



# 2023 Riverside Coyotes

Edmonton 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**

[www.riversidecoyotes.ca](http://www.riversidecoyotes.ca) Please visit our website regularly.

- **The public section** has this letter, current and historical information – and most important a place to apply for membership and ask questions.
- **The member section** has weekly draw and result sheets, reminders and highlights of the season. It is our intent to move much of the regular functions to [www.riversidecoyotes.ca](http://www.riversidecoyotes.ca)

**Who are we? The Riverside Coyotes are** a keen group of 120 golfers 55+ who golf every Wednesday morning at the Edmonton Riverside Golf course (see 2022 schedule below). Although competitive, we enjoy fellowship and sharing stories. We're evenly grouped into 3 handicap brackets.

**What do members get?** We assume members will play each week unless otherwise informed. Our draw master puts together a weekly draw sheet that puts you with different folk each week. 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 each week with Golf Canada to maintain a current official handicap.

- **Annual fees:** \$125 - Pays for Golf Canada membership and June 21 BBQ/scramble plus all performance prize monies (180 weekly prizes and over 250 event prizes)
- **80/20 option:** \$50 for first ball, \$40 for second ball (max of 2 balls in total). Payout is 80% of monies collected. Four winners each week – regardless of whether or not they play that week.

## **How do you Join & Pay?**

- **All returning members** - Pay our treasurer, Cal Towns **on or before April 5, 2023** by e-transfer (treasurer@riversidecoyotes.ca) or email him to make other arrangements.
- **All New folk who wish to join for the 2023** season must complete the 2023 application form at [www.riversidecoyotes.ca](http://www.riversidecoyotes.ca) website. Applicants will be notified after April 5<sup>th</sup> to fill our roster.

**YOUR 2023 EXECUTIVE** is committed to making your golf experience as enjoyable as possible.

Keeping your club humming along with the precision of a Swiss watch in the spirit of an Irish wake is no small accomplishment. We ask ALL members to follow the Coyote Creed (see below)

**Come and play:** What could be better than golfing each week at the Riverside golf course – a gem in Edmonton's beautiful river valley; the friendship of members; the buzz of gentle competition. Our current membership is capped at 120, with returning members given renewal priority. New members will be accepted on a first-come basis.

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# Riverside Coyotes – 2023 Schedule

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

May 3<sup>rd</sup> First Official Draw

May 10<sup>th</sup>

May 17<sup>th</sup>

May 24<sup>th</sup> New member mixer (*aeration*)

May 31<sup>st</sup>

## Summer Tee times: 7:00 am start

June 7<sup>th</sup> Chip & Putt Clinic TBA

June 14<sup>th</sup>

June 21<sup>st</sup> **Shotgun Scramble & \*BBQ Social**

June 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Tournament

July 5<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day - Playoff

July 12<sup>th</sup>

July 19<sup>th</sup>

July 26<sup>th</sup>

Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria swap #2

Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> Club Championship – Round 1

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> Club Championship – Round 2

Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> Stableford

Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>

## Fall Tee times: 8 am – possible frost delays

Sep. 6<sup>th</sup> RivEx Cup – Round 1

Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> RivEx Cup – Round 2

Sep. 20<sup>th</sup>\*

**Sep. 26<sup>th</sup> Wind-up Luncheon/AGM @ Millwoods**

September 20<sup>th</sup> is the end of scheduled draws. Our

Wednesday block time remains available for the

balance of the season. **Book with the pro-shop by**

**the previous Friday** - unbooked times will be

released to the public.

**Weekly Draws:** We hold 21 consecutive weekly events as shown above. Every member is required to establish and maintain a current, official Golf Canada handicap. Other than 80/20, skill and low gross awards, players must have a current Golf Canada Handicap to qualify for other prize monies. 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 21<sup>st</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. Threesomes received a no special allowances.

**Memorial Tournament:** (June 28<sup>th</sup> & July 5<sup>th</sup>) We honor a long time player - Don Leverington.

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.

**Club Championship:** (Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<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.

**RivEx Cup:** (Sep 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<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. RivEx point leaders in each handicap group receive starting handicap advantages for the two-day RivEx cup. Every member who plays in the RivEx cup receives prize money, as well, skill prizes are awarded both days.

**Victoria Swap:** (Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>) Members of both Victoria and Riverside Senior clubs, who sign up, trade venues for the day – a welcome opportunity to socialize. Each club organizes sign-up sheets for those interested in the swap.



# 2022 Riverside Coyotes – Booking/Rules/Prizes

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**The Coyote Creed:** *Each member is expected to adhere to the following:*

**Play by the rules:** *I will abide by the rules of Golf and local rules and will encourage each member of my foursome to do so as well. I will clearly report my score at the completion of EACH hole.*

**Show up:** *I will show up to play at the appointed time and play with the designated draw sheet foursome. If required to cancel, I will provide advanced notice so adjustments can be made.*

**Keep up:** *I will keep up to the foursome ahead and help maintain a good pace-of-play each round.*

**Record weekly score:** *I will record, at a minimum, my Wednesday scores with Golf Canada within 72 hours of finishing my round. I will take whatever steps needed.*

**Play often:** *I will play at least 10 club games per season.*

**Scheduling Process** is guided by three principles during the season:

- Members are expected to play each Wednesday unless the Draw Master is informed otherwise.
- Foursomes contain as many different players as possible – to maximize social connections.
- Tee time preferences are 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> half. We expect 80+ players per week (20+ foursomes, at 9-minute intervals takes 3 hours to tee off) Please advise Drawmaster of special tee time exceptions.

**Handicaps:** Members need an official Golf Canada handicap to qualify for weekly and tournament prizes. An executive member or pro shop worker can help members without an established handicap.

**Which Tees:** Skill level, rather than age, makes a difference on tee selection and pace-of-play.

- All players with a 30 handicap or more are requested to tee off from the white (forward) tees.
- Players with less than a 30 handicap play from the blue or black tees.
- Players 76 and older can take advantage of the white tees.
- Please make sure to record your tee choice on the score card.

**Regular Draw winners:** For regular draws (excluding tournaments and scrambles), each member can win up to **THREE** low-net prizes and only one low gross prize per season giving more players a chance to win.

**Tournament Winners:** For tournament events, performance 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.

- **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.
- **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.

**80/20 Lottery:** Members can purchase one or two numbered balls - \$50 for 1 ball, \$90 for two. 80% of monies thus collected will be paid out each week, by e-transfer. The numbered balls go into our bingo drum for the weekly draw - 3 winners per week. This is a no-mess, no-fuss system with a bigger payout, no cash handling, AND participants can win every week (only those who golf each week can win that week.)

**Pace of Play:** Using objective measurement, education and encouragement, we track and report actual round times. Helpful participation from all is needed. Note: In 2019, The Rules of Golf underwent significant revisions 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.