

# April Forecast



## **April Golf Shop Hours/Days of Operation**

Open every day by 7:30 AM

*\*If weather conditions are not apt for play, the golf shop may close early.*

<b>Monday, 3-30</b>	<b>WP-B High School Invite; 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, 4-7</b>	Men's League Team Drawing; 6:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, 4-14</b>	Men's Evening League Regular season begins; 5:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, 4-21</b>	Men's Evening League; 5:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, 4-28</b>	Men's Evening League; 5:00 p.m.

# Why I love golf

When I play golf, I love the feeling of a ball struck on the sweet spot. There's no feeling quite like a pure solid strike.

I also love "pulling off" a shot. But not just a normal golf shot. I mean hitting a shot exactly the way you had to for the situation at hand. We can all picture that shot we've had that needed to fly exactly 144 yards, go under this branch, over that bunker, hit the slope on the green just right... You tried to hit that exact shot, and you actually did it! We hit A LOT of shots that didn't work, but it's the one that does that sticks with us.

Obviously, I'm not here just to play golf, I'm here to work and run the business. One of the reasons I love working in the golf business is that I get to see the ways others get enjoyment from the game. Golf caters to so many different types of people that enjoy it for different reasons. Here are a few examples of these players; odds are you're one of them.

**The Grinder:** This person takes every shot seriously. They fist pump a good putt and they cuss a bad one. At the end of the day a good score makes them feel like a good person and a bad score makes them feel like they wasted their day.

**The Casual Golfer:** This person is just there to relax, chat with their friends and play a little golf. They'd like to play well, but the score doesn't really matter. This person is here for equal parts relaxation and fun.

**The Boozer:** This person is here to drink! They buy a 12 pack, two mixed drinks and take a shot before they head out. Then they call from the 4<sup>th</sup> hole asking for the beer cart... The good news, they won't remember their bad shots. The bad news, they won't remember any shots...

**The Hopeful Hacker:** This person isn't any good, yet. But they have a good attitude and enjoy being out there, even though they know they suck! Like Tiger, they tell you they're "close" and need to "trust the process."

**The Hopeless Hacker:** This person also isn't any good, AND their attitude matches their game. Don't be this person, you're a bummer to play with! (I've been that guy too...)

**The Speed Golfer:** They have 45 minutes to play, and they are going to get 18 holes in! They don't take a practice swing, they don't read a putt, they may not keep score. It's all about quantity not quality.

I like all of these people! I like that such a wide range of people can all come to one place to enjoy something the way they want to enjoy it. I'm happy to have every one of

them out there playing. We may all be very different people, but we all share the common bond of loving golf.



## The Driving Range: who-how-why

Who should hit range balls? Anyone! The range is a great place for men or women, kids or adults. You can buy a bag of range balls from the golf shop for \$7. Or, if you plan to hit the range often you can get a single, two-person or family range membership to hit as many balls you want all year.

How should I use the range? However you want! The range is there for a low-handicap player grooving in a certain ball flight, a mid-handicap player trying to get rid of their slice and a casual golfer who just wants to grip & rip it. If you're enjoying yourself, then you're using the range correctly.

Why? It depends on the person. There's no "wrong" reason to use the range. I've always loved the range for a number of reasons. It's peaceful and stress free. You don't have to worry about playing too fast or too slow, you can hit balls at your own pace. Personally, I HATE playing bad golf more than I love playing good golf; the range gives me a chance work on my ball striking and hopefully play better golf on the course.

## **GHIN Handicaps**

Here's a question I get very often: Hey Pro, my handicap is too low, why did **you** do this to me? Why am I being treated unfairly??? *(That's the censored version of what's usually said...)*

The answer is, I don't decide what your handicaps are, YOU do. Your GHIN handicap is solely based on your score history. Your handicap is **not** your average. Everyone's handicap number essentially is what they'd shoot on a good day. If you consistently shoot 10 over par, your handicap will be around an 8.

We post your 9-hole Men's and Women's league scores, but it's on you to post all other scores. To make your handicap as accurate as possible, to be fair to yourself and your fellow competitors, you need to post your scores anytime you play. Good scores, bad scores, all scores.

Our Tuesday night Men's League and Wednesday night Women's League players all automatically get a GHIN handicap as part of their league dues. Any non-league member can have a GHIN handicap activated for \$40. Just ask and we'll get you added into the GHIN system.

Our GHIN score posting computer is located in the bar. You can also post scores from your home computer or your phone with the GHIN mobile app. (If you run into any problems using the app, ask me for help, I should be able to fix it.) Or, if you don't want to post scores yourself, just give me your scorecard and I'll post it for you.

## **ITCC Business Membership**

The Indian Trails Business Membership Package consists of forty 9-hole rounds of golf. Cart use is **included** in the price. You may authorize anyone to play under your Business Membership. Business Membership golfers may play any day of the week. *The player just needs to make a tee time, then check in at the golf shop prior to play.* Just let our employees know the name of the Business, how many golfers are playing and if you're playing 9 holes or 18 holes. We track how many rounds you've used. Total price is \$800 for the package.

*\*Business Membership's do not give you any "membership privileges" such as the ability to play in member only events; League, Club Championship, etc. or discounted member pricing for tournaments.*

## **PLAYING THOUGH THE COLD**

It's spring, which means Mother Nature is having us deal with all sorts of weird weather. Temps anywhere from 30 – 80 degrees are “normal.” If you plan to play through the cold, here are a few tips.

Wear layers. This should probably go without saying, but I'll throw it out there anyway. You can always peel layers off, but you can't add them if you don't have them with you.

Have a realistic goal and stick to it. When the temperatures dip, no matter how many trips you make to the range, or how much time you spend on a practice green, you're not likely to be setting any personal records on the course. As long as you accept that beforehand, the round will be far more enjoyable.

Use a softer feeling golf ball. If you're playing a rock hard Top Flight or Pinnacle ball it'll likely sting your hands a bit. Using a softer feeling ball; a Pro V1, Chrome Soft or Callaway Super Soft will feel much nicer.

Club up in the cold; the ball won't travel as far as normal in colder temperatures. Your muscles are going to be tight. You're certainly not as loose as you are in warm, humid conditions. Your golf ball is experiencing the same characteristics. Take an extra club; if you hit an 8-iron 145 yards on a warm day, try hitting a 7-iron instead on those cold days.

Enjoy a strong adult beverage. It won't make you warmer, but you might not care about the cold as much. Also, you don't have to worry about your ice melting as fast!

# ITCC 6-6-6 TOURNAMENT



**SUNDAY MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**10:00 A.M. SHOTGUN START**  
**2 person teams**

**HOLES #1 - #6 PLAY BEST -BALL**

Each player plays their own ball and the best score for that hole is used.

**HOLES #7 - #12 PLAY ALTERNATE SHOT**

One player is chosen to tee off on hole #7 (or #8 - #12 if you start your round there).

After that person tees off, the other player plays the next shot. Players alternate until the ball is holed. The players will alternate who tees off to begin each hole.

**HOLES #13 - #18 PLAY A SCRAMBLE**

Each player tees off and the best shot is selected. From there both players hit and select the best shot once again. This is continued until the ball is holed. You may place the ball within 1 club length of the selected shot, no nearer the hole. The ball must stay in the original condition,

i.e., if the original ball selected is in the rough, both players must play from the rough.

- \$75 per player for Non Members
  - \$35 per player for Members
- \*payable at check-in by cash or check only*

**Price includes golf, cart, range,  
payouts & a lunch during the round.**

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## SENIOR GOLF LEAGUES

**NON-MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME !!!**

### Men's Senior League

Men's Senior League is a 9-hole scramble. There is no need to sign up in advance; teams are drawn at random after all players have arrived. Members and non-members are welcome to play. There is entry fee each week which covers golf, cart use, prizes and lunch.

**Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. League play is every Wednesday morning May 6<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, unless otherwise noted.**

### Ladies Senior League

The Ladies Senior League is a 9-hole scramble. There is no need to sign up in advance; teams are drawn at random after all players have arrived. Members and non-members are welcome to play. There is entry fee each week which covers golf, cart use, prizes and lunch.

**Shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. League play is every Tuesday morning May 5<sup>th</sup> through September 29<sup>th</sup>, unless otherwise noted.**

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# Women's League Sign-up

**Sign-up deadline: May 6<sup>th</sup>**

**1<sup>st</sup> night of play: Wednesday May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**9 Hole Team League**- This is a golf format that will provide a good mix of fun and competition. Members will sign up as 2-person teams. Teams will be playing a “**1 Net Best Ball.**” The 2-lady team concept allows ladies to play with their regular friends, but also allow them to socialize with the rest of the league members by being paired against another 2-lady team each week. Additionally, if a team member cannot be present, the team can still compete by finding a sub, or even playing as a team of 1. By using the 1 Net Best Ball format, ladies can compete without being discouraged by a bad hole or two. This format reduces the pressure to “perform” a little, but it will still give those wanting to post a good score a chance to compete.

**9 Hole Individual League**- The Individual league will be 1 on 1 matches. Win or lose, it's all on you! 12 Points are up for grabs each match, 1 point is earned for each hole won and 3 points are earned for best total 9 hole score.

## Cost:

The cost to play in the Ladies Wednesday Evening League is \$70.00 per player which includes the cost of your GHIN handicap for the season, end of year payouts and weekly flag prizes. All entry fee money is paid back out to the ladies league players.

## Time:

Both leagues will shotgun start at 5:45PM.