

Birch Creek Men's Association – 2014

Dear Birch Creek Men's Association Member,

Spring is here and we are excited for another fantastic golf season at Birch Creek Golf Course. Soon the fairways will be brilliant green and the greens will be rolling smooth and true as they always do. Thanks Eric and Chad for having the best course in the State!

This year we have a few changes that we are excited to implement and try. These changes will allow for more opportunities, hopefully faster play, and more comradery amongst fellow golfers.

First of all, let's go over the things that will not be changing:

- Weekly play will occur on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays throughout the year.
- We will continue to have closest to the hole sponsors each week on the par threes. This year's sponsors are Smithfield Subway and Café Sabor.
- Handicaps are based on your three best nine hole scores out of your last six nine hole scores. We only use your scores that you turn in during Men's play for the establishment of these handicaps.
 - For those of you don't know, this is the same method used by the USGA to establish handicaps except our sample size is smaller. The USGA uses your best ten 18-hole scores out of your last twenty 18-hole rounds. For those of you that have a USGA handicap will know that it takes a long time for your handicap to change. In Men's, your handicap changes more frequently and is more representative of your current play.
- Flights have not changed:
 - Regular flights:
 - A flight (handicaps +3 to 4), Blue tees;
 - B flight (handicaps 5 to 8), White tees;
 - C flight (handicaps 9 to 12), White tees;
 - D flight (handicaps 13 to 18), White tees.
 - Senior flights (ages 50+):
 - A flight (handicaps +3 to 4), White tees;
 - B flight (handicaps 5 to 8), White tees;
 - C flight (handicaps 9 to 12), White tees;
 - D flight (handicaps 13 to 18), White tees.
- We will continue to have weekly play and some Saturday tournaments throughout the year.
- The club championships, senior and regular, requires participants to have completed **six nine-hole rounds** prior to July 31st. No Exceptions! Please be sure to support the Birch Creek Men's Association throughout the year prior to the club championship.
 - The Regular Club Championship will be held on August 16th.
 - The Senior Club Championship will be held on August 23rd.

There are a few items that have changed:

- We are excited to announce that there will now be a longest putt competition on the last hole of the main tournament side. This longest putt is sponsored by Taco Time of Logan, this is the Taco Time on 100 East and 400 North in Logan.

- Starting in May we will be having play on both nines. There will be the Main Tournament Side and the Alternative Tournament Side. This alternative tournament will be a completely separate tournament from the main tournament and will be a different format. For example, the week of May 6th-8th the main tournament on the Front side is Open Play, but we will have a Chicago tournament on the Back side. Another example, is on May 13th-15th there is Open Play on the Front Side, but on the back side we will do a \$10 flighted skins games. Again these two tournaments during the same week are completely separate. You have the choice on which tournament to play in, we encourage members that play twice a week to play once in both tournaments, and give it a try. Having these two tournaments will allow us to open up more tee times because both sides will be utilized. We have the tournaments scheduled out on both sides from May 6th through July 17th. Depending on how it is going and feedback we receive we will continue scheduling both sides through September. We are excited about this change because it will provide more opportunities to play.
- We are excited to introduce the Cache Valley Cup. This is a collaboration we have made with the Logan River Men's Association. We will be holding two Match Play tournaments against members of the Logan River Men's association. The first tournament will be May 31st at Birch Creek and the second tournament will be at Logan River on September 6th. Both of these match play tournaments are completely voluntary, we will have a signup in the Pro shop before each tournament. You will get paired up with a member of the Logan River Men's association with a similar handicap or playing ability (Eric and the presidency will make the pairings). You will play an 18-hole match play against that player. If you win then you will get a point for Birch Creek. The course with the most points at the end of both tournaments will win the first ever Cache Valley Cup. We are planning on this to be an annual event so the Cup will change hands each year depending on the course that wins. But, we all know who will win, right! More details will come as it comes closer.

Make sure you register for Men's this year. You will receive a free meal from Café Sabor just for signing up. Also, you will receive a free 9 holes of golf and another certificate for a free meal from Café Sabor for every new member you sign up. The more new members you sign up the more free golf and free meals you will get, what could be better!

We are very excited to get the year started. We hope to see all of you on the course and especially at Burger Night, which is March 25th-27th. We will be serving burgers from 5:00 pm-7:00pm. Please come up have a burger, meet us, ask questions, and of course play some golf.

Sincerely,

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