

Welcome to the 42<sup>nd</sup> season of Summit Senior Golf of Akron!

Our first event was a 2-man scramble held at Mayfair GC on June 7, 1984 with 40 players. We now have nearly 400 members!

Our website ([www.ssgoa.org](http://www.ssgoa.org)) has been activated for this season and updated with all the forms and information you'll need to compete! The Membership Form, Schedule, GSIndex Division Roster, and Tournament Entry Forms are now available on the main page of our website. Please take the time to review it as it has been updated. This would include long time A Division Tournament Manager John Foss stepping down and being replaced by Scott Cheatwood who graciously volunteered to take over. We cannot thank John enough for the many years he dedicated to this organization and you may still see him helping from time to time. We are also hopeful that Tim Davis, former Director of the Akron District Golf Association and current SSGOA Board member will be helping out as well.

Some major changes to take note of:

- Membership registration went from \$60 to \$75. This year we will be trying to assign salaries to a handful of those who help to run the organization and the events. Several individuals volunteer hundreds of hours a season and have done so for years with little or no compensation. Every season we ask for others to step forward into these positions with very little success so I pushed to get people paid in some fashion and the Board approved. The salaries haven't been decided upon yet but will be made known when they are. We also hope that assigned salaries will make it easier to recruit people in the future.
- Tournament entry fees went from \$55 to \$60 to help with prize funds in offsetting the increase in golf course fees this season.
- We still have four Point Quota events using a modified Stableford format and as before, you will still record nothing higher than a double bogey. There are also five non-quota events (2 scrambles, best ball, jumble, best ball/scramble) in which only one score is used but you record your actual score.

The season begins on May 7th for the A & C Divisions, and May 14th for the B Division. It ends on Aug 31<sup>st</sup> with the Jim Fenwick Championship at Ohio Prestwick CC.

For all **returning** players, the first thing you should do is check the GSIndex Roster to see your Division assignment. As in previous years, you can ONLY play up one Division if your partner is already in that higher Division. The Division you start the season in is where you will be all year long to qualify for the end of year championship.

For the first event in May, your registration form (\$75) and 2-player tournament entry form (\$120) must be printed out and mailed into the PO Box. After that, and starting with your second tournament, PLEASE pay in advance while at the event. As always, two

player entry forms must be accompanied by \$120 payable by cash, check or debit/credit (credit cards incur a 3% service charge). If you don't have a partner, you can submit an entry marked "needs a partner" along with your \$60 and the managers will do their best to find you one. **You can help us out tremendously by getting your membership & \$75 fee in as soon as possible.**

Our operating revenue comes from the membership registrations, Business Sponsors who are highlighted on our webpage and out at the events, and our local Country Club fundraising raffle that we've held the last few years and hope to do so again this year. We truly appreciate all the support we receive from them and you!

Your email contacts are listed in the "About Us" tab of our website should you have questions or concerns.

You can also call or text me at our general number (216-438-3337) with any questions you may have.

There will be more information coming out before the May start dates.

**Please feel free to forward this email to others you know who may be interested in joining!**

Thank you and once again welcome to the 42<sup>nd</sup> season of SSGOA!

Chuck Maroon

SSGOA President/Tournament Director