Members,

We want to welcome everyone (both new and returning members) to 2023 South Suburban Men’s Golf Club. Just like years past, we will have individual tournaments as well as team tournaments, all starting with our first tournament on Saturday, March 18, 2023. This event, CHA-CHA-CHA or ABCD, will be 4-man team tournament with one flight (Blind Draw via the computer), everybody plays their own ball. Skins for this tournament will be team skins. Typically, we have our “Ice Breaker” (social get together with Hors ’de Oeuvres, beer and a raffle) the night before the Cha-Cha-Cha, but because the day/night before is St Patrick’s Day, we have scheduled the Ice Breaker for Friday, March 10, 2023, from 6-8 pm. In addition to the social part of the Ice Breaker we will have tables set up for the various committees to further explain the upcoming year (Member/Guest, Match Play, Interclub, Rules, Handicap, Scholarship). We will also have a free raffle for members in attendance (Pro Shop gift cards and maybe a few other types of gifts), a keg of beer and a company sponsored table with hors d’oeuvres.

Following is some useful information for the upcoming year.

Tournaments leading up to our two Showcase Events - Member/Member (Calcutta) and Club Championship will be postable rounds, to allow everyone an opportunity to meet the minimum tournament rounds needed to qualify for the two events (3 SSMGC postable scores within the last 12 months of each tournament).

Back for the second year in a row (Post Covid) is the Member/Guest (Saturday & Sunday, September 23 & 24, 2023). Additional details will be provided soon, as well as at the Ice Breaker.

In addition to our regular scheduled events, we also have a separate, season long, single elimination Match Play Event (Individual and Team). These two events are limited to the first 64 individuals and 64 teams to sign up. Additional details will be sent out in the next few weeks, and at the Ice Breaker.

Also, our Men’s Club participates in the CGA Interclub tournament. This tournament is Team Match Play tournament where we compete against other Men’s Clubs in the State. Although a team tournament it has both a singles and fourball component in each match. Additional details will be provided soon, as well as at the Ice Breaker.

This year, before the Men’s Club Championship in August, we will participate in the “District Cup”. This is a Match Play event vs. Littleton and Lone Tree Men’s Clubs. “South Suburban Men’s Golf Club won in 2021, but received a thorough beating last year.”

Golf tournaments after the Club Championship, while still competitive, are more relaxed team events.

Important Items to Note

As you know, during tournaments we use Golf Genius and the Live Scoring feature. Typically, one member of the group handles the scoring and after the round, all members verify that the scores on the paper scorecard match what was entered into Golf Genius, however, volunteers at the scorers table have encountered instances where verification did not take place and the paper scorecard and Golf Genius did not match. For 2023, we encourage that verification of scores takes place and that at least one member of the group sticks around until the persons at the scoring table have completed their verification. As a Board we have agreed that if there are discrepancies between the paper scorecard and Golf Genius, and at least one member of the
group is not available (in the Restaurant) during the scoring table verification, the highest of the non-matching scores will be used.

The Tree Farm. Over the last few years there have been instances where golfers have had confrontations (some physical and many hard feelings) regarding the “Tree Farm” rules for play. So, last year’s Board discussed and voted on the following – The Tree Farm will be designated as No Play Zone designated as a Red Penalty Area. Relief options are covered in rule 17.1e. Essentially, this means that if you hit into the Tree Farm (Hole 13 and 16) you must play a penalty shot from where you crossed the penalty line (the course will have this area marked) or re-tee. NO MORE FREE DROP

Construction on the Course. Throughout the season, work will be performed on the creek (multiple government entities are fixing/changing the flow) This construction will extend from County Line to Colorado. Hopefully, during tournament play (weekends) construction will take the day off.

Changes to the Course. Reconstruction of the No. 13 tee box and green have been planned. Currently, the changes are scheduled for early fall, but we will keep you updated of any changes that may need to be incorporated for tournament play.

Changes to hole handicaps. After extensive analysis of score history from 2022 tournaments, the Men’s Club is revising hole handicaps. The changes will be shown on scorecards and effective with the first tournament in March.

Hole-In-One will be paid out at the end of the year. The amount paid will be evenly divided by the number of Hole-In-Ones made throughout the year.

Again, Welcome and enjoy the season,

Mike Gardner – President
Chuck Read - Vice President