

Minnesota Public Golf Association
7th Annual State Mid-Amateur Championship &
45th Annual Individual Low Net/Stableford Championship
Sundance Golf Course, Maple Grove, MN
May 21-22, 2011

ELIGIBILITY: The Championships are open to amateur players who are members of a men's club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association (MPGA) and carry an active GHIN handicap. In order to play in the Mid-Amateur (only), a player must be at least 30 years of age as of May 21, 2011.

FORMAT:

The **Individual Low Net Championship** is a two-day, 36-hole event. **The ILN will be conducted using the Stableford format as defined in the Rules of Golf – Rule 32-Stableford Competitions.** This event will have divisions based on the number of entries and handicaps. Full handicaps will be applied after adjusting to the slope rating of the golf course. Your handicap index as of **closing of entries** will be used and will determine in which division you will be placed. If a tie occurs for first place, a sudden death playoff (all Divisions) will take place. The Committee may adjust handicaps in accordance with USGA approved procedures. (See Knuth Points definition on www.mpga.net)

MID-AM: The **State Mid-Amateur Championship** is a two-day, 36-hole event. This event will be one division stroke play (no handicap). If a tie occurs for first place, a sudden death playoff will take place.

COMPETITION: Each entrant must select one Championship in which to participate. If no selection is made on the application form, he will be placed in the Individual Low Net Championship.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the MPGA Post Office Box not later than May 7, 2011. Accepted entries will be posted on our website www.mpga.net.

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS: Entry fee will be refunded if the MPGA is notified before the close of entries. Fees will not be refunded after close of entry.

RULES: USGA rules govern all play except as amended by the Committee. Rangefinders may be used for distance measurements only. The MPGA Code of Conduct policy and dress code is in effect (reference www.mpga.net).

STARTING TIME: Pairing/starting times will be **e-mailed** to each entrant prior to the tournament with his starting time. Starting times will be posted on the web site. Please report to the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to your starting time and to your starting tee at least 10 minutes prior to your starting time, ready to play. Rule 6-3a (note) is in effect.

POWER CART RENTAL: Power carts are allowed, please pay for their use in Pro Shop. To reserve a cart call Sundance at (763) 420-4700.

MGA PLAYER POINTS: (Mid-Amateur only) – 1st - 50, 2nd - 40, 3rd - 30, 4th - 20, 5th - 15, 6th - 10, 7th - 5 points.

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ENTRY: Contact the MPGA at (651) 452-6394 or visit MPGA website at www.mpga.net.

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Minnesota Public Golf Association
34th Annual State Four-Ball Championship
Emerald Greens Golf Course
Hastings, Minnesota
June 18-19, 2011

ELIGIBILITY: This championship is open to amateur players who are members of a men's club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association and carry an active GHIN handicap.

FORMAT: This championship will be divided into four flights. The Championship Flight will play with no handicap. The remaining entries will be split as equally as possible using a ranking of combined handicaps into three flights. Each team member will play with 90% of his handicap adjusted to the slope rating of the golf course. Your handicap index as of Close of Entries will be used and will determine which flight your team will be placed in. The cumulative 36-hole team score (net best-ball of the team from each hole) will be the team's score for the championship. If a tie occurs for first place, a sudden-death play-off (all flights) will take place. The playoff starting hole will be determined by the Committee.

Assuming a full field - players will play the following courses:

Championship and Division 2 will play Gold/Bronze on Saturday and Silver/Platinum on Sunday. Divisions 3 & 4 will Play Silver/Platinum on Saturday and Gold/Bronze on Sunday.

The Committee may adjust handicaps in accordance with USGA approved procedures. (See Knuth Points definition on www.mpga.net)

COMPETITION: Entrants must select the Championship in which they wish to participate. If no selection is made on the application form, entrants will be placed in the Handicap Divisions.

ENTRY FEES: Entry fee must accompany your entry. Entries are on a first come basis, until field is full.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the MPGA Post Office Box not later than June 4, 2011. Please submit only one team entry per envelope.. Accepted entries will be posted on our website www.mpga.net.

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS: Entry fee will be refunded if the MPGA is notified before the close of entries. Fees will not be refunded after close of entry.

RULES: USGA rules govern all play except as amended by the Committee. Rangefinders may be used for distance measurements only. The MPGA Code of Conduct policy and dress code is in effect (reference www.mpga.net)

STARTING TIME Saturday's pairings/starting times will be **e-mailed** to each entrant prior to the championship These starting times will be posted on the MPGA web site once they are available. Please report to the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to your starting time and to your starting tee at least 10 minutes prior to your starting time, ready to play. Rule 6-3a (note) is in effect.

POWER CART RENTAL: Use of a power cart is permissible. To reserve a cart call the Emerald Greens Golf Course at (651) 480-8558.

MGA PLAYER POINTS: MGA Player Points will be awarded to each player in Championship Division only, as follows: 1st - 30, 2nd - 25, 3rd - 20, 4th - 15, 5th - 10 and 6th - 5 points.

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Minnesota Public Golf Association
60th Annual State Senior Public Links/Senior Low Net Championship
Goodrich Golf Course
July 23-24, 2011

ELIGIBILITY: This championship is open to amateur players who are members of a men's club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association, carry an active GHIN handicap and are at least 50 years of age as of July 23, 2011.

FORMAT: The Tournament will be divided into divisions. The **Championship Division** will be elective and played at stroke play, no handicap (gross). A **65 and over Championship Division** (low gross –no handicap) is elective and is available for players who are 65 years of age and older. The remaining three divisions will be established based upon the player's handicap index and competition will be at **net stroke play**. The cumulative 36-hole score will be the player's score for the tournament. If a tie occurs for first place, a sudden death playoff (all divisions) will take place. Trophies will be awarded to the low gross winner in the Championship Division, 65 and Over Championship Division and to the low net winners in the three handicap divisions.

Merchandise prize certificates will be awarded in all divisions. MGA player points will be awarded in the Championship Division. Handicaps for the net divisions will be verified by the Tournament Committee and appropriate handicaps will be applied after adjusting to the slope rating of the golf course. The Committee may adjust handicaps in accordance with USGA approved procedures. (See Knuth Points definition on www.mpga.net).

COMPETITION: Each entrant must select only one Championship in which to participate. If no selection is made on the application form, he will be placed in the Handicap Division.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the MPGA Post Office Box not later than July 9, 2011. Accepted entries will be posted on our website www.mpga.net.

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS: Entry fee will be refunded if the MPGA is notified before the close of entries. Fees will not be refunded after close of entry.

RULES: USGA rules govern all play except as amended by the committee. Rangefinders may be used for distance measurements only. The MPGA Code of Conduct policy and dress code is in effect (reference www.mpga.net)

STARTING TIME: Saturday's pairings/starting times will be **e-mailed** to each entrant prior to the tournament. These starting times will be posted on the MPGA web site once they are available. On Sunday – Division 1 & 2 will play in the AM and Division 3 & 4 will play in the PM. Please report to the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to your starting time and to your starting tee at least 10 minutes prior to your starting time, ready to play. Rule 6-3a (note) is in effect.

POWER CART RENTAL: Use of a power cart is permissible. To reserve a cart call Goodrich at (651) 748-2525.

MGA PLAYER POINTS: MGA Player Points will be awarded to each player in Championship Division only, as follows: 1st-50, 2nd-40, 3rd-30, 4th- 20, 5th- 15, 6th- 10 and 7th- 5 points.

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ENTRY: Contact the MPGA at (651) 452-6394 or visit our website at WWW.MPGA.NET.

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Minnesota Public Golf Association
State Boys Junior Public Links Championship
Rum River Hills Golf Course
July 26, 2011

ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open to all male junior amateur players, ages 13 to 18, on July 26, 2011, who are affiliated with or play substantially all of their golf at a public golf course. The Junior Public Links Championship is a competitive event. Golf experience, including knowledge of rules and etiquette is required.

FORMAT This event is an 18-hole stroke play event. There will be multiple divisions based on age. Prizes will be given to the low 18-hole scores in each age division. Trophies will be awarded for the winner in each age division The low 12 players and ties regardless of division will play an additional 9 holes. The Junior Public Links Champion will be the player with the lowest 27-hole score regardless of age division. The Hawkins Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the Junior Public Links Champion. The player with the low 27-hole scores regardless of age division will receive free entry into the 2011 MPGA State Public Links Championship, conducted by the Minnesota Public Golf Association, (August 20/21 at Pebble Creek Golf Course). Should a tie occur for the lowest score or the 1st place score, a sudden death playoff will determine the champion or the 1st place finisher.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the MPGA Post Office Box not later than July 15, 2011.

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS: Entry fee will be refunded if the MPGA is notified before the close of entries. Fees will not be refunded after close of entry.

RULES: USGA rules govern all play except as amended by the committee. Use of metal-spiked golf shoes is not allowed. The MPGA Code of Conduct policy and dress code is in effect (reference www.mpga.net).

STARTING TIME: Tee times will start at 8:00 AM. Confirmation will be e-mailed to each entrant prior to the tournament. Please report to the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to the start to allow yourself time to get to your assigned tee, ready to play. Rule 6-3a (note) is in effect.

POWER CART/CADDIE USE: Use of power carts is not permitted. Use of caddies is permitted.

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Minnesota Public Golf Association
1st Annual State Match Play Championship
Bunker Hills Golf Course
Coon Rapids, Minnesota
July 30th – August 1st, 2011

In recognition of his decades of service to Public Golf thru the USGA, MGA and MPGA – The Minnesota Public Golf Association is proud to present the “Bob Ulsaker Cup” to the winner of the State Match Play Championship.

ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open to amateur players who are members of a men’s club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association. You must have a GHIN handicap index of 9.5 or less at the time of entry to be eligible to enter this Championship.

FORMAT: The Championship shall consist of an 18-hole stroke play qualifier which is limited to 128 players. The low 64 qualifiers shall be placed into two 32-man single elimination match play brackets: the low 32 qualifiers shall play in the Championship bracket and the next 32 qualifiers in the President’s bracket.

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the MPGA Post Office Box no later than July 16th, 2011. Accepted entries will be posted on our website www.mpga.net .

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS: Entry fee will be refunded if the MPGA is notified before the close of entries. Fees will not be refunded after close of entry.

RULES: USGA rules govern all play except as amended by the Committee. Rangefinders may be used for distance measurements only. Use of metal-spiked golf shoes is not allowed. The MPGA Code of Conduct policy and dress code is in effect (reference www.mpga.net)

STARTING TIME: Starting tee time of the Stroke Play Event will be **e-mailed** to each entrant prior to the tournament. Please report to the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to the starting time and to your starting tee at least 10 minutes prior to the starting time, ready to play. Any player late for his prescribed tee time, but arriving within five minutes of said time, shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty for the first hole. If a player is more than five minutes late, he shall be disqualified. Rule 6-3a (note) is in effect.

SCHEDULE:

Saturday AM–18 Hole Stroke Play(7:00am Start)/Saturday PM–1st Round of Match Play(Both Brackets)
Sunday AM– 2nd Round of Match Play(Both Brackets)/Sunday PM–3rd Round of Match Play(Both Brackets)
Monday AM–4th Round of Match Play(Both Brackets)/Monday PM–5th Round of Match Play(Both Brackets)

POWER CART RENTAL: Use of a motorized riding cart for Saturday’s 18 Hole Stroke Play is permissible. To reserve a cart call Bunker Hills Golf Course @ (763)755-4141.

Motorized riding carts are prohibited for all match play.

MGA PLAYER POINTS: (Championship Bracket only)
Champion – 50, Runner-up – 40, Semifinalists – 25

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ENTRY: Contact the MPGA at (651) 452-6394 or visit our website at www.mpga.net.

CHAIRMAN: Tyler Fitzel (651)341-7009 cell (tyler.fitzel@spps.org).

Minnesota Public Golf Association
87th State Public Links Championship
Pebble Creek Golf Course
Becker, Minnesota
August 20-21, 2011

ELIGIBILITY: This tournament is open to amateur players who are members of a men's club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association. You must have a GHIN handicap index of 5.5 or less at the time of entry to be eligible to enter this Championship.

FORMAT: The tournament will be a two-day, 36-hole stroke play event for all entered players (no cut). If a tie occurs for first place for 36 holes, a sudden death playoff will take place. A traveling trophy (The Clasen Cup) will be awarded to the Men's club with the lowest team score for 36 holes. Team scores will be determined by recording, for each Men's Club, the best three scores by its players for 18 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on Sunday. **Threesome pairings will be used for this Championship.**

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the MPGA Post Office Box no later than August 6, 2011. Entries will be limited to the first 90 received and must include entry fee. Entries are on a first come basis, until the field is full. Accepted entries will be posted on our website www.mpga.net .

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS: Entry fee will be refunded if the MPGA is notified before the close of entries. Fees will not be refunded after close of entry.

RULES: USGA rules govern all play except as amended by the Committee. Rangefinders may be used for distance measurements only. Use of metal-spiked golf shoes is not allowed. The MPGA Code of Conduct policy and dress code is in effect (reference www.mpga.net)

STARTING TIME: Pairing/starting times will be **e-mailed** to each entrant prior to the tournament with Saturday's starting time. Please report to the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to your starting time and to your starting tee at least 10 minutes prior to your starting time, ready to play. Any player late for his prescribed tee time, but arriving within five minutes of said time, shall be assessed a two-stroke penalty for the first hole. If a player is more than five minutes late, he shall be disqualified. Rule 6-3a (note) is in effect.

POWER CART RENTAL: Use of a motorized riding cart for both days of the competition is permissible. To reserve a cart call Pebble Creek Golf Course at (763) 263-4653.

MGA PLAYER POINTS 1st - 125, 2nd -100, 3rd - 75, 4th - 60, 5th - 50, 6th - 40, 7th - 30, 8th - 20, 9th -10, and 10th - 5 points.

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ENTRY: Contact the MPGA at (651) 452-6394 or visit our website at www.mpga.net.

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Minnesota Public Golf Association
26th Annual State Combination Championship
Bunker Hills Golf Course
Sept. 17-18, 2011

ELIGIBILITY: This Championship is open to amateur players who are members of a men's club that is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association (MPGA) and carry an active GHIN handicap.

FORMAT: This tournament is a 27 hole, one day event. Each two-man team will play nine holes partner best ball, nine holes partner scramble (best shot), and nine holes partner alternate shot. Divisions will be determined by the Committee based on the number of entries received and their combined handicaps. Teams will play within their divisions with no handicap. The partner's handicap indexes may not differ by more than 8.0 at time of entry. Assignment to divisions is dependent upon the number of teams entered and their team handicaps; For rough guidance, in 2010 the split between Div. 3 and Div. 4 was at a team index of 14.0. **Divisions 1, 2 and 3 will play on Sunday, Sept. 18th. Divisions 4, 5 and 6 will play on Saturday, Sept. 17th.**

Merchandise prize certificates and plaques will be awarded in all divisions based on 27- hole scores. If a tie occurs for first place, there will be an alternate shot sudden death playoff. GHIN handicaps in effect as of **Close of Entries** will be used by the Committee to make division assignments and pairings. The Committee may adjust handicaps in accordance with USGA approved procedures. (See Knuth Points definition on www.mpga.net)

CLOSE OF ENTRIES: Entries must be received at the MPGA Post Office Box **not later than September 3, 2011.** Entry fees must accompany your entry. Entries are on a first come basis, until field is full. Please submit only one team entry per envelope. Accepted entries will be posted on our website www.mpga.net.

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS: Entry fee will be refunded if the MPGA is notified before the close of entries. Fees will not be refunded after close of entry.

RULES: USGA rules govern all play except as amended by the Committee. Rangefinders may be used for distance measurements only. The MPGA Code of Conduct policy and dress code is in effect (reference www.mpga.net).

STARTING TIME Pairing/starting times will be **e-mailed** to each entrant prior to the tournament. These starting times will be posted on the MPGA web site once they are available. Please report to the registration table at least 20 minutes prior to your starting time and to your starting tee at least 10 minutes prior to your starting time, ready to play. Rule 6-3a (note) is in effect.

POWER CART RENTAL: Use of a power cart with GPS usage is permissible. To reserve a cart you must submit the cart rental fee along with entry. Cart fee is \$ 44.

MGA PLAYER POINTS: MGA Player Points will be awarded to each player in Division I only, as follows: 1st - 20, 2nd - 15 and 3rd - 10 points.

DIRECTIONS: See www.bunkerhillsgolf.com.

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ENTRY: Contact the MPGA at (651) 452-6394 or visit our website at www.mpga.net.

SPECIAL NOTE ON HANDICAPS: If the difference in handicaps changes to more than 8.0 between partners when the pairings are set-up, the higher handicap player will be reduced to 8.0 above the lower handicap player and then be put into the correct division.

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2011 Rules 16-Man/24-Man Match Play Team Competition

ELIGIBILITY: All players must be an amateur - a member of the men's club for which they play, which is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association and carry an active GHIN handicap for 2011. If a player is a member of multiple MPGA member clubs - that player can compete for only one 16 or 24 man team during the season. Captains must have access to E-mail during the season.

DATES OF COMPETITION: Matches are to be played on scheduled date unless both captains agree to a change due to a club conflict. The MPGA class chairman **must** be notified of any date change before the match is to take place

TEE TIMES: Matches will start at 9:00am (give or take 1 hour). The host Captain is responsible for arranging tee times for each match. The host Captain should recommend to the host course to charge the patron for the lowest available green fee for visiting players. The respective captains should contact each other at a least one week prior to the match. The visiting team is required to timely notify the opposing captain and host course of no shows; failure to do so could result in your men's club being held responsible for no-show green fees. The start time should not be delayed for any cause other than severe weather conditions.

LINE-UPS: Team captains or their designate will meet at the starter's station 10 minutes prior to the first tee time and exchange line-ups and order of play. Each team captain or designate must have a current roster of his club members available to show that team members are a member of the club they are representing. ***If a question of a player's eligibility arises, the determination of a player's eligibility rests solely with the Minnesota Public Golf Association. If a player is not on the list – they should not play.*** Pairings should be posted to a Match Play Line-up sheet. A scoring sheet should be maintained by both team captains and point totals compared as results come in.

LINE-UP EXCEPTIONS: If a team member does not show, the captain may **substitute** another player not listed in the line-up, or the remaining team partner must play the match alone until the absent member or a substitute appears. ***No player listed on the line-up sheet can be realigned once the line-up sheets have been exchanged.*** Once a substitute has started play, the absent player is no longer eligible for play in any match, including his originally scheduled match. An absent player or a substitute partner may join a match between holes, but not during play of a hole. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that lineup changes are within these guidelines, and make timely claims known to any member of the opposite team, regarding any applicable rule violation.

FORMAT: The competition is played under 4-ball match play rules in which team members play their better ball against the opponent's better ball. No handicaps are involved. A point is awarded for winning each nine (a ½ point to each team for a tie) and a point for winning the 18 hole total (a ½ point to each team for a tie), for a total of 3 points per match. In the event of a forfeit in 24-man, the other team will be declared the winner. In the event of a **forfeit** in 16-man the forfeiting team will receive 0 points and a loss, the other team will receive 16 points and the win. Any forfeit will be reviewed by the MPGA to consider the team in future seasons.

24-Man Teams will play home/away matches on May 1/June 5 with the winners advancing to a home /away series on July 10/August 7, the winners of that series will play the final home/away series on September 11/September 25.

16-Man Teams will play a round robin competition on May 1 /June 5 / July 10 and August 7 against 4 opponents in their division. Teams will be ranked by 1) Wins and 2) Match Points. Tie breaker will be the results of any head to head season competition (if applicable), point differential (vs common opponents), lastly a coin flip. The top 2 teams from each pool (Class A and Class B) will advance to the first round of playoffs on September 11th at a neutral site. #1 seed will play #2 seed from the other pool. The winners will advance to the championship on September 25th at Bunker Hills Golf Course in Coon Rapids.

NOTE: If a total match is tied (after home/away 24 man or for each round robin match in 16 man), each team shall select 2 team members for a sudden death playoff starting on a tee designated by the course manager or representative. There needs to be a winner to move on in 24 man and a winner and points (11½ to 12½) awarded in 16 man.

INTERRUPTED PLAY: (24 Man Class-A & B) In the event play must be suspended because of lightning or other unplayable conditions, players will mark the exact spot where their ball rested when play was suspended and return to the clubhouse. If conditions permit and players resume play, the match will continue to completion. Maximum effort should be made to complete the match.

Should the severe conditions persist, causing the course to be officially closed for the remainder of the day, all matches shall be determined using the following format:

(1) If all teams have completed the first nine holes, the match will be considered complete on the basis of the first nine holes only (one point only for each winning two man team). Should any of the “home and away” matches are shortened due to the above conditions, match points will be proportionally adjusted to total 36 points..

(2) If the last foursome has completed less than nine holes the match should be rescheduled. If it is impractical to reschedule, the captains have discretion to determine the match results by any mutually agreed upon means.

In all cases, particularly of interrupted play, the respective captains have the responsibility to achieve decisions mutually agreeable. Players are required to follow decisions of the captains. Comments from the course Pro-Manager may be helpful, but are not binding, except when the course is closed for an extended period.

INTERRUPTED PLAY: (16 Man Class A and Class B Divisions). In a Round Robin format, wins will determine who will move on to the play-offs. If two teams are tied the first tie breaker is points won during competition in the four matches to determine who will advance to the playoffs. If a match is interrupted or suspended, every effort must be made to bring all matches to a conclusion. The following should be used as a guide line; 1) Complete the match as quickly as the weather permits. 2) If it becomes impossible to complete the match and all teams have completed more than 9 holes, the captains can determine the out come by the state of each match at that point and award point accordingly. 3) Reschedule all or part of the unfinished matches before the next scheduled match.

SLOW PLAY: Please do everything possible to complete matches within an acceptable time frame. In general, each club’s Match Play Team consists of their better golfers. These players should be setting the example for pace of play.

SPECIAL NOTES:

(1) To make the competition run smoothly and without incident, it is imperative that the team captain work together with the member club and the club’s Pro-Manager to insure that the event dates as scheduled do not conflict with other club events, etc.

(2) It is recommended the team captains contact one another at least a week prior to the match. “No shows” cause a host course considerable revenue loss. Each competing club will be responsible for their lost revenues to the host course for such occurrences. Be sure to clarify tee times (some courses start rounds on both the front and back nines simultaneously). Your Event Chairman has available the name and number of all team captains, feel free to call if you need information.

(3) Team participants must be members of the Minnesota Public Golf Association as well as the club they are representing.

(4) The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA govern all play, unless otherwise amended on a local level. It is the responsibility of each player to review the USGA rules regarding Match Play competition.

(5) Players should adhere to the dress code of the host club if one is stated, but at a minimum the players are expected to wear a shirt (no tank tops), slacks or golf shorts, shoes and socks.

(6) A USGA decision regarding a common situation: Decision 2-4/6
'Rule 2-4 does not cover the question of whether a player may putt out after his next stroke has been conceded. A player incurs no penalty for holing out in such circumstances. However, if the act would be of assistance to a partner in a four-ball or best-ball match, the partner is, in equity (rule 1-4), disqualified for the hole.'

REPORTING RESULTS: Each **winning team captain** is to phone or email his MPGA Event Chairman **before 5:00 P.M. the same day**. Results will be posted to the MPGA web site www.mpga.net. Please report your match results promptly.

2011 Rules

Senior Eight-Man Match Play Team Competition

ELIGIBILITY: All players must be an amateur - a member of the men's club for which they play, which is a member of the Minnesota Public Golf Association and carry an active GHIN handicap for 2011. Players must be at least 55 years of age as of the date of competition. If a player is a member of multiple MPGA member clubs that player can compete for only one senior 8-Man Team during the season. Captains must have access to E-mail during the season.

DATES OF COMPETITION: Matches are to be played on scheduled date unless both captains agree to a change due to a club conflict. The MPGA class chairman must be notified of any date change before the match is to take place. Teams will play a home/away schedule on these dates: May 3, May 17, June 7, June 21, July 12, and August 16.

Semi finals: September 13th (neutral site - TBD) Championship: September 20th (Bunker Hills).

TEE TIMES: Matches will start at 9:00am (give or take 1 hour). The host captain is responsible for arranging four tee times for each date. The host Captain should recommend to the host course to charge the patron or the lowest available green fee for visiting players. The respective captains should contact each other at a least one week prior to the match. The visiting team is required to timely notify the opposing captain and host course of no shows; failure to do so could result in your men's club being held responsible for no-show green fees.

LINE-UPS: Team captains or their designate will meet at the starter's station 10 minutes prior to the first tee time and exchange line-ups and order of play. Each team captain or designate must have a current roster of his club members available to show that team members are a member of the club they are representing. ***If a question of a player's eligibility arises, the determination of a player's eligibility rests solely with the Minnesota Public Golf Association. If a player is not on the list – they should not play.*** Pairings should be posted to a Match Play Line-up sheet. A scoring sheet should be maintained by both team captains and point totals compared as results come in.

LINE-UP EXCEPTIONS: If a team member does not show, the captain may substitute another player not listed in the line-up, or the remaining team partner must play the match alone until the absent member or a substitute appears. ***No player listed on the line-up sheet can be realigned once the line-up sheets have been exchanged.*** Once a substitute has started play, the absent player is no longer eligible for play in any match, including his originally scheduled match. An absent player or a substitute partner may join a match between holes, but not during play of a hole. It is the responsibility of the team captain to ensure that lineup changes are within these guidelines, and make timely claims known to any member of the opposite team, regarding any applicable rule violation.

FORMAT: Each team consists of 8 players and each team will play 6 matches. Teams will play 3 matches at their home course and 3 matches at their opponent's course. The competition is 4-ball match play - in which team members play their better ball against the opponent's better ball. No handicaps are involved. A point is awarded for winning each nine and a point for winning the 18 hole round, for a total of 3 points per match (4 matches x 3 = 12 match points available). If matches are tied at the completion of play, each team will be awarded a ½ win. If there is a forfeit within a pool, all matches played (within the pool) by the team that forfeited will be voided. The tie breakers then apply to the play between the remaining 3 teams head to head competition. Teams will be ranked by 1)Wins and 2)Match Points. Tie breaker will be the results of head to head season competition, then a coin flip. The top team from each pool in Class A and Class B will advance to the Semifinals on September 13th at a neutral site (Hogan vs. Snead / Palmer vs. Nicklaus). The winners from Semifinals will advance to the championship for Class A and Class B on September 20th at Bunker Hills in Coon Rapids.

INTERRUPTED PLAY: In the event play must be suspended because of lightning or other unplayable conditions, players will mark the exact spot where their ball rested when play was suspended and return to the clubhouse. If conditions permit and players resume play, the match will continue to completion. Accumulated points will be the first tie breaker in the case of two teams having the same win/loss record a maximum effort should be made to complete the match.

In a round Robin format, wins will determine who will move on to the play-offs. If two teams are tied, the first tie breaker will be points won during regular season competition. If a match is interrupted or suspended, every effort must be made to bring all matches to conclusion. The following should be used as a guide. 1) Complete the match as quickly as weather permits. 2) If it is impossible to complete the match and all teams have completed more than nine holes, the captains may determine the outcome by the current state of each match at that point and award points accordingly. 3) Reschedule all or part of the unfinished matches to bring them to a conclusion before the start of the next scheduled match.

REPORTING RESULTS: Each team captain is responsible to combine their team points and report the result to his chairman as soon as possible after the match. Results will be posted on the MPGA web site (www.mpga.net).

SLOW PLAY: Please do everything possible to complete matches within an acceptable time frame.

SPECIAL NOTES:

(1) To make the competition run smoothly and without incident, it is imperative that the team captain work together with the member club and the club's Pro-Manager to insure that the event dates as scheduled do not conflict with other club events, etc.

(2) It is recommended the team captains contact one another at least a week prior to the match. "No shows" cause a host course considerable revenue loss. Each competing club will be responsible for their lost revenues to the host course for such occurrences. Be sure to clarify tee times (some courses start rounds on both the front and back nines simultaneously). Your Event Chairman has available the name and number of all team captains, feel free to call if you need information.

(3) Team participants must be members of the Minnesota Public Golf Association as well as the club they are representing.

(4) The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA govern all play, unless otherwise amended on a local level.

(5) Players should adhere to the dress code of the host club if one is stated, but at a minimum the players are expected to wear a shirt (no tank tops), slacks or golf shorts, shoes and socks.

(6) A USGA decision regarding a common situation: Decision 2-4/6
'Rule 2-4 does not cover the question of whether a player may putt out after his next stroke has been conceded. A player incurs no penalty for holing out in such circumstances. However, if the act would be of assistance to a partner in a four-ball or best-ball match, the partner is, in equity (rule 1-4), disqualified for the hole.'

NOTE: If a total match is tied (after home/away), each team shall select 2 team members for a sudden death playoff starting on a tee designated by the course manager or representative.