THE HACKERS GOLF LEAGUE
BY-LAWS

INTRODUCTION

Officers
President: Dave Taylor
Secretary: Andy Linton (505-7432)
Treasurer: Dan Richardson(n/a)
Sub Coord: ??(n/a)

Course Liaison: Marty Reed (225-3342)

Details:
      Course: Stadium
      Tee-times: **3:52 4:00 4:08 4:16**
      Greens: $17
      Dues: $27

It is imperative that members be at the course on time, since another league may be teeing off after us.

ADDENDUM for 2012: At the pre-season meeting, Marty pointed out that, while the practice has been in place and followed since its adoption, it appears that the policy of throwing out round scores over and above the minimum number of required matches, never actually made it into the by-laws. This addendum corrects that omission.

NEW for 2012: League play will consist of 16 paid weeks with 12 regular members. This will provide for 11 regular matches, plus, 3 additional position play-off weeks dispersed throughout the season. Also included are the mid-season and end-of-season scrambles, and 1 free week which, at this time, will be in the form of a voucher to be used at the player's choice after the close of the season..

REMOVED for 2012: ~~Recent change as of 2011:~~ ~~Assigned tee-times. Along with the schedule, the league secretary shall post a list of match pairings with assigned tee-times. There will be no more first-come, first-served, or, foursomes built with favorite playing companions. IF, on any given day, you feel you cannot make your tee-time, please notify either your opponent for that day, or, a league officer, so that adjustments can be made. IF, you are running late, the same applies. Please make every effort to communicate with the league. If this means using/calling a mobile phone, please do do. Most members have one.~~

MEMBERSHIP

A.   The league maintains that a Regular member is expected to play every week except as illness, vacation, or job requirements may prevent.
B.   Each year, regular members have the option of retaining their regular status provided that they have played the required ten matches (this number is subject to reduction due to rainouts) in the previous year.
C.   An alternate member (or substitute) is responsible for the weekly green fees, but is not charged for any "dues".
D.   Alternates are not eligible for place prizes at the banquet, but are welcome to attend the banquet and will be charged the price of the meal.

E. When regular positions become available, alternate members will have preference over new members. The alternate member who has played the most matches during the year (or prior year) would receive the first opportunity to fill the regular's position. When alternates (or new) members have equal status, Corporate Benefits Delivery employees have preference; otherwise, all things being equal, the position(s) will be awarded by random drawing.

FEES

A. The greens fees will be $18 per week times 16 weeks = $288
B. League dues (to cover the cost of the awards and the awards banquet) will be **$27**

Therefore, the total amount due is **$315** for regular members. The only installment of **$315** is due by the first match. There is a possibility if all funds are received early enough we will receive a free week of golf.

CHANGE for 2012: Prizes, based on additional $50/member to be collected separately:

12 players X $50 = $600

Awarded as follow:

League standings:	1st place	$200
	2nd place	$120
	3rd place	$ 40
Hacker Cup	Winner	$ 80
Low Net	Winner	$ 80
Low Gross	Winner	$ 80
		$600

No player may collect prize money for more than TWO categories. Any player who wins more than 2 prizes shall be awarded the money for the HIGHEST dollar amounts first. The money for the remaining category(ies) will be awarded to the next person in the category.   It is therefore possible that the winner of the Hacker Cup may not receive the dollar amount associated with that prize. Said winner will, none-the-less, have his or her name inscribed on the trophy.

Annual dues are to be sent to the League Treasurer.

C. There will be individual refunds only in the case of job transfer with allowance for the CTP contest pool
D. The Closest-To-The-Pin contest will continue. The pool starting at $10 will provide a cash prize to regular members for excellent tee shots at the par 3 holes. This charge is included in the league dues. The contest pool will be increased by $5 each week until won by a player whose tee shot is within the length of the tape measure provided, or, 25', whichever is shorter, and on the green. After an award, the pot starts over at $10. All money remaining at the end of the season will be applied to funding refreshments at the Awards Banquet. Alternate members (SUBS) are allowed to win the closest to the pin prize.

Recent change as of 2011: The closest-to-the-pin hole will now rotate each round. No longer will they always be the 5th hole on the front nine, and the 15th hole on the back.

SUBSTITUTION

A list of alternate members will be maintained by the league Substitute Coordinator for the purpose of securing a substitute whose handicap is as close as possible to the handicap of

the absent member. In the event of an insufficient number of substitutes or if an opponent is unable to compete due to job requirements, substitution will then be made as equitably as possible with some members matching other members cards. In the event of a no show at the course, the Secretary will randomly assign an opponent to match cards.

Members will no longer be reimbursed for the matches missed. Substitutes will pay a set rate of **$15** for each time they sub and these funds will be put into the treasury for use towards the banquet or a future reduction of green's fees.

Early notification of pending absences increases our chances of obtaining substitutes; thereby, increasing the chance that the absent member(s) will be reimbursed for that week's green fees.

RE-SCHEDULING

Since the course won't allow it, re-scheduling the match with your opponent is no longer an option. All matches must be played on league night and during our allotted tee times.

FORFEITS

The forfeit rule has been eliminated; however, league officers have the option of reviewing the status of any member who is frequently absent.

SCORING AND HANDICAPPING

A. A regular member must play at least **9** matches to qualify for place awards.
B. Prizes will be awarded to Regular members at the year-end banquet based upon average points accumulated per match as follows:
   1) 1 point, for each hole won in handicap match play, ½ point for each hole tied.
   2) 1 point, for the person who has the low net for the match, ½ point for each person if the match is a net tie.
C. A separate scorecard should be kept for each match showing net score and allocation of points. It should be signed by both players and submitted to the Secretary.
D. The league Secretary will review the scorecards to correct errors (if any) and to adjust them for any strokes in excess of the maximums stated in rule (F) below. These adjustments will be made prior to computing players handicaps for the next week.
E. Once a match is started, all players are expected, if at all possible, to complete the full nine holes. In the event of extreme weather conditions, any player may halt his own play (without the mutual consent of his opponent). If five or more holes have been completed, the match is official and match points for the remaining holes are split. Calculation of a nine-hole score for bonus point consideration shall be made by projecting scores for holes not played based upon par for each such hole plus the average number of strokes by which par was exceeded for the holes played. Non-completed holes shall be treated as holes not played. If fewer than 5 holes had been played in the match, then the match will be declared no match.
F. Play will be on a handicap basis which allows a maximum of 3 strokes over par on each hole. The maximum score allowed in computing a handicap, therefore, is:
        Par 3: 6
        Par 4: 7
        Par 5: 8
G. The maximum nine-hole handicap is 25.
H. Handicaps are calculated on the best four out of the last six matches in league play or proportionally for less than 6 matches.
I. Handicap is 100% of the average allowable strokes over par during the matches in consideration.
J. If a player has insufficient Hacker history, the initial handicap will be set by the league Secretary.

Recent change as of 2011: Because of the introduction this year of the mid- and end-season position playoffs, these scrambles below (K,L) will no longer occur, UNLESS, we chose to follow the year-end scramble format for the banquet night, in which case, "L", will still apply.

K. *Pairing for the year end best ball tournament will be based on handicaps. Team handicaps are calculated based on total handicaps for both players divided by 2 and rounded down. The tournament's tie breaking procedure is most eagles, most birdies, and most pars.*

L. *Pairing for the mid year 4 man scramble will be based on handicaps and will consist of the following positions [1, 16, 8, 9] , [2, 15, 7, 10], [3, 14, 6, 11], [4, 13, 5, 12] .*

M. Last place finisher in the league will be designated as the sub coordinator for the following year.

N. 8th place finisher will be deemed as the Treasurer.

O. For both scramble tournaments– need to use at least 1 drive from each person. (A shot on a par 3 does count towards the use of a drive)

HACKERS' RULES OF PLAY

A. Any player has the option not to play during inclement weather.

B. league members are required to be at the golf course unless they are notified otherwise by a league officer.

C. Cancellation of total league play because of inclement weather will be made by:

   1) course management
   2) concurrence by the league officers
   3) majority vote of players **if no officers present**

D. Please keep play moving at all times! Do not spend an unreasonable amount of time looking for a lost ball.

E. Players should refer all grievances to the league officers.

F. Please remember that the initial tee shot is the only shot to be considered eligible to receive an award on the closest to the pin holes. When your first tee shot is in the water, you're sunk!

G. Official USGA rules and regulations shall prevail unless otherwise noted. Listed below are a few rules that will apply in our league.

   1) Winter rules will apply. This means that you may improve your lie in **YOUR OWN FAIRWAY** by moving the ball with your clubhead but no closer to the hole. You may **NOT** improve your lie in the rough, a sandtrap, or another fairway.

   2) Lost ball or ball out-of-bounds results in a one stroke penalty, and on an optional basis, distance. You may either: (a) hit another ball from the same spot adding a penalty stroke plus counting the bad stroke, or (b) hit another ball from the spot where the first ball left THE FAIRWAY and add a stroke penalty plus count the bad stroke. Ball lost in Fairway (Plugged) - drop ball in vicinity of area ball was lost - no penalty.

   3) Unplayable lie (off the fairway) - you must take a one stroke penalty and drop the ball within two club-lengths of the edge of the fairway laterally from where the ball lies but no closer to the hole. Ball plugged or in standing water - drop ball in nearest dry area no closer to the hole - no penalty.

   4) Unplayable lie (in the fairway) - such as excess water, hoses, sprinklers - no penalty. Drop the ball away from the hazard, but not nearer to the hole.

   5) Ball on roadway - no penalty. Drop ball off roadway, but no nearer the hole.

   6) Opponent's ball strikes your ball on the green - you are penalized one stroke if the opponent is putting, and there is no penalty if he is shooting from off the green. In either event, you must replace your ball.

   7) Hitting the flagstick - no penalty if the ball was hit from off the putting surface. One stroke penalty if the ball was on the green.

END OF RULES