



The Divot March 2018

The Official News Letter of the Sunflower Hills Patrons Club

Although Mother Nature has kept this winter relatively dry she has kept the temperatures on a roller-coaster ride! With the 2018 golf season almost upon us she will hopefully be kinder for the rest of the spring season! The Sunflower Hills Staff would like to extend our thanks to all patron members for their support of the golf course. Without our members' support, positive comments and ideas, our jobs just would not be the same. Sunflower Hills continues to strive to bring our patrons a great golf facility with outstanding service at the best value.

Tournament Calendar

During the next few weeks Sunflower Hills has a busy tournament calendar. Please take the time to go over the following dates that the course will be closed.

Wednesday March 7th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday March 14th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday March 21st----- Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday March 28th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday April 4th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday April 11th ----- Course closed until 6:00pm
Wednesday April 18th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm
Wednesday April 25th ----- Course closed until 1:00pm

It is always a good idea to call ahead and reserve a time whenever possible. Weekday tee times may be made up to ten days in advance. Holiday tee times can also be made ten days in advance. The privilege of having an opportunity to make reservations for weekends and holidays does not guarantee that the time requested will be available.

We would also like to remind all of our members to make a special effort this time of year to repair their own ball mark and one other on every green. A fresh ball mark on the green will heal within 24 hours if repaired immediately. A ball mark left unrepaired for 24 hours will take 2 weeks to heal. In addition, please replace your divots in the fairway and rake any bunkers that you might have been in. The small amount of time that a player invests in these things not only makes the course look better but will also make everyone's game more enjoyable.

2018 Ghin Handicaps

For those patrons who have not yet purchased their 2018 patron card, remember that due to the billing practices of the KCGA, if you had not purchased your 2018 membership by February 1, 2018 we were forced to drop you from the handicap roster. Never fear, none of your handicap information was lost and your scores

and Ghin number can be reinstated as soon as you purchase your 2018 membership.

Beginning in 2018, golfers will be required to have a unique email address in their GHIN golfer profile to ensure data security and privacy. This will impact golfers who currently do not have an email address in their golfer profile, golfers who share an email address, and junior golf parents who may have themselves and their children utilizing the same email address. You began to see prompts through our handicap kiosk, on GHIN.com and via the mobile app encouraging golfers to update their profile last summer. Remember to fill in your email addresses and birthdates when you renew your memberships for the 2018 season.

Upcoming Patron Tournaments:



Marlowe's Mudders Tournament

Saturday March 10th

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00. **This Event Will Be Played Regardless Of The Weather! If You Sign Up You Must Show Up!** Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than

Wednesday March 7th.

Masters Pro-Am Saturday April 7th

Entry fee for this event is \$25.00. Entry includes prizes and dinner with beverages following your round. This event is a two-man total score. Your score less handicap, plus the Saturday score of a professional competing in the Masters (you will draw your partner's name out of a hat). All tee times until 11:00am will be reserved for tournament players only! Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, April 4th.

Masters Pro-Am Sunday April 8th

Entry fee for this event is \$20.00. Entry fee includes prizes and dinner with beverages following your round. This event is a two-man total score. Your score less handicap, plus the Sunday score of a professional competing in the Masters (you will draw your partner's



name out of a hat). All tee times until 11:00am will be reserved for tournament players only! Tee times will be assigned for this event; any Sunflower Patron that wishes to participate must sign up no later than Wednesday, April 4th. Players competing in both Saturday's and Sunday's events will be eligible for a two-day event.

Golf Leagues Available for 2018

Looking to play in a golf league in 2018? We have several options available:

Danny's 9 Hole League

Monday Evenings - Weekly April 30th to August 27th

One time league fee of \$45, Weekly fee of \$22 (includes green & cart fees). This 17 week league is a 5:30pm tee time start consisting of various individual and 2 person team formats.

Golf Status Two Person 9 Hole League

Wednesday Evenings-Weekly May 2nd to August 29th

One time league fee of \$45, Weekly fee of \$22 (includes green & cart fees). This 17 week league is a 5:30pm shotgun start consisting of various 2 person team formats.

Beginners 6 Hole League

Tuesday Evenings – Weekly May 29th to August 14th

One time league fee of \$25, Weekly fee of \$17 (includes green & cart fees). This 12 week league consists of various individual formats with 6:00pm shotgun starts.

Couples 9 Hole Tournaments

Friday Evenings - Monthly May to August

Four monthly events consisting of various two person team formats with a 6:00pm shotgun starts. More information coming soon.

Patrons 9 Hole Tournaments

Friday Evenings - Monthly April to August

Five monthly events consist of various individual formats with a 6:00pm shotgun starts. More information coming soon.

Thursday Ladies Golf League

Did you know that Sunflower Hills has a Thursday morning Ladies League? Let your wife, sister, cousin, mother, daughter and/or your friend know this too. Our Ladies League officially starts in May and goes through October and we play 18 holes every Thursday morning. For more information please contact Pat Seber-Bradley psbradley@att.net. We look forward to having you join us.

Group Lessons

For those of you who have a novice or beginner interested in golf, Sunflower Hills is offering Beginning Group Lessons. Our programs allow the student with little or no golf experience to learn the basics of the game of golf. These classes will give the student the basic knowledge of the swing, terminology and etiquette giving the golfer more confidence to move from the range to the first tee.

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Rule 25 Abnormal Ground Conditions

Definitions:

An **“abnormal ground condition”** is any **casual water, ground under repair or hole**, cast or runway on the course made by a **burrowing animal**. **“Ground under repair”** is any part of the course so marked by order of the **Committee** or so declared by its authorized representative. It includes material piled for removal and a hole made by a greenkeeper, even if not so marked. All ground and any grass, bush, tree or other growing thing within the ground under repair is part of the ground under repair. The margin of ground under repair extends vertically and downwards, but not upwards. Stakes and lines defining ground **under repair** are in such ground. Such stakes are **obstructions**.

A ball is in **ground under repair** when it lies in or any part of it touches the **ground under repair**.

Note: The **Committee** may make a local Rule prohibiting play from **ground under repair** on an environmentally-sensitive area which has been defined as **ground under repair**. The nearest point of relief is the reference point for taking relief without penalty from interference by an **immovable obstruction** (Rule 24-2), an **abnormal ground condition** (Rule 25-1) or a **wrong putting green** (Rule 25-3). It is the point on the course, nearest to where the ball lies, which is not nearer the hole and at which, if the ball were so positioned, no interference (as defined) would exist.

Rule 25-1: Abnormal Ground Condition

a) Interference

Interference by an **abnormal ground condition** occurs when a ball lies in or touches the condition or when such a condition interferes with the player’s stance or the area of his intended swing. If the player’s ball lies on the **putting green**, interference also occurs if such condition on the **putting green** intervenes on this line of putt. Otherwise, intervention on his line of play is not of itself interference under this rule.

b) Relief

Except when the ball is in a **Water hazard** or a **lateral water hazard**, a player may obtain relief from interference by an **abnormal ground condition** as follows:

- i) Through the Green. If the ball lies through the green, the nearest point of relief shall be determined which is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The player shall lift the ball and drop in without penalty within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief, on a

part of the course which avoids interference (as defined) by the condition and is not in a **hazard** or on a **putting green**.

- ii) In a Bunker. See Rule Book
- iii) On The Putting Green. See Rule Book

The ball may be cleaned when lifted under Rule 25-1b

c) Ball Lost

It is a question of fact whether a ball lost after having been struck toward an **abnormal ground condition** is lost in such condition. In order to treat the ball as lost in the **abnormal ground condition**, there must be reasonable evidence to that effect. In the absence of such evidence, the ball must be treated as a **lost ball** and Rule 27 applies.

If the ball is lost in an **abnormal ground condition**, the spot where the ball last entered the condition shall be determined and, for the purpose of applying the Rule, the ball shall be deemed to lie at this spot. **All** areas affected by construction shall be treated as **ground under repair**.

Junior Golf Volunteers Needed!!!!

We need Junior golf volunteers to assist with various Junior classes and leagues. If you are interested please contact Jeff Johnson for more information.

Have a great March!

We hope to see you soon!

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