

FROM THE R.P.M.C. BOARD

We hope everyone had a safe and healthy winter. We're sure that each of you is tired of shoveling snow off driveways, roofs, cars, etc. The golf season is fast approaching and this year looks to be an exciting one for the Richter Park Men's Club. The Board of Directors has listened to all of the comments and concerns that the members have expressed to us and have tried to make changes where possible. It is important that all RPMC members continue to give us your feedback about our events so that we may continue to improve our organization. Based on comments from last season, we are: having more pick-your-partner events, continuing our 1-day flighted championship, revising the RICHTER CUP, paying gross and net prizes in certain tournaments and instituting an e-mail sign-up system for our events. These changes alone should make for a great season!

NEW E-MAIL TOURNAMENT ENTRY

For the 2011 season, RPMC members will be able to sign up for tournaments on-line, as well as at the pro shop. Electronic sign-up will be available for a 1-week period (from Friday to Friday) approximately 2 weeks prior to tournament dates. All E Sign-Up dates are indicated on the RPMC Schedule for 2011. As of 6PM on the closing date, e-sign ups will stop; the remaining number of available spots will be listed in the pro shop for in person sign ups. If the field fills via the e-mail method, the field is closed (first come/first served via e-mails). For those RPMC members without a computer, you can ask someone else to e-mail your entry or use a computer at a public facility such as a library. In order to e-sign up for an event, just send an email to: glehman12@gmail.com within the dates provided for that particular event, along with your RPMC member number. In order to back out of an event you've signed up for, you must cancel at the e-mail sign-up site by 4PM on the Sunday prior to the event. If not, you are liable for the fees to Richter Park if a substitute is not found.

2011 RICHTER CUP FORMAT

This year, the RICHTER CUP will undergo a change in an effort to make it more appealing to a larger number of RPMC members. This year, you will sign up *as a 2-man team*, choosing your own partner. If you do not have a partner, sign up and we will pair you with another unpartnered member. You may sign up for the RICHTER CUP anytime prior to 4/24/11. You may play in 2-man events with your RICHTER CUP partner or someone else. Each time you play in an event, you and/or your partner get 5 points. Any prize money earned by either one of you gets placed in your team's account. After the MEMBER/GUEST TOURNAMENT (Sept. 10 & 11), points will be posted and the top 10 teams make it into the finals. HOWEVER, the number one 2-man team (highest scorers) will be paired with the number ten team to make a 4-man team for the finals. The number two team will be paired with the number nine team, and so on. Thus, five teams of four make the finals!

The finals (one day of play) will be held on September 25th as part of the 4 MAN PICK YOUR PARTNER event. It is a '2 best ball net' event. The five teams in the RICHTER CUP will play the same format as the rest of the field to determine the RICHTER CUP winners, but will not be eligible for prizes in the '2 best ball net' event. All five teams in the RICHTER CUP finals will earn prizes based on the \$25 / man entry fee pool for the RICHTER CUP. If a player cannot play in the Sept. 25 event, they cannot score any points for his team. No substitutions can be made for missing players.

This event is being run by Gary Lehman and updates as to standings will be posted on the RPMC website in a timely fashion after each RPMC event. Points can be earned in ALL MEN'S CLUB EVENTS, with **DOUBLE POINTS being available in the Member/Member and Member Guest!!!**

NO-SHOW POLICY

The policy on 'no-shows' and cancellations from tournaments will remain the same as last year. If you sign up for a tournament and feel the need to cancel, you must do so **by 4PM on the Sunday prior to the tournament date**. If you cancel before this deadline, there will be no penalty. If you cancel after the deadline, we will attempt to find a suitable replacement for you. If you know of someone to take your place, e-mail that information to glehman12@gmail.com as soon as possible. If your position goes unfilled, you are responsible for the fees that we will be charged by Richter Park Golf Course. You will not be eligible to play in any subsequent events until that fee is paid

HANDICAP POLICY

It is expected that each member of the Richter Park Men's Club will keep an accurate, up-to-date record of scores by posting them in a timely fashion in the computer in the pro shop. After each event, participants must post their score as a tournament round. There will be certain events where this is not possible (alternate shot formats, etc.). The Board of Directors will be pro-active in ensuring that this be an enjoyable but fair tournament season and will not tolerate any deviations from this policy. The tournament/handicap committee will randomly select tournaments and make sure that each player has accurately recorded his score. A detailed written policy will be forthcoming.

PACE OF PLAY

Each year, one of the constant things we hear complaints about is 'pace of play'. This season, we are asking that the A player in each group pay particular attention to this matter. We believe that as the A player, it is your responsibility to move play along at a reasonable pace. The very least we expect, is that you keep up with the group in front of you. If everyone tries to adhere to this, we will be looking at rounds in under 4.5 hours.

EVENTS NEEDING PAYMENT

There are a few events requiring payment (usually for an accompanying meal) during the season. They are the Lasker Tournament, Member/Member and Member/Guest. These events do not have an e-mail sign-up capability because you must pay when you sign up. The sign-up dates are listed on the schedule enclosed with this information packet and will be further publicized on our web-site blasts and by signage on the bulletin board outside the pro shop. Payment may be made in cash or by check made payable to RPMC and are required at the time of sign up.

QUESTIONS/ CONCERNS/ SUGGESTIONS

Please feel free to pass on any questions, concerns or suggestions to ANY member of the Richter Park Men's Club Board of Directors. Their names are posted in the glass case in the locker room. You can also send an e-mail to: glehman12@gmail.com , or call Gary Lehman at 203/470-8882.