Our Wednesday league block time remains available for the balance of the season. Tee times start at 8 am and are subject to frost delays. **Make up your own groups that must be booked in the pro-shop by the previous Friday.** All unbooked times will be released to the public.

**Weekly Draws:** We hold 20 consecutive weekly events as shown above. Every member is required to establish and maintain a current, official Golf Canada handicap. Score cards are initialed confirming the score submitted. These score card results are recorded and ranked in each of three handicap brackets. RivEx points are calculated and awarded. Cash prizes are accumulated for award at the end of the season.

**Scramble Format:** (June 9<sup>th</sup> & September 15<sup>th</sup>) Each team member hits his own tee shot – the best tee shot is chosen and marked (Minimum of 3 tee shots each for foursomes; 4 tee shots each for threesomes).

**For tee shots ONLY,** the player whose tee shot was chosen does not play the second shot. The remaining team members hit their next shot from this point. Once on the green, each player takes 1 putt – 2<sup>nd</sup> putt is conceded. Recorder enters one score per hole. To give threesomes an equal number of shots as foursomes, a designated “fourth” player is allowed to hit a second shot. The designated “fourth” player is rotated each shot among the members of the threesome.

**Don Leverington Tournament:** (July 7<sup>th</sup>) This tournament honors a long-time member.

The two players representing the best low and high handicap scores play off the following week to determine the best overall golfer – the lowest net score wins the trophy. Skill prizes are also awarded.

**Club Championship:** (Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>) Honors Ken Darlington, who scored less than his age over 300 times.

It is played over two weeks, with scores from both days totaled. Trophies awarded for Low Gross and runner-up and Low Net and runner-up. Players finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each handicap bracket over the two days also receive prizes. Skill prizes are awarded both days.

**RivEx Cup:** (Sep 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>) The season-long race for the RivEx Cup culminates on September 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. This tournament is based on the season-long PGA **FedEx** format. The results of every draw (excluding scrambles) awards members RivEx points in their respective handicap brackets according to their performance that week. RivEx points are posted each week and accumulated. Every member who plays in the RivEx cup receives prize money, as well, skill prizes are awarded both days. RivEx point leaders in each handicap group receive starting handicap advantages for the two-day RivEx cup.

**Victoria Swap:** (July 14<sup>th</sup> & August 11<sup>th</sup>) Last year, a few members of Victoria and Riverside Senior traded venues for the day – it was well received. This year, we have scheduled two dates for this swap. Each club will organize sign-up sheets for those interested in the swap.

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

**Booking Process:** Members notify the draw master by phone or email of those Wednesdays they will be golfing and then specify their tee time preferences; cart needs; and persons they'd like to golf with. Using that information, the Draw master prepares next week's draw sheet and emails it out. With each draw, the Draw master creates opportunities to play with a wide range of members - one of the strengths of our club. Please make sure to notify the pro-shop (780.496.2998) if you can't play as scheduled.

**Handicaps:** Members need an official Golf Canada handicap to qualify for weekly and tournament prizes.

**Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020** Golf Canada adopted the WHS (World Handicap System). This link provides excellent detail of the WHS - <https://www.randa.org/WorldHandicapSystem>

An executive member or pro shop worker can help members who don't have an established handicap.

**Black or White Tees:** Skill level, rather than age, makes a difference on tee selection. In 2021, all players having a handicap 30 or more, regardless of their age, are requested to tee off from the white (forward) tees and we encourage all players 76 and older to take advantage of the white tees. All other players - tee off from the black tees. Please make sure to record your tee choice on the score card.

**Regular Draw winners:** For regular draws (excluding weeks 6 & 16 thru 20), each member can win up to **THREE** low-net prizes and only one low gross prize per season giving more folks a chance to win. Over half our members win once or more – over 180 prizes during the season.

**Tournament Winners:** For tournament events (weeks 6, 10 & 16 thru 20) skill/proximity as well as event prizes are awarded. Remember, everyone competing in the RivEx cup receives prize money. Names of weekly winners are reported, their winnings are accumulated and paid out at the wind-up AGM.

- **Score cards:** The player's actual gross score minus his official player handicap determines his net score for prizes using the signed score cards. (each player confirms his score by initialing).
- **Entering Golf Canada scores:** Players need to enter their adjusted total to the Golf Canada handicap system, preferably same day, and no later than Friday of the week played to qualify for weekly prizes.
- **Every hole must be puttied out:** All Wednesday games are considered a tournament; therefore "no gimmies" – putt everything out. Pressure, real or imagined, can make putts seem longer and tougher.

**80/20 Lottery:** For years, the Riverside Senior Men's Golf Club has operated a weekly 50/50 lottery. All members were encouraged to participate (average weekly contribution was just over \$4 per member). 50% of the proceeds went to participating members – only on the day they participated, the balance subsidized prize money payouts. A dedicated group of volunteers donated time to collect the cash, balance their receipts, and pay previous winners. This year, with the COVID-19 restrictions, we're replacing the 50/50 with an 80/20 lottery, thereby eliminating weekly collection and disbursement of prize monies. 80% of monies thus collected will be paid out each week, by e-transfer. Participants pay \$50/unit at the beginning of the season – payable on or before April 21, 2021 by (e-transfer) for which they receive one numbered bingo ball for each \$50 investment (maximum of 2 units per member). The numbered balls go into our bingo drum for the weekly draw. We'll have 3 winners per week – 60 for the season. The beauty of this arrangement is a no-mess, no-fuss system with a bigger payout, no cash handling, AND participants can win every week - regardless if they are there or not.

**Pace of Play:** This year we'll continue working on ways to improve pace of play through objective measurement, education and encouragement. We'll begin the 2021 season by tracking and reporting actual round times – a step we started in 2020. Helpful participation from all is needed. Note: The Rules of Golf underwent significant revisions on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to enhance the golf experience and to speed up play. This link provides details of these changes: <https://www.randa.org/en/rules-essentials/all-in-one>

**Member/Guest:** To get a sense of what we're about, members can invite one friend at a time to join him on **regular draws only** – contact the draw master ahead of time. Limit of 4 guests per weekly draw.