



**Fox Hollow Men's Golf
Club
New Member Orientation
& Reference Guide**

2020

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Fox Hollow Men's Golf Club (FHMGC)

History: The Men's Club was formed when the Fox Hollow Golf Course opened in August of 1993. A prime mover of the course's development with the City of Lakewood was Charlie Austin . Our annual "Best by a Dam Site" is held in his memory each year. The Head Pro, Craig Parzybok and the Fox Hollow Staff have supported the Men's Club since it's inception and appreciates our members' use of the facilities. **2020 marks the 26th anniversary of the Fox Hollow Men's Club.**

This is a competitive tournament style golf club governed by the R&A/USGA rules of golf with emphasis on fellowship and comradery.

FHMGC Membership:

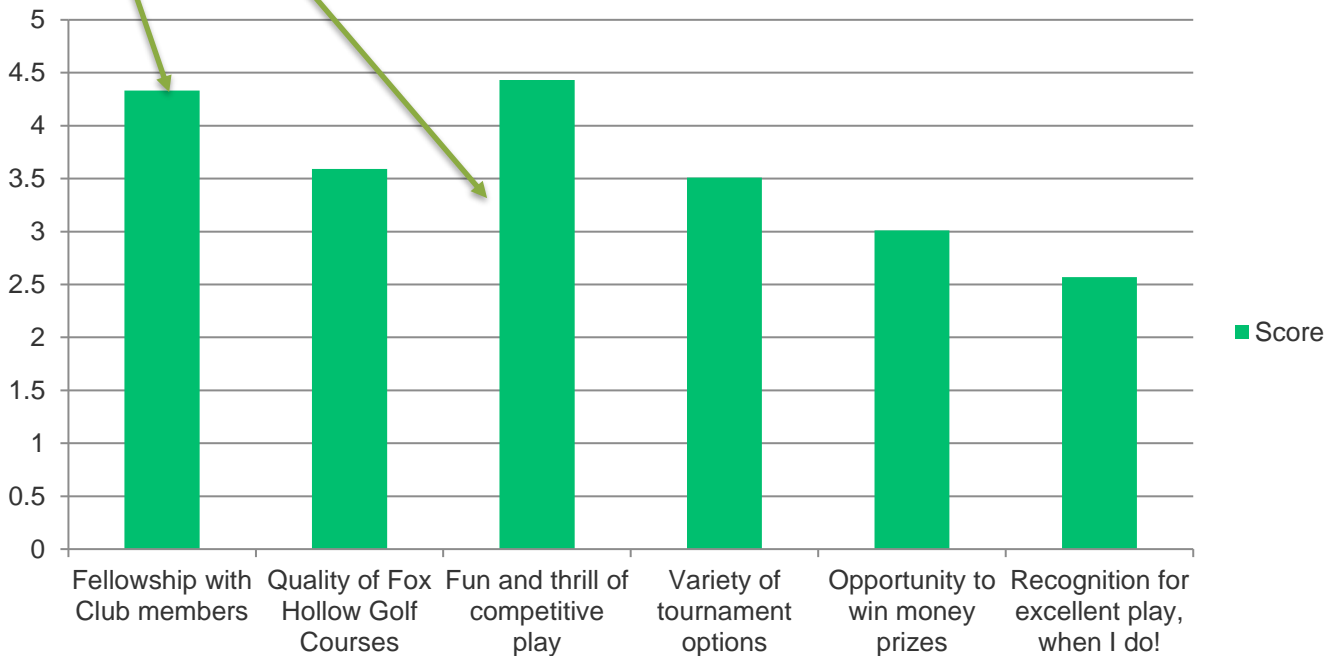
- Full members may play in ALL of the tournaments, match play and ancillary events brought upon by the camaraderie gained through membership. Home and away events with other clubs and casual leagues are examples.
- CGA/GHIN membership and handicap fee.
- Is open to men of all skill levels over 18 years of age.
- Your annual dues cover the cost of your CGA/GHIN membership, support of club costs, supplemented payouts for some tournaments, and a portion of food and beverages for selected events.
- A \$10 donation for the Eisenhower-Evans Scholarship fund in addition to your dues is appreciated. The club is also striving to add to our support level of Junior Golf at Fox Hollow.

***CGA/GHIN** membership for handicap services also available; however no FHMGC participation is provided except for events that are open to the public.

Fellowship, Fun and Thrill of Competition



2017 Survey: top reasons for staying in the Men's Club.



The best ways to help our Club provide a great golf experience:

1. Attend as many events as possible especially the Spring Tee Off Party and Fall Social;
2. Stay around after tournament play with your foursome, share your stories with refreshments;
3. If you see a guy looking for a place to join others after a golf event; invite him to your table;
4. Volunteer for check in, scoring and other duties to get to know guys more;
5. Invite fellow members to casual rounds; Get to know the members!
6. Play relaxed golf; these are not PGA events; congratulate good shots during events; encourage pace of play without being pesky.

www.fhmgc.com
Has What You Need!

- **Signup and pay for Events**
- **Where to tell your friends to find information about the FHMGC**
- **Important Links and FHMGC Documents**
 - **Event Schedule**
 - **Member's Manual**
 - **Details of event signup**
 - **Teeing Ground Policy**
 - **Local Rules Hard Card**
 - **Pace of Play**
 - **Rules Requirement**
 - **Rules Quiz**

Other www.fhmgc.com Coming Features:

- **Club Bylaws, Policies,**
- **Member Lookup & email.... (maybe within Golf Genius)**
- **News Items**
- **Volunteer Opportunities – Check in, Pace of Play Monitor**

Signup for Events

1. Go to **www.fhmgc.com**
2. Click on the upcoming event.
3. Add to cart. Check out and pay.
4. You will receive an event confirmation email.
5. Each tournament has a Conditions of Play (COP) sheet with format rules of the tournament.
6. Pairings, tee times and results will be posted with the event's listing on Golf Genius 3 days before the event. Sign in to www.golfgenius.com .
7. **Golf Genius login (GGID) is 'fhmgc 2020'**

Tournament and Club Administration

1. Make sure your email address is known so you can receive notices from **FHMGC**.
2. **Tournament sign up** is available in advance on the website 4 weeks prior to the event.
3. **Deadlines or cut off dates** for entry is 9-10 days before the event so that enough tee times are reserved with Fox Hollow or Homestead.
4. **Early tee times** are sometimes required by the pro shop to maximize public traffic and profitability especially on weekends.
5. **Tournament check in** is at least 30 minutes before your tee time and bring cash if you want to join hole contests. Warm up after you check in please.
6. **Entry fees** are used for the tourney prize fund. Majors are subsidized from dues for larger prize funds. Most events will have players pay green fees and cart fees directly in the pro shop.
7. **Shotgun Start** events will require green and cart fees be paid when registering for the event. This avoids Pro Shop crowding on the event day.
8. **Prepaid food and beverage** is provided **after shotgun** events to assure good service from the Den restaurant.
9. **Tournament flights** are grouped by ability and/or tee boxes depending on tournament format.
10. **Optional holes contests** may be entered at tourney check in time, e.g. skins \$10; Glory Hole \$5 and \$5 (annual) hole in one contest.
11. **Preliminary Tourney results** are usually available right after the event if you stay at the Den to see them; otherwise they are posted online at golfgenius.com when they become official.
12. **Dues help pay for** food, prizes, website access, tourney supplies and club admin. GHIN Handicap service is included.
13. **The Club is managed by volunteers;** your help and suggestions for improvement will be appreciated.
14. **Scorecards** - Players exchange scorecards prior to round, and both marker and player must sign scorecard prior to turning in.

2020 Tournament Schedule

2020 FHMGC Tournament and Event Fee Schedule

Please register online at www.fhmgc.com for each Tournament or Event. Your registration and debit or credit card must be received during the stated sign-up window and before the deadline to be added to the event roster. One payment per player per Event. Tournament and Event sign-up fees are listed below. Glory Hole and Skins Game funds will be collected the day of the tournament.

2020 Fox Hollow Men's Golf Club Event Schedule & Entry Fees <u>Not Including Green Fees</u>				
2020	Weekday	Event	Walking	Riding
Canceled		Spring Tee Off Party (Dinner)	\$15	
Canceled		One-Out Shamble (Lunch)	\$96*	\$113*
TBD		Match Play Entry Deadline	\$25 per bracket	
Canceled	Saturday	2 Man Better Ball	\$22	
Canceled	Saturday	Spring Opener	\$22	
5/30	Saturday	Spring Stableford	\$22	
6/7	Sunday	Mayor's Cup	\$22	
6/10	Wednesday	Senior Shamble	\$22	
6/20	Saturday	Lakewood Championship @ Homestead	\$22	
6/27	Saturday	Lakewood Championship @ Fox Hollow	\$22	
7/12	Sunday	Damsite Memorial (Jr. Golf Charity)	\$22	
7/15	Wednesday	Senior Chapman	\$22	
7/25	Saturday	President's Cup	\$22	
8/4	Tuesday	Senior Club Championship	\$44	
8/6	Thursday			
8/22	Saturday	Super Match	\$22	
8/29	Saturday	Club Championship	\$44	
8/30	Sunday			
9/13	Sunday	Sager-Ryder Cup (Lunch) – <u>27 hole</u> event	\$37	
9/20	Sunday	Red Jacket Championship	\$81*	\$98*
10/3	Saturday	4 Club Scramble	\$22	
10/9	Friday	Fall Social/Annual Meeting (Dinner)	\$15	

*Shotgun format **includes** green fees

2020 Handicapping Policy

This year we have two major changes, which affect our Handicapping Policy and how we flight our events. The first is the new World Handicap System adopted by the USGA and the rest of the golfing world. The second is that the tees at Fox Hollow have been moved and the course re-rated by calculation. The new positions are basically where they were in 2016. These changes impact the calculation of Course Handicap (CH) and change the distribution of our members amongst the tees. We also have uncertainty as to whether we will need to use Silver tees for our higher handicap players. This policy will be amended when we have more information.

Tee Assignment

Teeing Ground Policy		
USGA Index	Tees	2019 Member Distribution
0 thru 8.4	Black	28
7.6 thru 15.3	Blue	65
14.6 thru 22.8	White	50
20.1+	White or Silver?	19

Each member will be assigned a default tee at the start of the season, consistent with the Teeing Ground Policy (TGP) above. Members within the overlap ranges may request either tee of that range. This default tee assignment will be fixed until mid season, when it will be adjusted to the June 1st revision value, if needed. Other adjustments may be made when changes in the player's USGA Index are due to injury or illness, at the discretion of the Handicap Committee.

The overlapping USGA Index ranges accommodate forced carries at Fox Hollow, allow for flexibility in flighting, and encourage teeing it forward. For example, a player with a 14.6 USGA Index may declare the white or blue tees as his default assignment, but a player with a 14.5 USGA Index must declare the blue tees. Conversely, a player with a 15.3 USGA Index may declare the blue or white tees, but a player with a 15.4 USGA Index must declare the white tees. Default tees will be utilized in all events, unless indicated differently in the event COP sheet.

Members may choose a tee not compliant with this policy. However, when the event is flighted by tee, their CH will be adjusted to be within the range for that tee. We have done this in the past when we opened the Championship Flight to all. The Championship Flight will always be played from the black tee (blue for Sr. events) and limited to the maximum CH strokes for that flight. When the event is flighted by CH, only the Championship Flight will be limited. No other adjustment or limitation of CH is needed because flights are based solely on CH and the stroke spread is controlled to 8 strokes maximum.

2020 Handicapping Policy

Flighting & Pairing

Some definitions are needed at this point.

Course Handicap (CH) = H.I. x Slope Rating/113 + (Course Rating-Par)

Playing Handicap (PH) = CH x handicap allowance (50% for alternate shot) = pops on the scorecard

Flight = the group of players competing for the same prizes

Pairing = group of players playing a round together (for us usually a threesome or foursome)

Balanced Flights = flights created to be of near equal size so that every player has the opportunity to compete for the same size prize fund (club policy)

Tees, flights, and pairings are independent. In other words, the tee one plays does not determine his flight nor his pairing. This is because even if an event is flighted by tee, there may be more than one flight per tee. Also, a pairing may have members from different flights as well as using different tees. Flights will have players in different pairings and may have players using different tees when the flighting is by CH. We also choose to mix tees within pairings in our early events to enhance the social aspect of our club.

All events will be flighted either by tee, or by CH. We follow two FHMGC policies when we create flights. CH spread is limited to 8 strokes for the sake of fairness of competition. Flight sizes are balanced for the sake of fairness of opportunity. When combined with our member distribution (see TGP above), our ability to flight by tee is highly dependent upon the roster for each event. If a similar distribution as above exists, then the resulting flights for a 60 player event would create small flights with small prize funds. This is why most of our events have been flighted by CH in the recent past.

The Handicap Committee will designate the flighting method for each event, including those events where individual scores cannot be posted. All scores that can be posted will be posted as competition (C) scores. Tournament scores are no more.

(Rev. April 2020)

The World Handicap System (WHS) Has Arrived in 2020!

All golf organizations worldwide are using the same system to calculate handicaps.

Modifications have been made on how handicaps are calculated and reported.

FHMGC will use WHS handicaps to conduct our events. Relies on members reporting scores accurately and timely.

Recap of major changes in WHS.

Only 3 scores are required to establish handicap

Best 8 of last 20 scores used in calculation

Handicap is now updated the next day.

Uses net double bogey as max score, not ESC

Dreaded “R” revision to handicap for exceptional tournament scores is gone, done in calculation.

FHMGC recommends members post scores using the hole-by-hole method. Post score the day you play.

Additional info:

www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/pdf/Top-5-Changes-2020.pdf

www.coloradogolf.org/world-handicap-system/

Handicaps & Player Responsibilities

Handicaps reflect a player's potential scoring ability, not an average score.

Every golfer is responsible for posting all scores for rounds played under the Rules of Golf. It is assumed that all rounds are played with the intent of doing your best at all times. It is best to post immediately after the round at the course where played. As of 2016, rounds played alone are not valid for posting. Corrections can be made by the Handicap Chairman.

All Players are responsible for:

- Knowing your current handicap, the course handicap for the tees you're playing, and the holes which strokes are given or received;
- Post an 18 hole score if you play 13 or more holes – post a 9 hole score if 7-12 holes played. For holes not played, post par plus any handicap strokes entitled to on those holes;
- FHMGC event scores are posted by the Club. Players post Match Play scores. The Handicap Committee will post Penalty scores and/or adjust handicaps when players fail to comply or observe the spirit of the USGA Handicap System.

In past surveys the Club received complaints from current and past members about “sandbaggers”. Don't be one!

FHMGC Rules & Biannual Rules Requirement

In the early years the FHMGC there was inconsistent understanding and application of the Rules of Golf (ROG) for member tournament play. This resulted in needless arguments, complaints of unfair play and hard feelings. To address this problem, about 16 years ago, the Club adopted a Rule's Proficiency Requirement to promote education and consistent application of the Rules in tournament play.

Golf is a game of rules; we must abide by these rules to keep competition fair, integrity of the game, and competition for prizes.

We play by the Rules of Golf as modified by our Hardcard and local rules

Major revisions to the rules occurred in 2019. It is important that our members know and understand these revisions.

Rule's Proficiency Requirement:

Every new member must satisfy the requirement in their first year of membership; returning members must meet the requirement every 2 years. Members may satisfy the requirement in any one of the following ways:

1. **Attend one of FHMGC conducted Rules Seminars**; it is conducted by the rules committee and one or more of the Chief Rules Officials of the USGA/PGA/CGA as chief presenters. It's a good way to get to know fellow members and have a good discussion about the game we enjoy.
2. **Pass the annual FHMGC rules quiz** ; it will primarily have questions on playing scenarios at Fox Hollow. Almost all of the questions can be answered using just the current USGA rule book and the FHMGC's Hard Card.. It is an on-line quiz. We encourage you to individually work through it. The passing requirement is addressed in the quiz.
3. **Attend a CGA or PGA Section conducted Club Rules Seminar**
4. **Review the videos prepared by the CGA, R&A, and read the new rules books.**
5. **Attend the annual 2-day CGA administered Rules of Golf Workshop; check with the CGA website for more info.**

Even if you satisfy one of the requirements, you may and are encouraged to attend and contribute at the FHMGC Rules Seminars.

Exhibit B: The Hard Card....Excerpts
For more of this 3 page document , go to the Manual

- FHMGC makes every effort to conform to the Rules of Golf in conducting our events. Many golf courses have implemented modifications to enhance playability of the course and improve Pace of Play - we hold to the Rules of Golf.
- We don't use the course – provided drop zones (DZ) that improve the position of the players shot after entering a hazard. e.g. Canyon #5 or Meadows #6
- Provisional drops are allowed on Meadows 5, 6, and 9. You are urged to understand the ramifications.
- Forward tee boxes are used for DZ on Canyon 2, 6 (for short tee shots), Canyon 5, 6, and 9.
- In some cases a provisional ball is played from one of the designated DZ where the final landing area of the ball cannot be visually confirmed to improve Pace of Play. Final determination on playing the original ball or provisional ball is made after the search.
- **Excellent visual descriptions and explanations are provided on www.fhmgc.com under the Local Rules**

COP for Race to the Red Jacket: Season long participation and performance incentive. Cash payment.

Year Long Race to the Red Jacket

2020 Season Long Event

Sign-up: All members of the Fox Hollow Men's Club are automatically entered into The Race for the Red Jacket. Starting with the first event members choose to sign-up for. Standings will be posted every couple of weeks in Golf Genius.

Format: This is a season long Individual Stroke Play tournament point's event. Points are awarded for Participation in an event and for final placement in each flight at each event included in the point's race.

Excluded Events: Members do not receive points for Team events, Senior events, or the Super Match event. Match Play and the Home and Away events are also excluded.

Earning Points:

All players that participate in an Individual Stroke Play tournament will be awarded 20 points for participation in that event.

Players receive additional points based on their finishing position within that flight. The top 8 finishers in each flight are awarded points as follows: 8th place – 11 points, 7th place – 13 points, 6th place – 15 points, 5th place – 17 points, 4th place – 19 points, 3rd place – 21 points, 2nd place – 23 points, 1st place – 25 points.

Major Tournaments including the Mayor's Cup, President's Cup and the Club Championship as well as the Red Jacket Championship will receive double points for participation (i.e. 40 for each) and double position placement points (e.g. 1st = 50, 2nd = 46, 3rd = 42 etc.).

Ties: In case of a tie for 1st place, the tiebreaker on the event's COP sheet will be used to determine 1st place.

For all other ties, the points the players would have received will be averaged between the players. For example, if 3 players finish in a tie for 2nd place, they will each receive points rounded up (add the point totals for 4th, 3rd, and 2nd places, and divide by 3; $(19+21+23 = 67 / 3 = 22.3$ rounded up to 24).

In the case of a tie for 8th place, 1 point will be awarded to the 8th place finisher determined by the event tie breaker.

Payout: Payout will be in cash and will be awarded at the Fall Social. The top 10 points finishers will be awarded.

1st place – \$175 and the Red Jacket Trophy

2nd place – \$140

3rd place – \$125

4th place – \$110

5th place – \$100

6th place – \$ 90

7th place – \$ 80

8th place – \$ 70

9th place – \$ 60

10th place – \$ 50

2020 Event Chairman is Jim Schmidt schmidtjam@comcast.net

FHMGC Pace of Play Policy

The goal is to ensure an enjoyable tournament round without delays due to slow play. Every player has responsibility for their own PoP and to help their group maintain their position on the course

FHMGC Pace of Play Policy: *Keep up with the group in front (GIF). Golfers should complete 18 holes in 4 hours and 30 minutes and finish 10-12 minutes behind the GIF.*

A tee time is printed on the scorecard for each group. Players should record the time they actually tee off, time at completion of 9 holes, and finish time on the scorecard.

Education shall be the point of emphasis for all players or groups that lag behind the GIF by 15 or more minutes including the following recommendations:

- Being aware of the groups position relative to the GIF, **Keep Up.**
- Being ready to hit when it is the player's turn to hit, **Play Ready Golf in Stroke Play Events.**
- Where practical, don't wait in cart while your cart partner hits his shot.
- Using provisional balls as appropriate and required. If in doubt, hit a provisional ball.
- Limiting lost ball searches to 3 minutes per USGA rules.
- Play your ball before assisting in ball searches.
- Be focused and efficient on the green, place clubs near to the path to next teeing ground.
- Move away from the green quickly. Record scores and put clubs away after leaving the green or reaching the next tee.
- Peer pressure to keep improve group pace of play.
- Evaluate you own habits. Are you ready? Do you really need the extra practice swings? Do you study your putt while others are putting so you are ready?

Specific Pace of Play Recommendations for FHMGC – Results of 2019 review

Early groups can complete rounds in 4 hrs 30 minutes. Late groups are typically 5 hrs, possibly longer.

Get to the tee on time. Delays of 10-15 min from original tee time can occur for later groups in our tournaments

Keep up with GIF. Typically one or two groups fall 15-30 minutes behind.

Fox Hollow can be a difficult course - beware of hazards that can result in lost time!

Grass is very high in rough and native grass areas with balls difficult to find. Hit a provisional ball !!! Assume you will not find the original ball.

Know the local rules. Quickly make a decision on how you are going to play a ball potentially in a hazard on the 6 holes where local rules and provisional/drop zones are in play.

Know the rules on green-top stakes (No Play Zones) and how to proceed with a ball in these NPZ hazards.

Coach/answer questions in your group for quick rules decisions.

Guidelines for Provisional Ball *To maintain proper pace of play a player should always properly announce and play a provisional ball under 27-2 for a ball in play that is struck toward an area featuring native grass, long rough or Out of Bounds markers and is known or virtually certain not to lie in a water hazard.*

These volunteers have collectively served the Men's Club over 40 years to make this one of the best public golf clubs in Colorado. We strive to do things right for our members and any feedback to improve your experience is appreciated.

2020 FHMGC Board Directory

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Challenging Holes