

# Sandy Burr Inner Club

## 2023 Member Information Packet

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## The Sandy Burr Inner Club

The Sandy Burr Inner Club (SBIC) is, simply, a group of people passionate about playing golf, and are particularly interested in playing organized, competitive golf. The SBIC originated over 60 years ago, and has made the Sandy Burr Country Club its home course for its entire existence.

The primary benefits of membership in the Inner Club are the organized tournaments – there are over 60 each season – and the block of tee times that we rent from the Sandy Burr Country Club (SBCC). The block of tee times ensures the Inner Club the right to play at preferred tee times on weekends and holidays during our April – October season. Tee times typically begin around 7:30 AM and accommodate every foursome on that day’s schedule. Since the tournaments are highly organized, members simply sign up, pay an entry fee, and play. And depending on your performance, you might even get paid.

Additionally, Members are entitled to the following benefits:

- USGA handicap that is maintained by the SBIC.
- Ability to bring guests in designated tournaments (see guest policy).
- Occasional free lunch and end-of-year banquet.
- Receive discounts from the golf course on green fees and Pro Shop merchandise.

The Inner Club has one other important mission: as a non-profit Club, we award at least one \$1,000 scholarship to deserving student(s) who intend to pursue their education at a recognized and accredited College/University/Vocational or Technical School. Applicants can be an active member or any blood relative of an SBIC member in good standing. The applicant must be an incoming freshman, undergraduate or graduate student. Complete information can be found here: [SBIC Scholarship](#).

The primary source of information about the Inner Club is on our website: [SBIC Golf](#). Our website contains the most current information related to our Club, and we use it for everything from joining the Club to posting results of tournaments. This document will explore some of the more important pages that relate to successful participation in our tournaments, but it is strongly suggested that all Members take some time to click through the various pages to become familiar with the breadth of information.

**It’s important to note that the Sandy Burr inner Club (SBIC) and the Sandy Burr Country Club (SBCC) are not the same entities. They are two distinct organizations that form a mutually beneficial partnership, and provide a seamless golf experience that is not available to the general public.**

## SBIC Executive Board

The Inner Club is governed by an Executive Board (“the Board”), which operates according to the SBIC Constitution and Bylaws. The SBIC Constitution and Bylaws can be found here: [SBIC Bylaws](#)

The principle objective of the Board is to “further the interest of golf. This shall be achieved through the promotion of fellowship, recreation, competition, integrity, good sportsmanship and similar non-profitable purposes.”

The Board is comprised of 9 positions to facilitate the primary objective. Seven of the positions are determined by a process of nomination-and-election, and two of the positions are appointed by the Board. The positions and current Board members are listed below:

SBIC EXECUTIVE BOARD		
<b>President</b>	Bill Gardiner	<a href="mailto:billg@vendettimotors.com">billg@vendettimotors.com</a>
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<b>Tournament Chairman</b>	Bob Backman	<a href="mailto:sbicbackman@comcast.net">sbicbackman@comcast.net</a>
<b>Handicap Chairman</b>	Dave Aucoin	<a href="mailto:sandyburric@comcast.net">sandyburric@comcast.net</a>

Various Board members also manage, or serve on, additional committees to facilitate the operation of the Club and its tournaments:

- **Rules Committee:** this committee is charged with interpretations/decisions that involve the Rules of Golf.
- **Handicap Committee:** this committee is charged with maintaining Members’ handicaps and any decisions regarding handicap adjustments and is led by the Handicap Chairman.
- **Tournament Committee:** this committee is charged with the actual physical operation of the weekend tournaments and is led by the Tournament Chairman.

Any SBIC member can serve on a committee; if you are interested, please inquire directly to any Board member or specific committee Chairman.

Members that have questions about anything related to the Inner Club should feel welcome to approach any Board member for discussion. In particular, the Inner Club has 2 Members-at-Large; their role is focused on bridging any gap between SBIC Members and the Board. If you

have an issue to discuss but are not ready to bring it to the Board, please seek out a Member-at-Large.

## **Sandy Burr Inner Club Tournaments**

Our Members have indicated that one of the primary benefits of SBIC membership is the ease of participating in SBIC tournaments and playing competitive golf. Running tournaments might appear easy from an outside perspective, but each tournament is comprised of many moving parts. As such, a system has been developed to schedule, field, flight, score, and finalize results of the tournaments. This system is of course managed by the Tournament Chairman and executed by the Chairman and his Committee.

Please note that Committee members do not create Rules or Policies. If there is an issue, please see the Tournament Chairman or another Board member, and please let the committee members do their jobs by taking care of your business (paying or submitting scores) and moving away to let others do the same.

You will want to save the Tournament Chairman's email address: [sbicbackman@comcast.net](mailto:sbicbackman@comcast.net).

## **Tournament Schedule**

The schedule of tournaments can be found here: [SBIC Tournament Schedule](#). Most tournaments are conducted with either a 1- or 2-person tournament format over 1 or 2 days. Most 2-day tournaments are held on consecutive days (Saturday & Sunday).

## **Tournament Types**

The Inner Club runs many types of tournaments. Some are 1-person format, others are 2-person, or Team format. Some are scored using a Points system, others are scored using Medal Play, and others using Best- or Better-Ball scoring. The combination of 1- or 2-person formats with different scoring methods results in more than 15 distinct tournament types utilized by the Inner Club over the season. For more details on each tournament type, please go here: [Appendix I: Tournament Types](#).

## **Tournament Week Sequence**

Every week, this sequence of actions leading to the weekend tournament occurs:

1. **SUNDAY: Sign up for next weekend's tournaments by 3:00 PM.**
2. TUESDAY: Final results from most recent weekend are posted and winners are paid.
3. WEDNESDAY: Tee time schedule for upcoming weekend gets posted on our website.
4. FRIDAY: Schedule is updated with handicaps; players should pay fees with Venmo.

- a We are asking all Members to pay or at least reach out to Tournament Chairman by Friday at 6:00 PM if they are participating in the tournament and if they are in the “Optional” Skins game. You cannot request to participate in “Optional” Skins during your round.

5. SATURDAY & SUNDAY: If you have signed up, then show up, check in, and play!

## Tournament Sign Up

Sign-up sheets for tournaments are accessed through the SBIC website here: [Tournament Signup](#)

Signing up for tournaments is a critical step in the tournament system. The only way to enter tournaments is to sign up and get on the tee time schedule. The number of players signed up determines the number of tee times that we request for the upcoming weekend. Due to our partnership with the Sandy Burr Country Club, we do not hold empty tee times, we request only what we need.

Key information:

- Online sign-up closes at 3:00 PM on the Sunday prior to the weekend for which the signups are available.
- **You cannot edit a sign up once it is completed.** If a mistake was made, send an email to the Tournament Chairman ASAP, **do not sign up again!**
- **Tournament type determines whether you can pick your playing partner or partners.** This information is typically found at the top of the sign-up webpage.
- The Tournament Chairman will schedule all players and form teams if necessary.
- You can request “early”, “mid”, or “late” for a tee time, but you cannot request a specific tee time. Note that these requests will be considered but cannot in all cases be honored.

More detailed instructions are available here: [Appendix II: Tournament Sign Up](#).

## Finding Your Tee Time

Tee times are usually posted on the website on Wednesday for the upcoming weekend. The tee time schedule can be found here: [Saturday's Schedule](#), here: [Sunday's Schedule](#), and for Holidays, here: [Holiday Schedule](#).

On Friday afternoon, the schedule is updated to include each player’s handicap for the weekend.

**Please do not call the golf course to find out your tee time.**

## **Cancelling or Can't Make your Tee Time:**

If for any reason you cannot make your tee time, please email the Tournament Chairman as soon as possible at [sbicbackman@comcast.net](mailto:sbicbackman@comcast.net) or [text him at \(508\)308-9379](tel:5083089379), [make sure to state your name](#). It will allow him time to try and fill your spot.

## **Paying the Tournament Entry Fee**

In 2020, we introduced Venmo as an option for submitting tournament fees. Going forward, we would prefer that everyone use Venmo for these transactions. All Members that submit payment via Venmo also get paid via Venmo. If you cannot use Venmo, please speak to the Tournament Chairman about a cash alternative. If you have trouble with Venmo, please ask for help – nearly all Inner Club members have successfully adopted the Venmo payment method.

**We are asking all players to pay their tournament fees by 6:00 PM Friday, prior to the weekend.** Upcoming Tournament Fees amounts are posted on Sign-up sheet and on Tee Time Sheets.

Tournament fees are typically \$10 for 1-day tournament, \$20 for 2-day tournaments, and \$25 for 2-day Major tournaments. Exact tournament fees can be found on the Tournament Signup web page. More details can be found here: [Appendix III: Payments with Venmo](#)

## **Day of Tournament**

Everyone is required to check in to the tournament **at least 15-minutes** before your tee time. Checking in accomplishes a number of things:

- Confirms that tournament fees were paid and received.
- Confirms players for that day's tournament.
- Allows players to review the new TV, which replaced the "WHITE BOARD". For each tournament, the Tournament Chairman prepares and lists all pertinent information for that day's tournament.

**This is critical information, please read the TV screen!! It includes Tournament Format details and Local Rules enforced for the day's Tournament.**

Other important day-of-tournament information

- Inclement weather does not automatically cancel a tournament; if the course is open, we play.
- If there is lightning or another reason to leave the course, try to get into the Clubhouse to check with the Tournament Chairman or other Board member for instructions.

- If you are late checking in, your spot may be given to an alternate player. If an alternate is inserted, you might not be able to play in the Tournament unless there is another opening.
- You must compete in the tournament if you sign up to play. The only time you would not play in the tournament is if you signed up as a non-tournament player with a guest or you have not established your handicap yet.
- Make sure you understand the format that we are playing that day and if you have any questions, please ask someone before you go out on course.

## Alternates

If you missed the sign up deadline but want to try and be in the weekend tournaments, here are some options:

- Check the schedule. If there are any blank spots, e-mail the Tournament Chairman and ask if you can take that opening.
- Show up early on the day you want to play and hope that someone cancels in the morning or doesn't show up. This is 1st come, 1st served.

## Guest Policy

The Inner Club has a number of tournaments throughout the season in which Members can bring Guests. Most times, the Guest needs a valid handicap to participate in the tournament, but there are three tournaments that are open to Guests without a handicap. This year the first weekend is open play and if you want to bring a guest without a handicap you can, you just won't be in the tournament if we have one. In the cases where Guests need a valid handicap, you will need to sign your Guest up for the tournament and provide their GHIN number – there will be instructions on the sign-up webpage when appropriate. Please check the Tournament Schedule for Member / Guest tournaments.

In addition to the Member / Guest tournaments, each Member is allowed to bring 3 guests during the season. You can bring one guest 3 times or 3 guests one time, whichever is best for you. These Guests cannot be in the tournament, even if they have a valid handicap. If another Member is in your group, both Members can participate in the tournament.

## Playing Your Round

**Please note that tournament fees or Membership dues are not greens fees. Greens fees must be paid to the Sandy Burr Country Club in the Pro Shop prior to your round of golf. If you purchased a Punch Card or Season Pass, you may proceed directly to the first tee and see the starter.**



After checking in, plan on getting to the first tee about 5 minutes before your tee time. Now go play golf! Remember, this should be the best part of the day!

## **Pace of Play**

The Inner Club strives to maintain a pace of 4-hours and 15-minutes per round. Pace of play should be on everyone's mind and it is everyone's responsibility to try to hit that target time. There are pace clocks on Holes #5 and #14, make sure to check your pace against them. Try to not fall more than one hole behind the group in front of you, if you do, please pick up your groups pace.

Sandy Burr Country Club employs Rangers to keep players moving, please obey any instructions delivered by a Course Ranger.

## **Rules**

The Inner Club tournaments are competitive and we endeavor to maintain a level playing field. As such, we play by the Rules of Golf as defined by the USGA. In addition, we also have Local Rules to help compensate for local conditions. Lastly, we may modify a rule depending on the daily condition of the Course (please see the TV in check in area!).

There are a lot of Rules; we get it and understand that not everyone is a rules guru. As the Inner Club has been in existence for over 60 years, we have seen plenty of innocent – but wrong - rules interpretations, not-so-innocent interpretations, and chronic, flat out cheating. Innocent interpretations can be tolerated, the other two cases, not so much.

Here are some issues that often pop up:

- There are no "Mulligans" or "Breakfast Balls".
- There are no "gimmees" for putts, the ball must go into the cup on every hole.
- You must play the golf ball where it lies and as it lies, unless there is a rule that allows you to move it and/or clean it.
- 3-minute time limit to search for a lost ball.
- Improper procedure when in a Penalty Area.

We have some information about USGA Rules and our Local Rules on our website here: [SBIC Rules](#). **It is strongly recommended to take some time to review these documents.** [Make sure to review Local Course Rules posted on SBIC website \(https://sbicgolf.com/resources/mga/\).](https://sbicgolf.com/resources/mga/)

## **Rules Questions During Round**

If you have any rules questions during your round, the first step is to try to resolve them within your group. For on-course rulings, please note that it is the responsibility of ALL players to protect

the rest of the field in regard to the rules of golf. As such, if it is a team competition, your playing partner cannot give you a ruling, but the other members of your group can.

If a consensus cannot be reached, the player with the question should play two balls from that spot, record both scores, and seek guidance in the Clubhouse from the Tournament Chairman or another Board member after the round but before you turn in the scores for the group. If the group came to a consensus on the course but there is still uncertainty, seek guidance before the scores are submitted. Again, seek out the Tournament Chairman or other Board members for help. **Do not discuss rules issues with the Scorer; the Scorer's responsibility is to record scores, not arbitrate rules issues.**

If you see a possible rules infraction by another player not in your group, after your round, please seek out the Tournament Chairman or other Board members for a private discussion about the incident.

### **Scoring and Submitting Scores**

Each group that plays in an Inner Club tournament needs to submit the group's scores (one scorecard per group) after the round is completed and before leaving the Course. It is the responsibility of the group to submit accurate scores; an incorrect score could lead to disqualification.

Scoring and scorecard procedures:

- It is best practice to use the Inner Club scorecards (they are available at the check in table), as our scorecards have the proper hole rankings for the Course.
- It is important that the scorecard is readable. It should be clear who the players are and number of strokes for every hole.
- At least two members of the group should score the entire group during the round; two people scoring ensures accuracy. Compute the scores for each 9 and the 18-hole total for each player. Computing the scores before submitting also serves as an additional check that scores are accurate.
- The players keeping score should review the front 9, back 9 and total score with each player in the group and make sure they coincide. Any discrepancies should be addressed prior to submitting scores, as there is limited opportunity to revise scores once they are submitted.
- Only 1 player from each group submits the scores to the Scorer. It is best to read the scores off in groups of 3 (e.g. 553 434 444) and verify the final score with the Scorer.
- Once your scores have been submitted, please leave your scorecard with the scorer, and leave the scoring area so that the next player can submit their scores.

- Inner Club members that are not participating in that days' tournament (playing as 'Non-Tournament') should also submit their score to the Scorer. All scores collected by the Scorer will then be submitted to the MGA for inclusion in your handicap record.

### **Finalizing and Posting Results**

Live scoring posted on the SBIC TV on day of a tournament are unofficial. Once all players are in and scores have been recorded, the Tournament Chairman will review the results and, if everything is in order, will announce the winners on the website. If there are issues with scoring, final results will be delayed until further review can be conducted. Typically, within 3 days of the weekend tournament(s), final results are posted on our website here: [Tournament Results](#). The posted results do not list all participants; rather, the results will list all of those players that have won a prize. The Tournament Chairman typically pays out winnings on the Tuesday following the weekend tournaments.

## Handicap Information

Inner Club Members' handicaps are maintained by the Handicap Chairman. The Handicap Chairman oversees all things related to handicaps, including weekly maintenance, adjustments, rulings, and set up of temporary or starting handicaps, if necessary. Any questions not answered in this section concerning handicaps, scores, or posting scores should be directed to the Handicap Chairman: [sandyburric@comcast.net](mailto:sandyburric@comcast.net)

### What Handicaps Are Used for Our Tournaments?

Handicaps are now calculated daily: you will have a new handicap the day after you post a score. For Inner Club tournaments, the handicap indices that are available on the Friday just prior to the weekend are used for the entire weekend - we do not update handicaps over the weekend.

Two handicap numbers are displayed on the weekly tee schedule for each player, their Course Handicap and Playing Handicap. 'Playing Handicap' is your actual handicap for that day/weekend. Often, your Playing Handicap is different than your Course Handicap, depending on that day's tournament type and number of players. Simply put, for some tournaments (e.g. Points) we use 100% of Course Handicap, for others (e.g. 2-Man Best Ball) we use 90% of Course Handicap, and occasionally there are tournaments where 80% of handicap is used.

It is best practice to check the schedule or inquire at check in to be sure that you know what your Playing Handicap is for that day's tournament.

### GHIN Number versus Local Number

The GHIN number, usually 7-8 digits long, is the number assigned to you by the USGA to identify your official handicap account. It allows you to post scores online, and this is the number that you would use to verify your handicap if competing in other Club's tournaments or USGA events.

Your Local number, usually 3 digits long, is assigned to you by the Inner Club. This number uniquely identifies each member in our internal systems. Your Local number should be entered when signing up for tournaments.

### New Member With or Without a Current GHIN Number

If you have or recently had a GHIN number, please send your GHIN number to the Handicap Chairman so that you can be associated with the Sandy Burr Inner Club. If you can't find or don't know your GHIN number, call MASSGolf at 774-430-9100 and they can retrieve it for you. Please note that it is against USGA rules to hold more than one GHIN number.

If you have never had a handicap or have not had one in many years, you will need to establish a new handicap. You will need to contact the Handicap Chairman to get the process started and identify what information is needed for your specific situation. In general, a minimum of 3 scores is required to get started, and all scores must also have the course Slope and Rating. After the

Handicap Chairman receives all necessary information, you will be issued a GHIN number, a Local number, and a handicap.

Please note that we pay extra attention to new members with new handicaps. If the scores that are submitted indicate that a player is a 20 handicap, but that player shoots 75 in their first tournament, we are likely to revise that player's handicap. We continue to monitor and potentially adjust until there are at least 8 scores posted. In this type of scenario, the Handicap Chairman will contact the player directly to discuss the situation and advise of any changes.

## Posting Scores and the Posting Season

Two basic premises underlie the USGA Handicap System, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. The player and the player's Handicap Committee have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises.

'Posting Season' is the time of year when the golf season is considered "open". The season typically opens in Massachusetts on April 1<sup>st</sup> and closes on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

For all tournaments conducted by the Inner Club, all scores recorded are posted for handicap purposes.

If a Member plays golf at other courses, or other days, or outside of the Massachusetts season but with another posting season, the Member is required to post those scores to the GHIN system. Scores can be posted by logging into your My Mass Golf Home account by [clicking here](#). Once logged into the system, click on the red "Post Scores" option located on your personal home page. Or you can download the GHIN app in Apple's App Store or Google Play. Input your GHIN # and last name. Click on "Post Score" and begin posting scores. The online and app posting should accommodate 9-hole scores as well.

## Adjusting Your Score for Posting

Best practice is to post hole-by-hole scores to ensure that your score is adjusted properly. If you simply post a 9- or 18-hole score, then adjusting your score **is required** before posting. Adjusting scores means limiting scores to the "maximum score". The "maximum score" for each hole played is limited to a net double bogey – which is equal to Par of the hole + 2 strokes (double bogey) + any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole based on their Course Handicap. You will need to know your Course handicap to successfully adjust your score.

Complete information regarding posting of scores can be found here: [Rules of Handicapping](#)

## Appendix I: Tournament Types

- **Points and Points – Best 9 Holes:** these are 1-person tournaments. You may request to play with up to 3 other members. Points are awarded for each hole according to a schedule:

GROSS SCORE	POINTS
Double Eagle	16
Eagle	8
Birdie	4
Par	2
Bogie	1
Double Bogie or worse	-1

A player's gross score versus par, by hole, determines the points that are awarded, points are tallied for all holes, and the player's Playing Handicap is then added to achieve a final point total. 'Points' tournaments use all 18 holes, 'Points – Best 9 Holes' tournaments use the player's best score for either the front OR back 9 holes.

Below is an example of Points scoring:

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
PAR	5	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	5	4			
SCORE	5	3	5	4	6	5	4	4	4	3	6	4	6	5	5	4	5	7			
POINTS	2	8	-1	2	-1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	-1	1	1	2	2	-1	26		
																			Handicap	11	
																				TOTAL POINTS	37

- **Medal Play:** this is a 1-person tournament format. You may request to play with 3 other members. A player's gross score for each hole is tallied, then the player's Playing Handicap is subtracted to determine a final score. In Medal Play, all holes must be completed, or "holed out". There is no "max score" for any hole.
- **2-Person Pick Your Partner:** this is a 2-person tournament format. Players are allowed to pick their partner to form a team. In many cases, you can also request to play with another team. Best-ball (or better-ball) scoring is used for this format – the best net score by hole

is used. Example: If Player A has a net 5 on the first hole and Player B has a net 3 on the first hole, this team's score on the first hole would be a 3.

- **2-Person Pro / Am:** this is a 2-person tournament format. Players are NOT allowed to pick their partner; teams will be formed via a blind draw matching a lower handicap player (the "Pro") with a higher-handicap player (the "Am" or Amateur). Best-ball (or betterball) scoring is used for this format – the best net score by hole is used.

Example: If Player A has a net 5 on the first hole and Player B has a net 3 on the first hole, this team's score on the first hole would be a 3.

- **2-Person Combined Points:** this is a 2-person tournament format. Teams will be formed via a blind draw – you cannot pick your partner. Points are awarded for each hole according to a schedule. A player's gross score versus par, by hole, determines the points that are awarded, points are tallied for all holes, the player's Playing Handicap is added to achieve a final point total, and the final point totals for each team member are combined for a final team score.
- **Pick / Partner / Guest - w/hcp:** this is a 2-person tournament format. Players are allowed to pick their partner OR invite a Guest with a valid USGA Handicap to form a team. Anyone without a partner will be assigned a partner. You can also request to play with another team. Best-ball (or better-ball) scoring is used for this format – the best net score by hole is used. Example: If Player A has a net 5 on the first hole and Player B has a net 3 on the first hole, this team's score on the first hole would be a 3.
- **Pick / Partner / Guest - Calloway:** this is a 2-person tournament format. Players are allowed to pick their partner OR invite a Guest to form a team. You can also request to play with another team. Anyone without a partner will be assigned a partner. A USGA Handicap is not required. Calloway scoring is used for this format.
- **2-Person Mystery Tournament:** this is a 2-person tournament format. Players are usually allowed to pick their partner. You can also request to play with another team. Anyone without a partner will be assigned a partner. The scoring method is TBD and will be announced by the Tournament Chairman.
- **4-Person Mystery Tournament:** this is a 4-person tournament format. The scoring method and foursomes are TBD and will be announced by the Tournament Chairman.
- **2-Day Member / Member, Member / Guest - w/hcp:** this is a 2-person tournament format.

Tournament is played over 2 days. Players are allowed to pick their partner OR invite a Guest with a valid USGA Handicap to form a team. Anyone without a partner will be assigned a partner. You can also request to play with another team. Teams must play both days. Best-ball scoring is used for this format – the best net score by hole is used.

Example: If Player A has a net 5 on the first hole and Player B has a net 3 on the first hole, this team's score on the first hole would be a 3.

- **Sandy Burr Cup (Member-Member Major Tournament):** this is a 2-person tournament format. Tournament is played over 2 days. Players are allowed to pick their partner to form a team. Anyone without a partner will be assigned a partner. Foursomes will be selected by the Tournament Chairman according to Flights. There will also be stroke limitations for handicaps. Flights will play together on 2<sup>nd</sup> day according to 1<sup>st</sup> day results. Best-ball scoring is used for this format – the best net score by hole is used. Example: If Player A has a net 5 on the first hole and Player B has a net 3 on the first hole, this team's score on the first hole would be a 3.
- **President's Cup (Member-Member Major Tournament):** this is a 2-person tournament format. Tournament is played over 2 days. Players are allowed to pick their partner to form a team. Anyone without a partner will be assigned a partner. Foursomes will be selected by the Tournament Chairman according to Flights. There will also be stroke limitations for handicaps. Flights will play together on 2<sup>nd</sup> day according to 1<sup>st</sup> day results. Best-ball scoring is used for this format – the best net score by hole is used. Example: If Player A has a net 5 on the first hole and Player B has a net 3 on the first hole, this team's score on the first hole would be a 3.
- **Senior's Tournament:** this is a 1-person tournament format. This tournament is played over 2 consecutive Sundays. A player must be 50 or over to be eligible. Tournament Chairman will set up foursomes according to Flights: Seniors, Super Seniors, and Super Super Seniors (Legends). The second-round pairings are determined by order of finish from Round 1. A player's gross score for each hole is tallied, then the player's Playing Handicap is subtracted to determine a final score. In Medal Play, all holes must be completed, or "holed out". There is no "max" for any hole.
- **Club Championship (Individual Major Tournament):** this is a 1-person tournament format. This tournament is played over 2 weekends, with a 1 week break in between. The Championship Flight is plays from the Blue Tees without consideration of handicaps, or "scratch". All other contestants are flighted according to handicap. The Tournament Chairman will set up foursomes according to Flights. The format for Round 1 is Medal Play to reduce each flight to 8 contestants and determine seeding. Rounds 2-4 are Match Play format.
- **Tournament of Champions:** If you win any event during the year you are eligible to play in the Tournament of Champions event at the end of the season. There are a few exceptions. Any tournament that has a Member-Guest component to it, does NOT qualify you. It doesn't matter if you win the "A" Flight or "D" Flight, you win. If it is a Member-Member only event and you win, you are both in.



- **3 Clubs & Putter:** this is a 1-person tournament format. You may request to play with 3 other members. Every player can only bring 3 clubs and a putter onto the course. A player's gross score for each hole is tallied, then the player's Playing Handicap is subtracted to determine a final score. There is typically a max of double par for any hole.

## Miscellaneous Information

### Tournament Flighting

"Tournament Flighting" is the term for the division of players into "flights", e.g. A Flight, B Flight, etc. To flight a tournament, players are ranked, from smallest to largest, by Playing Handicap. Ties within Playing Handicap are sorted by index. The ranked players are then divided by the number of flights required for that day's tournament. "Flights required" is a function of total tournament fees collected – all fees collected are dispersed as prize money.

## Appendix II: Tournament Sign Up

Signing up for tournaments will be conducted through the SBIC website here: [Tournament Signup](#)

Signing up for tournaments is a critical step in the tournament system. The number of players signed up determines the number of tee times that we request for the upcoming weekend.

Go to the webpage using your computer, tablet, or phone. **Please read the information at the top of the page, as this will inform you of any special sign-up requirements, such as whether you can pick your partner or other players for your foursome.** When you are ready to sign up, scroll down past the heading “TOURNAMENTS AVAILABLE FOR SIGN UP” and click on either the Title of the tournament or “View & sign up”. Click on “Sign up” wherever there are remaining spots and fill out the form that appears.

Key information:

- Online sign-up closes at 3:00 PM on the Sunday prior to the weekend for which the signups are available.
- **You cannot edit a sign up once it is completed.** If a mistake was made, send an email to the Tournament Chairman ASAP, **do not sign up again!**
- The Tournament Chairman will schedule all Players.
- The ‘Add a note here’ box in the sign-up form is mandatory: add your SBIC #, your partner’s name (if you have one), and anything else the Tournament Chairman needs to know. Examples:
  - “My partner will be Larry” is a crystal clear message.
  - “I want to play with Therese, Betsy, & Maryanne” is also clear that Tom wants to play with these 3 people.
  - A note similar to “any group is fine” indicates that you will play with anyone at any time.
  - “Late please” is a request to go out later in the group. You can request “early”, “mid”, or “late”, but you cannot request a specific tee time. Note that these requests will be considered but cannot in all cases be honored.
- Naming your partner in the note box does not “technically” sign them up for the tournament. We’d like everyone to sign up (you can sign another person up) so that we can see how many players we might have without scrolling through the entire list of notes.
- If signing up a Guest, make sure your name is in the Note as their partner. If required, put their GHIN # in the note box as well. Since you cannot edit a sign up once it is completed, sign-up your guest once you know the GHIN #. It’s OK if they are not on the very next line as long as you are noted as their partner.

## Appendix III: Payments with Venmo

In 2020, we introduced Venmo as an option for submitting tournament fees. Going forward, we would prefer that everyone use Venmo for these transactions. **All Members that submit payment via Venmo also get paid via Venmo.** If you cannot use Venmo, please speak to the Tournament Chairman about a cash alternative.

Venmo (<https://venmo.com>), a company owned by PayPal, Inc., provides a mobile app that allows the transfer of money from one person to another. Essentially, you link your bank account or debit card to the Venmo app, look up the person that you want to pay, and send money. This is a free service when using your Venmo balance, bank account, or debit card. There is a 3% fee if you use a credit card. Basic instructions:

To sign up for Venmo:

1. Download one of the mobile apps: [click here for iOS](#) or [click here for Android](#) (Venmo does not have a Windows app)
2. Open the Venmo app
3. Choose your sign up method and create a secure password (between 8 and 32 characters long).
4. Verify your phone number and email address: [more info here](#)
5. Add and verify your bank account: [more info here](#)

To pay:

Find the Pay or Request button on the home screen—it will either say “Pay or Request,” or it will look like a pencil and a square, or a pencil and...something, it depends on the phone app.

Next, find Tournament Chairman by searching for either [@sbicgolf](#) or [sbicbackman@comcast.net](#), or by tapping “Scan Code” and scanning this QR code with your phone:



Tournament fees are typically \$10 per 1-day tournament, \$20 for 2-day tournaments, and \$25 for 2-day Major tournaments. Exact tournament fees can be found on the Tournament Signup web page.

Enter the amount (e.g. \$10 or \$30), enter a note in the “What’s it for?” box (Entry fee, Entry fee + skins, or thanks for mowing my lawn Bob) and tap “Pay”. That should take care of it.

**You do not need to add money to Venmo to pay someone.**

If you have trouble with Venmo, please ask for help – nearly all Inner Club members have successfully adopted the Venmo payment method.