

September Forecast



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Tuesday, 9-1	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-2	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-2	Fall League 1 st night; 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 9-8	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-9	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-9	Fall League; 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, 9-13	ITCC Couples Tournament; 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 9-15	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-16	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-16	Fall League; 5:15 p.m.
Sunday, 9-20	Joe Lemm Scholarship Scramble; 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, 9-22	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-23	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-23	Fall League; 5:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 9-29	Ladies Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-30	Men's Senior League; 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 9-30	Fall League; 5:15 p.m.

News Flash: Golf Carts Damage Turf



When golf carts are driven on grass, it results in damage. More carts mean more damage.

Humor me for a second and put yourself in the grass' shoes. You are laying there well fed and hydrated, and then 100 golf carts drive over you. That's going to leave a mark! If you're laying there dehydrated in the summer sun or out in the freezing cold, those 100 carts are going to feel even worse. This gives us an idea of the stress that golf course turf routinely endures from cart traffic.

In a study that evaluated how putting green and fairway turf was affected by traffic, all turf varieties experienced thinning from a combination of wear and compaction with only four passes per week, not 100 passes per day. If 100 carts go out, not all drive on every piece of turf, but the majority will drive in the same place leaving and reentering the path on each hole. Furthermore, many carts drive in close proximity to greens and bunkers and where signs direct carts to

leave the turf. These areas experience the greatest damage. Some of the ways golf cart traffic causes damage include:

Increased soil compaction; soils are vulnerable to compaction with repeated cart traffic. This is especially problematic when the soil is wet.

Reduced saturated hydraulic conductivity: The ability of water to move down through the soil profile is diminished with routine golf cart traffic.

Reduced turf density and population (turf thinning): Studies show that the abrasion from golf cart tires creates damage to turf that shows up in the form of discoloration and turf thinning.

To help reduce turfgrass damage from cart traffic, there are some things we can do.

- Golf carts should stay on paths whenever cart paths exist.
- More carts mean more damage, so please ride together, two carts per foursome will decrease the damage. (If you play in a 4-some with 4 carts you must either hate the course, the people you play with or both).
- Keep carts at least 50 feet from the greens.

While using stakes & ropes is labor intensive, they are necessary to direct carts away from stressed turf to allow for recovery. Please take it upon yourself to follow the rules and set a good example. Implore your fellow golfers to do the same, and make sure to park your cart with all four tires on the path.

Pro Pointer: Fairway Woods



One of the most difficult shots for the average golfer to execute is the fairway wood off the ground. Part of the reason is the way the club is constructed. When you look down at an iron the loft is visible, but the larger head of a fairway wood takes your focus away from the loft, giving you the feeling it will be difficult to get the ball airborne.

The fairway wood swing is similar to that of a long iron with respect to ball position. The ball should be played in line with the left heel, with the feet shoulder-width apart. After making a full backswing, the emphasis should be to make a sweeping motion of the grass, which will allow the club to launch the ball into the air. Any conscious effort to help the ball up will result in a topped shot or a fatted shot. The angle of approach on the downswing should be a slightly steeper action, which can sometimes result in a small divot. The main thought should be to “brush” the grass under the ball.

Whereas the Driver swing is characterized by a “sweeping the tee” motion, the fairway wood swing is a slightly more downward motion into the ball. I recommend that players start out by using a 5 or 7-wood off the ground, then after seeing some success, move on to the 3-wood. As with any shot in golf, the fairway woods require some practice to develop a trust in. I’m sure if you spend just a little time on the practice tee, you will lose all fear of the fairway woods and add another weapon to your golfing arsenal!

ITCC FALL LEAGUE



SIGN-UP



Fall is upon us, and so is Fall League! The formats are fun and do not “require” you to participate every week (we hope you will want to be there each week, but we understand this is not always possible). You sign up for the season as a 2-person team. Each night will be a separate event with each team playing against the field. There will be payouts for each night.

Men, Women or Mixed teams. All members are welcome to play!

Fall League will be start at 5:15 p.m. each Wednesday night and will continue for 6 weeks; September 2nd through October 7th.

Wednesday, Sept. 2	Scramble
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Shamble
Wednesday, Sept. 16	Scramble – modified tees
Wednesday, Sept. 23	Chapman
Wednesday, Sept. 30	3-Club Scramble
Wednesday, Oct. 7	Alternate shot

The sign-up deadline is September 1st

Price to participate in the Fall League will be \$70 per 2-player team. All entry fee money will be paid back out!

COUPLES TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START

Jack & Jill Format – both players hit drives, and then you'll hit each other's 2nd shots, then pick the best one and play alternate shot in.

\$150.00 per couple for Non members

\$75.00 per couple for Members

Includes golf, cart, prizes
and a meal after play.

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