

Metro St. Louis Seniors Golf Association

Welcome New Members!

You have joined a great institution that has been focused on “Fun and Fellowship Through Golf “ for almost 50 years and we hope many more.

Metro St. Louis Seniors Golf Association (MSLSG) is organized for:

- Promoting fellowship and fun by organizing competitive golf tournaments
- Providing fair rules for fair and speedy play for members with a wide range of skills
- Members who are expected To
 - Follow rules for honest, courteous, fair play (rules are posted on line and in Member Directory)
 - Be competitive and play their best
 - Play in a timely manner (4 ½ hr target for tee time starts) – Ready Golf

We are all volunteers and put significant effort and money to support these values.

How To Make The Most of Your Membership

1. Use our website (golfstlseniors.org) – and Resources NOW! <http://www.golfstlseniors.org/>
2. Show up at the March and November General Membership meetings and meet people
3. Show up and play as many tournaments and special events as possible
4. **Have FUN while playing - No one likes a grouch!**
5. Get involved, volunteer as a Starter/Scorer, join a committee, help on a tournament
6. Play in several different tee groups, make new friends
7. **Play fairly and quickly and encourage others**
8. Record scores and play times accurately
9. Consider joining a Thursday AND a Friday Division and even Division 9 (Wednesday)

Tips To get Started

Come to the General Membership Meetings in March and November (Kirkwood Community Center)

You will be able to meet your Division VP, the Officers and Board members. You can sign up for your Starter / Scorer duties. The Division VP can introduce you to others. You might be able to find a friend or a partner for the first few outings. Pick up your Member Directory and Division Roster and read them. Put it with your golf bag for reference. Find out about the other resources and use them.

You are NOT the only new member. About 10 to 15 people in each division are new each year. They will be looking for new folks to play with too. Several of our long term members welcome the opportunity to play with new members and may need a regular fourth.

If you joined with a friend or to play with friends already in the league, great! Your friends will help you get started. Consider organizing your friends to show up and sign up. Set up an email notice to see who is going. Consider a car pool. If you have a full foursome, get there early for an early tee time.

If you are a single, a twosome or a threesome, look in the directory for other members you may know. See if there are neighbors who are members. Reach out and organize a group for an outing.

Our online roster has all members' address, phone, email, flight and handicaps roster. Use it and make an effort to get started. TIP – If the roster doesn't have a Flight or Handicap, they are a “new” member.

Show Up at the Course as a Single for any weekly tournament. During the first part of registration we give tee starts to foursomes as a priority. There are usually a twosome or a threesome looking to fill a foursome. Ask people in the parking lot or at the Starters Table to form a group. Holding up 1 finger as a single will usually get you picked up quickly. This is a great way to meet new people and make new friends.

Pace of Play is always an emphasis area. Playing Ready Golf and Keeping Up with the group immediately ahead will usually be all that is needed. Most members play their rounds at course targets of 4 to 4 ½ hours. We are working now to improve the pace on the very few members who are chronically slow.

Honest, accurate scoring and a speedy Pace of Play are highly valued. We expect that you will record and verify your scores and play times and those of your tee group on every round. Legible, complete, accurate Universal Score Cards and Pace of Play Logs are an absolute need. Make sure you record and check scores, totals, and times. We have a detailed summary of how the Universal Score Cards and Pace of Play Log are completed on the website. This is updated as needed. These are critical to accurate scoring and handicaps.

Use our Resources . Our website (golfstlseniors.org) and our handicap service website (ourgolfstats.com), have LOTS of information for you.