

## CLEVELAND INDUSTRIAL GOLF LEAGUE

### CAPTAINS WINTER MEETING

MARCH 9, 2019

The Winter Meeting of the Team Captains of the Cleveland Industrial Golf League was held at Buffalo Wind Wings Westgate on Saturday, March 9, 2019. Meeting minutes were taken by Secretary Daryl Smith.

1. President Jim Bilek called the meeting to order at 12:10pm. Roll call taken, all teams were represented.
2. Meeting Minutes: Minutes from the Captains meeting on September 10, 2018 were presented and reviewed. Motion to accept by Ray Mach, seconded by Bob Heiss. Approved.
3. Finance Report: Treasurer Jeff Kregenow reported a balance of \$2,293.13 in the league's account with the high balance attributed to the addition of a 12<sup>th</sup> team being added in 2018. President Jim Bilek indicated it is not the intention of the league to carry such a high balance and intends to reduce the balance by having the league subsidize the annual/weekly games throughout the year. It is also Jim's intention to keep Ball Points at \$10 for ease in year-end payments. Motion to accept by Adam Hill, seconded by Ray Mach. Approved.
4. Handicap Chairman: Handicap Chairman David Hill reported the following:
  - Recap of 2018 Penalties - The number of No Show penalties were down from 2017 but Slow Play penalties were up from 23 to 45. Questions were asked why that might happen. The number of warnings issued also increased to 18 and the number of repeat offenders increased from 20 in 2017 to 5 in 2018. On the high end, Net Birdie had 13 strokes lost to penalties, Keystone had 12 lost and on the low-end Tendon had 0 with xR only losing 1 stroke.
  - Website - A new "CIGL Cup" sub tab was added under the Tournaments, everyone will now be able to go directly to the information without having to go through another sub tab first. David would like to add a new "Players" page which list the player's name, a thumbnail picture of them, their team name and possibly limited contact information. It was asked if it would be possible to include the player's index/handicap on the "Player Stats by Team" under the "Player Stats" tab. David will look into it and report back at a later date.
5. Rules Committee: Chairman Bob Grosh reported:
  - 2018 was a very clean, very easy year; 2019 may not be due to the number of changes instituted by the USGA / R+A. Jim Bilek also mentioned the possibility of appointing another person to the Rules Committee since it is believed Charlie Fields might be taking a sabbatical this year. If this is the case a replacement will be appointed by President Bilek since it is an appointed position.

6. Schedule: Chairmen Jim Bilek reported the following:

- The league will begin with the same 12 teams as last year with an additional week being added to the schedule. The schedule included three new courses (Big Met, Manakiki, and Echo Valley) and the return to other courses (Grey Hawk and Glen Eagles). There will three knockdowns this year in weeks 5, 11 and 19.
- Jim welcomes all comments about possible courses to play and asked the captains for their suggestions. Questions were asked why the league is returning to Brookledge for the Finals and Jim indicated there are several factors he must account for when scheduling courses with green aeration being primary for the playoffs and finals. Jim again mentioned he is open to any suggestions on what courses to play and when they would like to be played.
- 2019 Schedule:

Week	Date	Course	Type	Week	Date	Course	Type
1	04/20/19	Turkeyfoot	Open 1	13	07/13/19	Ellsworth	Open 4
2	04/27/19	Chippewa	Match 1	14	07/20/19	Manakiki	Match 10
3	05/04/19	Gleneagles	Match 2	15	07/27/19	Big Met #1	Match 11
4	05/11/19	Mohican	Match 3	16	08/03/19	Madison CC	Match 12
5	05/18/19	Turkeyfoot	Match 4	17	08/10/19	Echo Valley	Open 5
6	05/25/19	Sugarbush	Match 5	18	08/17/19	Sanctuary	Match 13
7	06/01/19	Windmill Lakes	Open 2	19	08/24/19	Windmill Lakes	Match 14
8	06/08/19	Brookledge	Match 6		08/31/19	Off	
9	06/15/19	Eagle Creek	Match 7	20	09/07/19	Madison	Playoff 1
10	06/22/19	Good Park	Open 3	21	09/14/19	Ashland	Playoff 2
11	06/29/19	Grey Hawk	Match 8	22	09/21/19	Brookledge	Finals
12	07/06/19	Ashland	Match 9		10/21/19	TBD	Awards Dinner
<b>Weeks 5, 11, and 19 are Knockdowns</b>							

7. Old Business:

- None

8. New Business:

- CIGL Board members recommend the following slate of officers. No comments or other nominations from the floor. Motion to accept by Jim Bilek, seconded by David Hill. Approved.
  - President - Jim Bilek
  - Vice President - Pat Murphy
  - Secretary - Daryl Smith
  - Treasurer - Jeff Kregenow
- League officers propose the creation of a supplemental membership of \$25-\$30 for a person to join the league but only be eligible to play in Open events. The membership will permit an index to be calculated and allow the player to be eligible for any games offered during the Open event. However, should the member play in a match he would be subjected to pay the difference and obtain full player status. Item tabled until the April 1<sup>st</sup> Captains meeting.

- Jim Bilek made a motion to eliminate the end-of-year Consolation Playoff. Seconded by David Hill. Approved unanimously.
- Games and Tournaments: Jim Bilek recommends replacing the 72-hole tournament with two 36-hole tournaments to provide opportunity for more players and winners. The first 36-hole tournament would be the two best scores across the first three open events and the second 36-hole tournament would be the two best scores across the last three open events. Item tabled until next Captains meeting. Jim also reported that along with the 36-hole tournaments, the Match Play event and the Hole-in-One payments would be subsidized with league funds. Ball Points would remain at \$10 per point.
- Rule Changes: There are several new rules changes from the USGA / R+A. Some of the rules are considered to be “local” meaning the league can vote on whether they will be adopted.
  - Expanded use of Red Marked penalty areas (LOCAL). Option for league to adopt a rule to mark all penalty areas as Red so that lateral relief is always allowed. All hazards (now called penalty areas) and bunkers (bunkers now and not a hazard) will now be considered red staked no matter how they are currently marked or not marked. Approved unanimously.
  - Leaving flagstick in the hole (LOCAL). If a stroke is made on the green and the ball hits the flagstick in the hole there will be no penalty. Approved unanimously.
  - Stroke and Distance (Ball Out of Bounds, Lost Ball). New local rule to provide an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds however the alternative comes with a penalty of two strokes. The new rule allows a player to drop a ball in an area no closer to the hole defined by a line from the hole and where the ball was lost or hit out of bounds and a line from a point in the nearest fairway edge no closer to the hole through the hole. The ball will be dropped in the area between the lines no nearer the hole. General comments about adopting the rule were not favorable since it is not considered a rule for competition golf and our league does play for money. Captains voted 11-1 against adopting the rule. NOT Approved.
  - Dropping Procedure. The ball must be dropped straight down from knee height (the height of the player’s knee when in a standing position). Adam Hill made a motion to permit the dropping height to be anywhere from knee height or above. This is in consideration for those who may find it awkward to drop from knee height. Seconded by Eric Sandvick. Approved unanimously.
  - The subject of Gimmies was brought up. After discussion, a motion was made by Rick Saunders to permit unrestricted gimmies, seconded by Bob Grosh. Captains voted 10-2 against adopting the rule. NOT Approved.
  - Comments were made regarding our local rule when playing preferred lies in fairways if the distance the ball can be moved from one grip to one club length. Bob Grosh will look at the rule and report at a later date.
- Motion made by Adam Hill to reduce the number of points awarded to the winner of low net in the Team Matches from 8 to 4 points. Seconded by Rick Saunders. Six votes for, six votes against. NOT Approved.

- Eric Sandvick suggested another means needs to be found to effectively communicate to all league players besides phone calls. Eric suggests the use of Twitter (or other social media) since it allows a post to be made by anyone but requires all league members to have the app installed on their smart phone and have an account with Twitter. Ray Mach suggests the use of another type of phone app where texting is used. Item tabled until Eric and Ray have a chance to complete some research and will make a recommendation at a later date.
- League Membership / Registration / Payment of Dues. David Hill will be distributing last year's rosters to each captain and asks they return an updated roster by the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting so he has time to update the league database. Jef Kregenow also mentioned league dues will be due by April 15, 2019. Refunds will be provided to any players dropped no later than July 1, 2019.
- Jim Bilek reminded everyone that league mandate of playing "Ready Golf". Many times Jim witnessed, especially at Eagle Creek, two players in a cart waited for the first player to play before moving to the second player's ball, Ready golf is where the first player is dropped at his ball and the second player immediately proceeds to his ball to speed up play.

9. Announcements:

- The next meeting will be held in the banquet room at Buffalo Wild Wings - Westgate on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 6:30pm.

10. Motion to adjourn by Adam Hill, seconded by Eric Sandvick. Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm.

Participants at Captain's Meeting:

Team	Representative	Team	Representative
6 Flavors	Par Shergill	Mashies	David Hill
American Japanning	Bob Grosh	Mike's Tree Service	Bob Heiss
Cleats Bar and Grille	Rick Saunders	NetBirdies.com	Eric Sandvick
County Engineers	Ted Bush	Storms Group.com	Adam Hill
DLH	Al Van Valkenburg	Tendon Manufacturing	Tom Tench
Keystone	Ray Mach	xR	Jim Bilek
<b>Officers</b>			
Jim Bilek	Jeff Kregenow	Daryl Smith	
<b>Other Attendees</b>			
Daryl Dubroy	Reed Rusnack	Tom Schlitter	Rick Neubauer
Jack Fowler			

## Other 2019 USGA / R+A Changes Not Specifically Address by CIGL -

1. Player accidentally moves the ball during search. No Penalty
2. Player accidentally moves the ball or ball-marker on putting green. No Penalty
3. Ball in motion is accidentally deflected by you, your equipment, another person, the flagstick. No Penalty
4. Player accidentally hits the ball more than once during a stroke. No Penalty
5. Time allowed for a ball search. 3 minutes
6. Taking relief for an embedded ball. Player may take relief without penalty for an embedded ball.
7. Replacing a ball on the putting green when it moves from its spot after it has already been lifted and replaced. The ball must be always be replaced on its original spot, even if it was blown by the wind or moved for no clear reason.
8. Repairing damage on the putting green. A player may repair almost any damage including spike marks and animal damage on the putting green.
9. Player touches the line of the putt or touches putting green in pointing out a target. No penalty as long as doing so does not improve the conditions of the player's stroke.
10. Player moves loose impediments, touches the ground with hand / club or grounds the club in the penalty area when the ball is in the penalty area. No Penalty
11. Elimination of the opposite side relief option for a red penalty area. No longer allowed.
12. Player moves or touches a loose impediment in a bunker when the ball is in the bunker. No Penalty
13. Player touches sand in a bunker with hand or a club when the ball is in bunker. No Penalty except when a player touches sand a) with hand to test the conditions of the bunker, b) making a practice swing, c) with the club in the area right behind or in front of the ball, or d) making a backswing for the stroke.
14. Unplayable ball relief option when ball is in bunker. A player may take relief outside the bunker back on a line from the hole through where the ball was at rest in the bunker with a 2 penalty strokes.
15. Eliminating announcement requirements before lifting a ball under certain rules. When a player has a good reason to mark and lift a ball to identify it, check for damage or see if it lies in a condition where relief is allowed, the player is no longer required to announce to another player the intent to do so or to give a person an opportunity to observe the process.