

16 April 2009 LETTER

Subject: TUFF COUNTRY MEMBER GUEST

First of all I would like to thank all the members for a terrific start for our 2010 season. Our next Tournament will be the TUFF COUNTRY Member Guest, which will be played on Saturday April 24th. With that in mind, there are some items that need to be addressed.

Per a prior E-Mail, there will be 2 shotguns that day for those of you that have more than one guest that you would like to play with. The first shotgun will commence at 8:00 A.M. and the second one at 1:30 P.M. As previously mentioned, you will have the option to play one or both of the sessions, and if you choose to play both sessions, you **MUST PLAY WITH A DIFFERENT PARTNER**. If you choose to play only one session, the cost will be \$ 55.00 per person, and if you choose to play both then your cost will be \$ 90.00 per person. Brian Schramm will discount the 2nd round for those of you that will be playing both. Also, keeping in mind that if you choose to play both, you must play with a different partner and if there are guest's that choose to play with a different member, and play both sessions, then their cost will also be \$ 90.00 for both.

With regards to the lunch for this event, we will have freshly grilled Hamburgers, Baked Beans and Potato Salad outside in the pavilion. Lori has graciously agreed to only charge \$ 5.25 per person. Thanks to all of the members that have been so generous with donations, and the revenue that the club is generating, the club will pay \$ 3.00 for each participant's lunch so it will only cost each person \$ 2.25, which is a great deal for all participants. There will also be water and fruit furnished on the course, so please enjoy.

We originally had scheduled a Derby for this event but with the large turnout, we are going to have a Stymie Game after each session with a buy in of \$ 10.00 per team and the format will be alternate shot (PUTT). For those of you that have never participated in a Stymie Game, they are an incredible amount of fun, and you will have a great time.

With regards to the way the skins are being done, the last tournament went pretty well considering this is new to everyone. Just as a recap for the way we are doing them from now on, please write your name on the skins sheet that corresponds with the tee box that you will be playing from depending on whatever your handicap is, which will be designated on the front of the skins box each tournament. If you have questions about this please see the pro shop to find out what your handicap is for that tournament. The second step is to write the number next to where you put your name on the clipboard, on the envelope that corresponds with the color tee that you will be playing from for the tournament (Blue Tees / Blue Envelope and White Tees / White Envelope). This has been implemented to make things easier for those of us that are doing the skins to get them done in a more timely manner for those of you that are participating in the skins. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO READ THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE FRONT OF THE SKINS BOX PRIOR TO ENTERING.** With the amount of participation that we will have in this event, the payout could be very significant due to playing common tees for this tournament. If you have any questions about how this needs to be done please feel free to see Landon Wilbur for more information.

There has also been some discussion about the minimum age for joining our club, and after lengthy discussion, we have made a minor change. In an effort to bring in new, younger members, we have decided that if a player will turn 18 in the calendar year of 2010, and they fill out the registration form and pay the \$ 35.00 as a new member, they will be allowed to play in the Member Guest, and also at the end of the year, if they have not already turned 18, they will also be allowed to play in the final 2 events which are the Directors Surprise and the Monster. They will not be allowed to participate in any other tournament unless they have turned 18, so please do not ask beyond this. In consideration for the bigger tournaments towards the end of the year, the player must have turned 18 and from that date must have played the minimum amount of tournaments to post the necessary rounds to qualify for those tournaments. This should encourage younger players to join our club to help in the continuation of this wonderful Men's Association that we all have been so fortunate to be a part of, and too carry on the

tradition of this club.

In closing, again we are off to a great start, and this upcoming tournament promises to be a excellent event. Again, TUFF COUNTRY will have a large physical presence, so if you see anyone from TUFF COUNTRY, please express your gratitude to them. To insure that you are able to participate, please sign up early, as the last tournament, there were some members that could not get in, so sign up early.

Sincerely,

Len Wilbur
President