

Space Club Golf League (SCGL)

Operations and Member Duties

PRELIMINARIES

Online

- <https://SpaceClubGolf.weebly.com/> (*'https://SpaceClubGolf.com/' no longer works.*)
- SpaceClubGolf@gmail.com (*Monitored by the SCGL Secretary.*)

R.I.P. Putt Jug

For those of you who remember our Putt Jug, we retired the Putt Jug after the 2022 season.

Before Each Thursday

Each week, send email to the Secretary if you are NOT going to play the coming Thursday.

It helps the Secretary a lot to receive all such emails well before 12:00pm noon on Wednesdays.

Each Wednesday the Secretary makes the foursomes and pairings. By 8:00pm the pairings are posted on the website, under ThisWeek > TeeTimes & Pairings.

THURSDAYS

When to Arrive on Thursday

Aim to arrive at the practice putting green at least 10 minutes before your tee time (as posted on the website), and make sure the Secretary sees you are attending (and that he is certain of your name).

In practice our first players sometimes tee off around 4:05pm, even though our official start time is 4:10pm.

If you cannot arrive at Auburn GC by 4:10pm-4:15pm, please actively inform the Secretary that you are definitely coming but will be somewhat late. Otherwise, after 4:15pm it becomes awkward to include you on an official scorecard (although we can usually manage something).

Successive tee times are 7-8 minutes apart.

Secretary Must Learn All Names and Faces

Any new Secretary might know the faces of all players. But sometimes he might be unsure which names go with which faces.

Please help the Secretary know for certain who you are, as needed.

When you arrive, wander toward the practice putting green and confirm for the Secretary that you are in attendance.

PAIRINGS AND FOURSOMES

Adjustments in Pairings at the Course

For the golfer-vs-golfer scoring, each tee group must be a foursome or at least a threesome.

On any given Thursday, some players arrive a bit late, or decide on Thursday they cannot attend after all.

These attendance and timeliness issues make for a hectic juggling act when trying to write the appropriate four names on a dozen scorecards in real time shortly before each tee time.

Your timeliness in attendance is very helpful.

We like to have all scorecards filled with the appropriate names by 4:35pm-4:40pm.

Late Players and Pairing Adjustments

To keep both tee boxes full and moving, any late player will likely be bumped into a later foursome, which changes to competitive pairings.

The replacement player is often the fourth player listed in the next foursome.

WAYS TO WIN

Points for Weekly Golfer-vs-Golfer Winners are Auto Calculated

Each player's weekly goal is to score Points. Having fewer Strokes is great for earning more Points.

Scorecards should Not have any markings for Points earned. We let our software calculate Points earned for us.

How Points are Auto Calculated

A scorecard lists players A B C D.

Each player competes against the two players adjacent to him.

For instance, B is adjacent to both A C. D is adjacent to both C A (think of players arranged in a circle rather than in linear column).

4 Points are at stake between any two players.

2 Points go to the player who has the lowest net score for the 9-hole round. If their two net scores are tied, each player receives 1 Point.

Another 2 Points go to the player who won more individual holes, per their two net scores on each hole. Again ties can give each player 1 Point.

Because each player is in two 4-Point competitions, the most a player can win during one 9-hole round is 8 Points.

Fun Odd Weekly Competitions

Separate from the Points competition, each Thursday we have a fun odd Weekly Competition as a way to win gift cards.

Examples include Fewest Putts, Most 1 putt holes, or Blackjack 21.

To see the schedule of all the fun odd Weekly Competitions, see the website at [ThisWeek > WeeklyExtraCompetition](#).

Each week the Flight #1 and #2 winners of the fun odd Weekly Competition each receive a small gift card good for merchandise (not greens fees) in the Auburn GC Pro Shop.

Some Weekly Competitions require the scorekeeper to track them during play, while other W.C.'s are automatically calculated by our software.

SCORE KEEPING

Who is Scorekeeper

In each tee group, the player whose name is listed first on the scorecard is the official scorekeeper for the tee group.

The scorekeeper task should not be another person unless there is good reason to do so.

The Secretary always considers the first person listed to bear ultimate responsibility in ensuring the ending scorecard is legible and is handed in for the Secretary to collect.

How to Hand In the Scorecard

The Secretary is often in the final tee group.

If your group finishes long before the Secretary's group finishes, you can enjoy our social gathering in the Bogey's restaurant (or its patio) until the Secretary arrives.

Another option is to place the scorecard in the little plastic box labeled Space Club. We place this box in the building's covered outside corner near the outside front door that opens into the Pro Shop (at Auburn GC).

If the scorecard gets lost, a photo taken by the scorekeeper of the scorecard itself can be sufficient.

Scores to Keep During Play

Every player who is Not the group scorekeeper must keep their own score. At the end of the 9-hole round, compare your total score with the total the scorekeeper has for you.

Every player has a duty to actively help the group scorekeeper achieve accuracy. Use a clear voice when the scorekeeper asks for your score after the hole (answer for bogey on a par 4 could be "5-2").

Each group scorecard must record the following data:

- Each player's raw gross score for every hole.
- Each player's putt count for every hole (often used as a tie-breaker for weekly prizes).
- Accurate total strokes per player for the 9-holes.
 - This helps the Secretary to overcome illegible per-hole scores.
 - It also provides an easy way to double-check the scoring accuracy by asking each player in your group whether they calculate the same total as the scorekeeper calculated.
- Any special data that week for the fun odd Weekly Competition (like KP or Blackjack results).

Scorecard Pre-marked

Each scorecard is pre-marked with the following metadata:

- Its Division, #1 or #2 (which we base on handicaps twice per season).
- Its position in the line-up of group tee times, within its Division. The first scorecards in each Div are Group #1.
- Either the Front 9-holes or the Back 9-holes. The two Divisions alternate playing the Front/Back each week.
- The Weekly Competition (such as Most Putts).
- Date.

RESULTS ARE POSTED

Results on the Website

The Secretary strives to process and post the Thursday results by Friday evening, or sometimes on Saturday.

The results are on our website at ThisWeek > Results (with the updated date appended).

When the results are posted, the Secretary sends an email to all SCGL members notify that results are posted, and to remind each member to send email to the Secretary if the member will Not play the upcoming Thursday.

- <https://SpaceClubGolf.weebly.com/this-week.html> > Results

Thank you.

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