



Richter Park Men's Club 2010 Membership Newsletter

Fellow Golfers,

Welcome to the 2010 Richter Park Men's Club season.

The RPMC Board is happy to present several new features in the 2010 schedule.

- *Pro Shop Events
- *Club Championship for all flights, all skill levels
- *Special tee boxes for players over age 65
- *More convenient sign-up rules

Opening Meeting

The Opening Meeting for 2010 will be held at Anthony's Lake Club on Sunday March 21st beginning at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast, followed by a brief business meeting, and then the 2010 Richter Cup draft. The fee for the full breakfast is \$13. You must RSVP to the breakfast using the enclosed renewal application, and we must have your RSVP by no later than March 8th. Sorry, but we cannot allow "walk-ups" for breakfast.

Richter Cup

Once again, we will be running a "Richter Cup". If you are not familiar with it, the Richter Cup is a season-long event where teams of 10 players accumulate points equal to the dollar value of the prize winnings for each team member, and points for participating in certain events. The 4 top earning teams are in the Richter Cup semi-finals. As always, the field size is determined by the number of players choosing to enter the Richter Cup. The entry fee is \$25 per player, and the prize pool is entirely funded by the entry fees; general funds do not pay for this special event. Points will be awarded through the August 29th Club Championship event.

With regard to team formation, there will be a draft at the Opening Breakfast. The draft will be a basic round robin method which will allow each player to join the team of their choice at the time they are selected. If you cannot attend the breakfast, but are in the Richter Cup, you will be assigned to a team by the Richter Cup Committee. A full explanation of the points system will be provided at the Opening Breakfast, and also on the website.

We will NOT be accepting Richter Cup players on the morning of March 21st; we MUST have your name and entry fee by March 8th, 2010 so that we can prepare for the draft and so that the caterer has ample food/beverages.

Event Sign-ups NEW FOR 2010!!!!

All event sign-ups occur 30 minutes before the first tee time at Richter Park for that date. For 2010, you do NOT need to be at the sign-up in person. Rather, you can have a fellow member sign you up, but the fellow member becomes responsible for the greens fees/cart charges if you "no show/cancel". The fellow member can only sign-up one buddy; no multiple sign-ups will be allowed. For pick your partner events, only one member of the two-man team needs to attend the sign-up. In no case will we accept "call-ins" prior to on the sign up date, but certainly will accept call-ins to the Pro Shop after 9:00 a.m. on the sign-up date. Do NOT send sign-up requests to the website; sign-ups occur on the date of sign-up at Richter Park or via call-in to the Pro Shop after 9:00 a.m. on the sign-up date.

Handicap Management

For 2010, the RPMC Board is taking a new approach to members that have handicaps that may not be truly reflective of their playing ability. This season, the Board will simply advise certain members, in a discrete and respectful manner, that their handicap is being manually adjusted for RPMC events. Board decisions are final, but we will allow impacted players to appeal to the Board during our normally scheduled monthly meetings. We continue to encourage all members to input scores into the GHIN system in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

Club Championship

For 2010, we are using a 4 round medal play format, with room for 24 players in the "non-senior" bracket and 16 in the "senior" bracket. Handicap cut-off is USGA 12.0 or better for both groups, and only the lowest handicapped players will be enrolled in the event. Both groups will cut 8 players after the 2nd round leaving 16 and 8 players to advance to the final 2 rounds.

For the fourth (final) round, the players not in the Club Championship (as defined above) will be flighted based on handicaps for a one-day "Flighted Championship" using gross score minus 80% of handicap.

"Age 65 and # Strokes Rule"

You will see that we show several events as "Age 65 and # Strokes Rule" events. Simply put, this is a new rule where any player who is BOTH age 65 or older, AND is receiving the designated number of strokes in that day's event, has the option to play from the gold tees. It's our hope that this simple rule will allow some of our older members to compete on a more equal basis in team events.

Other News of Interest

*You will notice that we do not have an event scheduled in April this year. Richter Park will be undergoing some on course construction which may not be complete in time for us to schedule an April event. We expect to return to an April event in 2011.

*Pro Shop Events...Ralph Salito/PGA Professional will be running several Pro Shop events this year. A Pro Shop event is one where the Pro decides the format for that day/weekend, and anyone can enter the event by paying the nominal fee and signing up in the Pro Shop before you tee off. Pro shop credit is awarded to the winners. While these are not Men's Club events, we do think they add great interest to the schedule.

*The Member-Guest/Open will be accepting applications exclusively from RPMC members until July 17th. As of that date, we will be accepting applications on a first come first served basis from RPMC members and ANY 2 man team that wishes to enter the event; entrants after July 17th do NOT need to be members of RPMC. We are expecting a significant number of 2 man teams from surrounding area clubs, so if you wish to play in this event we encourage you to get your application in prior to July 17th to guarantee your spot in the field. This event will be played as a 5-9 hole match play format.

*Our No-Show/Cancellation policy has not changed from last year; please see the website for details.

*Our website www.rpmc.net will soon have a copy of this newsletter, the renewal application, our schedule, and all supporting information for the 2010 season. Please take a few minutes to read the details and become a bit more familiar with the events. We have contracted with a new website vendor, and hope you will be happy with the site in 2010.

IMPORTANT: Please go to the site and provide your email contact information as soon as possible. We want to update our records for future contact.

Finally, we wish to thank the Richter Park Authority and its Tournament Committee members for approving our 2010 schedule. The Men's Club enjoys a great working relationship with the Richter Park Authority and management of Richter Park. We greatly appreciate the work they do on our behalf.

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