

PMGA

Ptarmigan Men's Golf Association



2023

Player Information Guide

2023 PMGA Schedule

Note: subject to change; events will be rescheduled if and when possible. Check ForeTees and with the Pro Shop



February 27	PMGA Indoor Putting
March 25	Mulligan Madness
April 8	Masters Match-Up
May 1	All Match Play Begins
May 4th	TNL Begins
May 12 & 13	Ptarmigan vs. FCCC
May 19 & 20	Ptrifecta
June 10 & 11	Pfourman
June 24	Silo Stroke Play
July 15	Jeffe's Hot Ball
July 26-29	<i>PTRAP SHOOT</i>
August 12 & 13	Club Championship
August 26 & 27	Senior Club Championship
September 9 & 10	Member-Member
September 23	PMGA Course Design Challenge
October 5	FLOG & PMGA Banquet
October 13 & 14	Ptarmigan vs Rolling Hills

Dear PMGA Members:

Welcome to 2023 Golf Season!

The PMGA Board and Pro Shop welcomes you to the 2023 PMGA Season. This year's PMGA Board Members include Shawn Matz, Jeff Lund, Bryan Gooch and our Director of Golf & Operations, Jeff Ulvedal. We, as members of this club and men's association, are trying to make this a very successful golf association year after year. Communication is key so talk to us and know what you like, don't like, what ideas you have, how we can do better, and what we can do to keep the PMGA a premier men's golf association.

We are excited to welcome new staff members to Ptarmigan: Chris Bowry, Head Golf Professional; Kelly Misuraca, Buyer/Merchandiser; and Ryan McGhee, Assistant Golf Professional. The PMGA board would like to thank them and the rest of the Ptarmigan staff for the time and effort they put into the planning and execution of our events. Our goal is to create a fair and competitive environment where we can have fun with new and old friends.

Here's to a great 2023 and we look forward to seeing you at the course!

Shawn Matz
2023 PMGA President

Jeff Lund
2023 PMGA Vice President

Bryan Gooch
2023 PMGA Secretary/Treasurer

Jeff Ulvedal
PGA Director of Golf & Operations

Ptarmigan Course Handicap (PCH)

What is it? The PCH is a simple calculation based on your history of recent scores at Ptarmigan. Your PCH is the lower of your GHIN, BTI/WTI or CSI. A player's LHI value will be used when there are not at least 12 scores posted to GHIN at Ptarmigan (i.e., new members).

GHIN - your handicap index as provided by the USGA represents your demonstrated golfing ability. It is the average of your 8 lowest scores out of the most recent 20 scores posted.

LHI - your lowest GHIN index in the last 12-month period.

BTI/WTI - your home handicap index based on your last 20 scores at Ptarmigan from either the Blue or White Tees (Blue Tee Index or White Tee Index) using the average of the lowest 8 scores.

CSI - your Competitive Score Index based on the average of your lowest 8 tournament scores from the current and previous posting seasons at Ptarmigan. If you have less than 8 tournament scores, in this time frame, CSI is not used. **Note that all scores from any Match play event should be posted as a C-Score.

White Tee Option - Any player can choose to play from the White Tees if they post at least 12 scores from the White Tees. A player's LHI will be used if they choose to play from the White Tees and they do not have at least 12 scores in their scoring history from the current and previous posting seasons.

The PCH index will be used for all PMGA events, including the Card Draw.

Your PCH index is readily available for mobile devices using the free PCH App. You can search for "Ptarmigan Course Handicap" or use these QR codes to download the App from the applicable platform.



iOS App Store



Google Play

Please contact any member of the Handicap Committee for clarification or questions:

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Individual & Team Match Play

Individual and Team match play for 2023 will be a single elimination bracket. Please schedule and play matches by the due dates. There always seems to be challenges scheduling and playing matches, both individual and team. In 2023 we will strictly enforce getting matches played before or on those dates. The PMGA Vice President and/or Pro Shop can and will do coin flips to determine the match winner.

Golf Genius for Match Play

All individual and team match play will be scored on Golf Genius this year. This will help keep track of results and score posting, so please enter these scores in the app. Post the same day and if your match ends early, you are required to post your net score hole by hole unless your actual score is lower.

Tees

All PMGA tournaments will be from the blue tees unless specified otherwise. See below for White Tee options:

White Tee Option - Any player can choose to play from the White Tees if they post at least 12 scores from the White Tees. A player's LHI will be used if they choose to play from the White Tees and they do not have at least 12 scores in their scoring history from the current and previous posting seasons.

****NEW FOR 2023**** If you signup for a Team Event (*Team Match Play, Thursday Night League (TNL), Ptrifecta, Pfourman, Member-Member*) ALL partners must play from the same Tee.

Player Responsibilities

Player Handicap: All PMGA members are to maintain an accurate and honest handicap. Players must post all scores the day of play. Players are expected to understand how to properly adjust and post scores. If you are unsure of how to adjust or post your score, please ask the pro shop or visit www.usga.org. "I didn't know" is not an excuse for handicap violations. All PMGA event scores that use Golf Genius for scoring will be posted by the Pro Shop staff after the event.

For 2-man team events there will be a max differential of 10 strokes between partners.

An important component of the USGA Handicap System is peer review, which provides the ability to review other member's scoring records. It is incumbent upon all club members to participate in peer review.

We do have a Handicap Committee to monitor and review handicaps for PMGA tournaments. This year Cary Sanders, Scott Johnston and Jim Benshoof have volunteered for this committee (please be nice to them). The PMGA Board works with the committee on handicap issues.

Respect of the Golf Course: All players are expected to repair ball marks, rake bunkers, and fill in divots with sand and seed mix. Leave each hole as you would like to find it when playing. Also, please lay the flagstick down so as to not damage the green. Keep all four tires ON THE CART PATH around tees and greens. Never have I heard someone say "I wish this course had more divots or the greens had more ball marks".

Pace of Play: Pace of play starts by being on time and ready at the tee box when scheduled. Players are responsible for keeping up with the group in front of them. Looking behind you to see if you are on pace is backwards, *look forward*. Always play ready golf. During team tournaments, balls that will not count for team score should be picked up, and "most likely" score should be recorded.

Player Responsibilities (Continued)

Rules: Rule and Format Sheets will be available before every tournament. Please take the time to read and understand them. See the Pro Shop if you have any questions. Players are responsible for understanding the rules.

- **No gimmies!** In any stroke play events, any score going on the scorecard **MUST** go in the hole. Match Play rules can and do differ.
- Please turn in legible and accurate scorecards.
- All tournament scores and TNL scores will be posted by the pro shop.

Remember: *We are here to have fun* and play quickly with new and old friends. Let's congratulate a player that shoots a career round.

PTRAP SHOOT

The PMGA Board, Pro Shop and Ptarmigan Ownership would like to inform you of some pertinent information for our 2023 Ptrap Shoot Member-Guest tournament.

Exemptions: (Exemptions are based on PMGA dues paying years at the club with an annualization date of July 1st)

- 10+ year member plus 5 2022 Events
- 15+ year member plus 4 2022 Events
- 20+ year member plus 3 2022 Events
- Current PMGA Board Member
- PMGA Board Presidents within the last 10 years
- Platinum Sponsor
- 2022 Champion

The exemptions status levels are in place to allow for current and new participants to have an opportunity join in the field. The exemptions reward members for years of consistency with participation required in our great Calendar of Events.

A lottery system will be used to fill the remaining spots reaching a field of 72 teams. Each nonexempt member will receive numbers based on 1 for each year of membership and 2 for each 2022 PMGA Qualifying Events. For example, a member with 3 years of membership that played in 9 events would receive 21 numbers for the lottery.

PMGA Qualifying Events (2022):

Mulligan Madness, IceBreaker, Individual Match Play, Team Match Play, Ptrifecta, Pfourman, Silo Stroke Play, Jeffe's Hot Ball, Club Championship, Member-Member, Ram Rumble and Flog.

The Ptrap Shoot is a coveted event, and we are striving to make the participation process the fairest possible. If there are questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the PMGA Board Members.

2024 Guidelines will be sent out after the 2023 Lottery

PMGA Point System

The PMGA point system is used to determine both the Player of the Year and the PMGA Interclub Team (Ptarmigan C.C. vs Rolling Hills Club)

Golf Genius will track all PMGA points, and you can check the status in the app in addition to the PMGA website. Points are awarded in two categories: participation points and performance points.

Winners will be determined for every event. In the case of ties, Golf Genius will use the USGA recommended procedure. (final 18, final 9, final 6, final 3, final hole). For all ties other than first, points are awarded by adding total points for the tied places divided by number of tied players. Major events use a playoff for 1st place. Team and individual match play points are also awarded based on matches won.