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## **RULES, REQUIREMENTS, COSTS, etc. FOR THE TUESDAY & THURSDAY SKINS & BLIND DRAW GAMES OPEN TO BOTH MEN AND WOMEN**

### **OVERVIEW**

2013 WAS A GREAT YEAR WITH MANY WINNING. SEE SOME OF THE PAYOUTS ON SEPARATE SHEETS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MEN'S ROOM OR AT THE SIGN IN TABLE. ALL WINNINGS SHOWN ARE FOR SKINS PAYOUTS ONLY. OUR BLIND DRAW GAME IS A SEPARATE LUCK-OF-THE-DRAW GAME AND IS NOT TRACKED FOR WINNINGS AT THIS TIME (SORRY).

ONE OF THESE LISTINGS SHOWS WHAT YOU PAID INTO THE SKINS GAME (\$10 PER GAME), THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS YOU PLAYED IN AND YOUR DOLLAR WINS FOR BOTH 2012 AND 2013. YOU'LL ALSO NOTE THAT SOME PLAYERS HAVE DONE REALLY WELL AND OTHERS ARE ALMOST BREAKING EVEN. BASICALLY, IT HAS COST EACH PLAYER LITTLE TO PLAY IN OUR GAME. HOPEFULLY, IN 2014 WE WILL HAVE MORE SKINS MONEY AND MORE WINNERS. ALL PAYOUTS/WINNINGS ARE BASED STRICKLY ON THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS WE HAVE SIGNED UP TO PLAY. THE MORE PLAYERS WE HAVE THE MORE MONEY IN THE POT FOR PAYOUTS.

ANY AND ALL PLAYERS ARE WELCOME TO PLAY, REGARDLESS OF YOUR HANDICAP OR GENDER. YOU MAY PLAY IN EITHER THE SKINS GAME ONLY, THE BLIND DRAW GAME ONLY OR IN BOTH. MOST PLAYERS PLAY IN BOTH. YOU CHOOSE. SO COME ON OUT AND PLAY. IF YOU HAVE NO ESTABLISHED HANDICAP ONE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO YOU THE FIRST TIME YOU PLAY (A SEPARATE RULE APPLIES FOR LATER GAMES).

THE STROKE SYSTEM WE USE (YELLOW AND GREEN SHADING) TENDS TO EVEN UP THE PLAYING FIELD FOR EVERYONE TO COMPETE ON AN EQUAL BASIS. THE VALUE OF A SKIN IS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN THE GAME AND THE NUMBER OF SKINS. ADDITIONAL PAYOUTS ARE ALSO GIVEN OUT FOR THE LOW GROSS SCORE, LOW NET SCORES, FOR ANY NATURAL EAGLE MADE ON A HOLE, A HOLE-IN-ONE, SHOOTING YOUR AGE AND A ROULETTE SPIN.

**NOTE:** UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED AT THE SIGN-IN TABLE. WE PLAY ALL BALLS AS THEY LIE (NO BUMPING) AND WE PUTT ALL PUTTS OUT. NO GIMMES. USGA RULES OF GOLF APPLY.

IF QUESTIONABLE ON A PARTICULAR RULE, PLAY A PROVISIONAL BALL ON THAT HOLE AND WE'LL GET AN ANSWER AFTER THE ROUND OR GET AN AGREEMENT FROM YOUR PLAYING PARTNERS AT THE TIME.

## **OUR HANDICAP SYSTEM**

THE SKINS GAME IS SET UP TO ALLOW ALL PLAYERS TO COMPETE ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS WITH EACH OTHER. A HIGH HANDICAPPER, MAXIMUM 34 \* (was unlimited)) CAN COMPETE WITH THE SCRATCH GOLFER AND ALL THOSE HANDICAPPERS IN-BETWEEN BY USE OF THE YELLOW AND GREEN SHADING STROKES USED ON OUR MASTER SCORING SHEET. HANDICAPS ARE ALL BASED ON EACH INDIVIDUALS ESTABLISHED SCGA, WSGA, NCGA OR OTHER STATE HANDICAPPING SYSTEM THAT THEY'RE A MEMBER OF. ALL PLAYERS SHOULD HAVE AN ESTABLISHED HANDICAP. PLAYERS WITH A HANDICAP OF 9 OR LESS RECEIVE A GREEN SHADED STROKE ON ONE OR MORE SELECTED HOLES AND IF THEY SCORE A BIRDIE ON THAT HOLE (W/GREEN SHADING) THEY WILL HAVE A PAR IN THE SKINS GAME SCORING SYSTEM (ONE STROKE MORE). YELLOW SHADING IS JUST THE OPPOSITE AND GIVEN TO A PLAYER WITH AN 11 PLUS HANDICAP. THE GREATER THE HANDICAP THE MORE SHADED HOLES. A YELLOW SHADING ON A HOLE MEANS IF YOU SCORE A PAR IT CONVERTS TO A BIRDIE FOR SKINS PURPOSES (ONE STROKE LESS). ANY FEMALE PLAYERS IN OUR GAME RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL 2 HANDICAP STROKES TO THEIR ESTABLISHED HANDICAP FOR THE SKINS/BLIND DRAW GAME, I.E. IF YOUR HANDICAP IS 21 YOU'LL RECEIVE A 23 FOR PLAY.

FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NOT YET ESTABLISHED A HANDICAP, ONE WILL BE ESTIMATED FOR YOUR FIRST ROUND OF PLAY ONLY, THERE AFTER, YOUR LOW ROUND PLAYED WILL BE USED FOR FUTURE HANDICAP IN THE SKINS GAME'S, THAN LESS 2 STROKES UNTIL YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED ONE WITH THE SCGA. ONCE YOU'VE PLAYED NINE ROUNDS AND YOU STILL HAVE NO ESTABLISHED HANDICAP YOUR HANDICAP WILL BE RECOMPUTED ON YOUR LOW THREE ROUNDS OF PLAY. THEN LESS 2 STROKES.

THIS SKINS GAME IS NOT DESIGNED TO COST A LOT TO PLAY IN OR IS IT DESIGNED FOR ANY ONE PLAYER TO GET RICH IN EITHER. IT IS MAINLY SET UP FOR THE COMRADERY OF PLAYERS GETTING TOGETHER, ENJOYING THE GAME OF GOLF, THE FRESH AIR, PLAYING WITH DIFFERENT PLAYERS OR WITH YOUR OWN PARTICULAR GROUP. HOWEVER, WE DO ALL LIKE TO WIN SOMETIMES AND EACH OF US USUALLY DOES, BE IT IN THE BLIND DRAW GAME, THE SKINS GAME OR SOME OF THOSE MANY DIFFERENT SIDE BETS WITHIN YOUR GROUP OF PLAYERS. THERE ARE ALSO SOME OTHER PAYOUTS IN THE BACKGROUND FOR THOSE LUCKY ONES.

### **WHAT ARE YOUR COSTS**

TO PLAY IN THE BLIND DRAW ONLY GAME.....\$ 6.00

TO PLAY IN THE SKINS ONLY GAME.....\$11.00

TO PLAY IN BOTH THE SKINS & BLIND DRAW GAME.....\$16.00

Note: \$1.00 of the cost goes into a slush fund for other payouts and costs.

### **OTHER PAYOUTS BESIDES THE SKINS/BLIND DRAW GAME**

ROULETTE SPIN PAYS (W/16 + PLAYERS .....\$10.00 \* (was 10 + Players)

(The Roulette Spin # is always used to determine the tie breaker for skins & blind draw games or with the #'s to right as needed)

FOR ANY EAGLE SHOT (Natural (no yel/grn shade).....\$25.00

FOR SHOOTING YOUR AGE.....\$25.00

(3 times max payout per individual per year or \$75)

FOR ANY HOLE-IN-ONE.....\$50.00

LOW GROSS PAYOUT (W/16 + PLAYERS).....\$20.00 \* (was \$25)

1<sup>st</sup> LOW NET PAYOUT (W/16 + PLAYERS).....\$20.00 \* ( " \$25)

2<sup>nd</sup> LOW NET PAYOUT (W/16 + PLAYERS).....\$15.00 \* ( " \$20)

3<sup>rd</sup> LOW NET PAYOUT (W/16 + PLAYERS).....\$10.00 \* ( " \$15)

4<sup>th</sup> LOW NET PAYOUT (W/16 + PLAYERS).....\$ 5.00 \* ( " \$10)

**NOTE:** IF THERE ARE ONLY 10 TO 15 PLAYERS IN THE GAME: THE LOW GROSS & LOW NET PAYOUTS WILL EACH BE REDUCED BY \$5.00 AND THE FOURTH LOW NET PAYOUT ELIMINATED. LESS THAN 10 PLAYERS, NO LOW GROSS OR LOW NET PAYOUTS. WITH THESE LOWER PAYOUTS FOR THE LOW GROSS AND LOW NET SCORES MORE MONIES IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHER SKINS PAYOUTS. SKINS MONEY HAS ALWAYS BEEN WHAT'S LEFT AFTER THE LOW GROSS AND LOW NET PAYOUTS.

IF THERE ARE NO SKINS MADE IN A GAME (ALL ARE CANCELLED OUT) THE SKINS MONEY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SLUSH FUND. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THIS HAPPEN YET BUT I HAVE SEEN ONLY ONE SKIN MADE ON THREE DIFFERENT OCCASIONS. WE NEVER KNOW TILL ALL THE SCORES ARE IN, HAVE BEEN RECORDED ON THE MASTER SHEET AND CHECKED.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO STICK AROUND TO BE PAID. IF YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT OR SOMETHING, GO ON YOUR WAY. IF YOUR LUCKY AND DO WIN SOMETHING, SOMEWHERE, IT WILL BE DOCUMENTED AND WAITING FOR YOU THE NEXT TIME YOU RETURN TO PLAY. HOWEVER, ANY MONEY WON & NOT COLLECTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS TIME WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SLUSH FUND AND USED FOR OTHER PAYOUTS OR COSTS.

## **THE BLIND DRAW GAME**

IS PLAYED WITH THE PAYOUTS BASED ON THE NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN THE GAME (A MINIMUM OF 4). THE MORE PLAYERS WE HAVE THE MORE PAYOUTS. IF ONLY 4 PLAYERS (\$20 PAID IN), THE LOW 2 NET SCORE PARTNERS WOULD RECEIVE \$10 EACH. ALL PLAYERS DRAW A CARD FOLLOWING PLAY FOR A PARTNER (THE BLIND DRAW). IF WE HAVE AN ODD NUMBER OF PLAYERS IN THE BLIND DRAW GAME, THEN THE PLAYER WITH THE HIGHEST NET SCORE WILL SIT OUT OR NOT BE USED. IF PLAYING IN THE BLIND DRAW GAME ONLY YOU ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR ANY HOLE-IN-ONE, AN EAGLE, THE ROULETTE SPIN OR SHOOTING YOUR AGE PAYOUTS. NO LOW GROSS OR LOW NET SCORE PAYOUTS THOUGH.

## **EXCEPTIONS**

FOR THOSE PLAYERS THAT SIGN UP TO PLAY, BEGIN PLAY, AND THEN HAVE TO LEAVE FOR WHATEVER REASON (SICK, EMERGENCY CALL, ETC.) YOUR SCORES ON THE HOLES COMPLETED WILL BE USED IN THE SKINS GAME AND YOU COULD STILL WIN A SKIN (IT HAS HAPPENED MANY TIMES). IF YOU COMPLETE LESS THAN FOUR HOLES, A RAIN-CHECK FOR YOUR MONEY

PAID WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU FOR THE NEXT SKINS GAME YOU PLAY IN SO YOUR MONEY IS NOT LOST (BUT NO SKIN ELIGIBILITY FOR THOSE THREE HOLES PLAYED).

IF YOU MUST TEE OFF EARLY DUE TO A PRIOR COMMITMENT/APPOINTMENT. LET THE SKINS MANAGER OR SOMEONE ELSE KNOW BEFOREHAND AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PAY BEFORE YOU PLAY (I.E. LEAVE AN ENVELOPE AT THE FRONT DESK WITH MONIES IN IT WITH PLAYERS NAMES OR NOTIFY ANOTHER EARLY PLAYER AND GIVE HIM/HER THE MONEY. YOU ALSO MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF THREE PLAYERS IN YOUR GROUP. AFTER COMPLETING THE 18 HOLES OF PLAY, ENTER ALL YOUR SCORE(S) ON THE MASTER SKINS SHEET AND LEAVE THE SCORE CARD AT THE SKINS TABLE. IF WE HAVE NO SCORE(S)/CARD THEN NO CREDIT OR PRIZE MONIES CAN BE PAID FOR ANYTHING. ANY PROBLEMS, LEAVE A NOTE AT THE SKINS TABLE OR LET SOMEONE IN THE SKINS GAME KNOW THAT WILL BE HERE.

WHAT IF ONLY 9 HOLES OR LESS IS PLAYED IN THE SKINS GAME BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER (ALL PLAYERS MUST SUSPEND PLAY), THEN THE SKINS AND BLIND DRAW GAMES WILL BE CANCELLED AND A RAIN-CHECK WILL BE GIVEN ALL PLAYERS FOR THEIR NEXT SKINS GAME THEY PLAY IN. IF HOWEVER, HALF OF THE PLAYERS OR MORE WHO SIGNED UP CONTINUE THIER PLAY AND FINISH THEN THEY WILL REAP PAYOUTS AS SPELLED OUT EARLIER. i.e. 16 PLAYERS START AND SIX QUIT BECAUSE OF WEATHER, etc. THEN THE 10 THAT FINISH WILL SHARE ANY LOW GROSS OR LOW NET PAYOUTS etc.. ALL PLAYERS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR SKINS.

USGA RULES SHALL GOVERN ALL PLAY EXCEPT WHERE MODIFIED BY LOCAL RULES OR EXCEPTIONS TO PLAY WHICH WILL BE LISTED AT THE SKINS SIGN-IN TABLE, I.E. LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE, BUMPING IN THE FAIRWAY, AUTOMATIC TWO PUTTS, ETC.

SIGN-UPS BEGIN AT 8AM WITH THE FIRST TEE TIMES STARTING AT APPROXIMATELY 9AM, GOLF COURSE CONDITIONS AND PLAY PERMITTING.

ONE FINAL NOTE: BE SURE WHEN YOU DO RECORD YOUR GROSS SCORE IN THE SCGA GOLF COMPUTER AT THE CLUBHOUSE THAT YOU MAKE ANY REQUIRED EQUITABLE STROKE ADJUSTMENTS TO YOUR SCORE BEFORE YOU POST. I.E. IF YOU ARE A 10 TO 19 HANDICAP, THE MAXIMUM SCORE ON ANY HOLE YOU CAN TAKE IS A 7. IF YOU'RE A 20 TO 29 HANDICAP, THE MAXIMUM SCORE ON ANY HOLE IS AN 8. THERE IS A CHART AT THE SKINS TABLE AND ALSO ONE BY THE HANDICAP INPUT COMPUTER.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIVE CRITICISM FOR THE SKINS GAME OR BLIND DRAW GAME, PLEASE LET ME KNOW FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION AND/OR CHANGES.

(\* equals change from 2013)

THANK YOU,

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