

## Team In 2011

The RIWGA Board and Team-In Co-chairs have planned some new changes to the 2011 Team-In Tournament. We hope these changes will contribute a level of excitement to an event we would like to be somewhat of a culmination for the season. Below are the rules and formats for this year's competition. We hope you enjoy the event.

### **Club Teams**

- Each club may submit one or more teams.
- Each team may consist of a minimum of 4, and a maximum of 6 players.
- Once the divisions have been established, a team may not substitute or add players.
- Clubs must field their first team with players having the lowest handicap index of all of the members interested in playing. The second team will then have the next lowest handicap indexes and so forth.
- Four team members will represent the team each of the first two *qualifying days* of competition. The team may select any four of the six members to play on any particular day. It is **the responsibility of the team captain** to submit the names of who will be playing for their team on each day of competition according to these deadlines:
  - **August 31, 2011 – Team Applications**
  - **September 12, 2011 – Roster for the qualifying days**
  - **September 20, 2011 – Roster for the finals (all three matches).**
- Teams will be placed in divisions based on the combined handicap indexes of all players as they stand two weeks prior the first day of competition (**September 1, 2011 GHIN report**).
- Handicap indexes will be frozen for all players based on the GHIN report as of September 15, 2011.
- Teams may not have more than a 10 point spread among **all handicap indexes**. If there is a larger spread, the player with the higher index will be adjusted down to 10 strokes higher than the lowest index on that team. This index will serve as the “frozen” index for that player for the entire competition.
- The frozen handicap index will be used to determine the course handicap for each day of competition. Team captains will be sent a sheet of all players “frozen H.I.” to be used for all competitions, the week prior to the start of play. The team will be provided their handicaps for that day's competition when they register on arrival at the course.

### **Divisions or Cups**

- RIWGA has five Cups representing the five divisions for In-State Team competition.
- Each Cup will have a minimum of four teams and a maximum of five teams.
- The number of teams in each division will be established by the Team-In Co-Chairs based on the number of teams requesting to play.
- All member clubs will have an opportunity to field at least one team.
- Additional teams beyond one per club will be accommodated as space is available up to a maximum of five teams in each division, or a total of 25 teams. (The Team In co-chairs reserve the right to make adjustments to the number of teams in division qualifiers based on sign-up.)

- Additional teams beyond one per club will be accommodated on a first come, first serve basis, so earlier sign-up will provide an advantage for getting a second team into the competition.
- A third team for any club will be accommodated as space is available in the event there are no additional clubs requesting a second team.

### Format of Play

- All competition will be played on the three specific days designated on the calendar found on-line. The goal is that all members will know the dates of play for all matches at the start of the season and can plan well in advance for the competition.
- All teams will play as a foursome on each of the **first two days**.
- The format for the first two days will be as follows:
  - **Day one – September 19<sup>th</sup>, Point Judith Country Club** - Foursomes play as two-person teams for 9 holes of alternate shot format. Two-person teams must be the 2 lower handicap players and the 2 higher handicap players among the 4 playing that day. The two-person team handicap will be calculated based on the average of the individual course handicaps for those two players. Each two-person team will submit their **gross** score with the **2 person team handicap subtracted to provide two net scores for the team**. The second 9 holes will be played as a four person team. Format will be 2 best net balls for the team, based on 100% individual course handicaps for each player. One net score for the 9 holes will be submitted for each team. The total of the three net scores will serve as the result of that day's competition.
  - **Day two – September 20<sup>th</sup>, Kirkbrae Country Club** - Foursomes will play a step-away scramble for 9 holes. The team handicap for this format will be calculated by **averaging the 4 individual course handicaps**. The second nine holes will be stroke play for all 4 individual team members, using 100% course handicaps. The team total will be the sum of the net scores for each of the 4 players and the net score for the step-away scramble and will serve as that day's results.
- The results from each day for each team will be added and this combine score will be used to **reduce each division to four teams**. *Combined scores* will equal the sum of all four of the qualifying day formats for each team, thus calculating a total **team qualifying score**. In other words, the four lowest *combined scores* in each division will advance to the finals.
- For each individual day of the first two *qualifying days* the same four players must complete all play. If a player must stop playing before the completion of the 18 holes the team will need to finish playing with fewer players that day. If a player does not complete the individual stroke competition a penalty will be assessed to that player's total.
- A different group of four among the six original team members may play each of the two qualifying days.
- The four teams in each division that have advanced to the **finals** will all play on **September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Ledgemont Country Club**.
- The format for the finals will be 27 holes, in three nine hole matches against each of the other teams in the same division. Play will be in shotgun for each of the three matches.
- Each team will decide who will play each of the three matches. Among those playing in each match, the top two players on each team will play the top two players on the opposing team.
- The format for the finals will be partner's better (net) ball, match play competition.

- Players are not required to play all 27 holes. A team may choose any 4 players of the original 6 to compete in each of the 9 hole matches, or may choose to play the same 4 members for all 3 matches. Teams may substitute players only between matches and the team roster for all 3 matches must be established no later than two days prior to the start of the day's competition. Exceptions will be made only in cases of player injury or illness and such a substitution will be made only between matches.
- Scoring during the finals will be based on points accumulated. Each hole won will represent one point and each hole halved will represent a ½ point. There will be no reduction in points for holes lost.
- There will be a reception and announcement of winners following play on the day of the finals. We hope that you will encourage all of your team members to join us for this reception as well. Prizes will be awarded to the first place and runner up teams at the reception
- The Division Cup will be awarded to the team with the highest total points at the annual meeting.

### **Cost of the Tournament**

- In order to accommodate the large numbers of players we will be collecting the fee at registration each day.
- The fee for the two qualifying days will be \$50 and includes buffet lunch and cart fee for the day.
- The fee for the finals will be \$60 and includes the cart fee and reception following play. We hope that you will encourage all of your team members to join us for this reception as well. The cost of the reception for those not playing in the finals will be \$30.
- Lunch on the day of the finals will be available on the fly at the outside patio grill and can be charged to your home course account.

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