

# ***PMGA***

***Ptarmigan Men's Golf Association***



# ***2024***

***Player Information Guide***

# 2024 PMGA Schedule

**All Event registrations for the full calendar year will be available February 1, 2024 on Fore Tees with the except of the Ptrap Shoot.**

**You will receive an invitation to the Ptrap Shoot on March 1, 2024 at which time you will sign up for the Ptrap Shoot on Fore Tees**

February 26	Indoor Putting
March 23	Mulligan Madness
April 13	Masters Match-Up (Non-PMGA)
April 27	Icebreaker
May 1	All Match Play Begins
May 2	TNL Begins
May 10 & 11	Ptarmigan vs. FCCC
May 18	Silo Stroke Play
June 8 & 9	Pfourman
June 21 & 22	Ptrifecta
July 13	Jeffe's Hot Ball
July 24-27	<b><i>PTRAP SHOOT</i></b>
August 10 & 11	Club Championship
August 24 & 25	Senior Club Championship
September 7 & 8	Member-Member
September 21	Pfour Tee
October 3	FLOG & PMGA Banquet
October 11 & 12	Ptarmigan vs Rolling Hills

*Note: Subject to change; events will be rescheduled if and when possible.*

*Check ForeTees and with the Pro Shop*

**Dear PMGA Members:**

**Welcome to 2024 Golf Season!**

The PMGA Board and Pro Shop welcomes you to the 2024 PMGA Season. This year's PMGA Board Members include Jeff Lund, Bryan Gooch, Linc Turner, Jeff Ulvedal and Chris Bowry. 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 let us 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.

Here's to a great 2024 and we look forward to seeing you at the course!

*Jeff Lund*  
*2024 PMGA President*

*Bryan Gooch*  
*2024 PMGA Vice President*

*Linc Turner*  
*2024 PMGA Secretary/Treasurer*

*Jeff Ulvedal*  
*PGA Director of Golf & Operations*

*Chris Bowry*  
*PGA Head Golf Professional*

## **Ptarmigan Course Handicap (PCH)**

The Ptarmigan Course Handicap (PCH) is a GHIN based calculation based on your recent scores at Ptarmigan. Your PCH index is the lower of your GHIN, BTI/WTI or CSI handicap index. 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). Your PCH index may be retrieved within the PCH application (See below for more information). You may also view other PMGA member indexes within the PCH Application

**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 (beginning in March 2024) and previous (2023) 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.

**Blue/White Tee Option** - This is currently not a supported option for PMGA events and will not be a separate index in the PCH app. Future consideration will be discussed in the coming season.

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 2024 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 2024 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.

### **\*\*New for 2024\*\* Scoring for Match Play**

All individual and team Match Play will be scored on regular hard Ptarmigan Score Cards this year. Please ask the staff to make you one before you tee off. There will be a Match Play Scorecard Drop Box for you to drop off in the hallway. A Format Sheet will be accompanied with each scorecard that explains all the Match Play intricacies. **PLAYERS MUST POST THEIR OWN SCORE AS A "C" SCORE.**

## 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.

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

**\*\*New for 2024\*\* Potential new hole handicap allocations are under review, and we will keep you posted.**

## **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](http://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, Jim Benshoof, and Doug Johnson 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 2024 Ptrap Shoot Member-Guest tournament.

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

- 10+ year member plus 5 2023 Events
- 15+ year member plus 4 2023 Events
- 20+ year member plus 3 2023 Events
- Current PMGA Board Member
- PMGA Board Presidents within the last 10 years
- Platinum Sponsor
- 2023 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 2023 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 (2023):**

Mulligan Madness, IceBreaker, Individual Match Play, Team Match Play, Ptrifecta, Pfourman, Silo Stroke Play, Jeffe's Hot Ball, Club Championship, Member-Member, Pfour Tee 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.

*\*\*2025 Guidelines will be sent out after the 2024 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.