

# 2016

## *Idaho Falls Junior Golf Information Booklet*

*Pinecrest (612-8485)*

*Sandcreek (612-8115)*

*Sage Lakes (612-8535)*

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# How to Join the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association

## Highlights for 2016

- ✓ *Junior Lessons- see the last section on a large selection of lesson programs*
- ✓ *If your junior has a membership card from last season, once their dues are paid, it will be activated - no need to get a new one*
- ✓ *Our Assistant Golf Professionals are again offering their great deal of Two-Lessons for \$30.00 and*
- ✓ *Consider enrolling in the PGA Junior League. It is for kids ages 13 and under and will be a lot of fun! Read more about this towards the end of this booklet.*
- ✓ ***SIGN UP FOR OUR INFORMATIVE EMAIL BLASTS!** These blasts will include numerous green fee specials and some fun family outings at lower than usual prices. Go to our website at **Golfif.com** and sign up under Birthday Club.*
- ✓ *Pinecrest, Sand Creek, and Sage Lakes will again have FAMILY GOLF DAYS. These days will provide golfers the ability to play without the stress of having to play at a quick pace. It is a great opportunity to play our courses with the chance to LEARN the game. Read more in the enclosed flyer.*

## What the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association is all about

*The program provides children ages 17 and under the chance to:*

- ✗ *Play 9-holes of golf at least twice at each Pinecrest, Sandcreek, and Sage Lakes on specifically scheduled days reserved for the kids. These scheduled days are referred to as a JUNIOR DAYS. The schedule for these Junior Days are included later in this booklet.*
- ✗ *The opportunity to play the 6 hole short course at Sandcreek 7 days a week.*
- ✗ *The opportunity to play in the annual club championship tournament and attend the year end banquet where tournament trophies and other awards are presented.*

- \* In order to become a member a junior must fulfill certain requirements:

## **MANDATORY MUSTS (5 ITEMS)**

### **1. Etiquette & Rules Clinic**

All juniors of the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association must attend and pass a required Etiquette & Rules Clinic **each year** before they are allowed to play golf on junior day.

The purpose of the clinic is to teach & remind kids about the basic rules of the game, safety, consideration for other players, pace of play, and care of the course. The clinic is taught by our local PGA Golf Professionals Tim Reinke, John Graham, and Gaylen Denning. Each junior golfer will receive an Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Membership card upon completion of this clinic. The membership card must be carried and shown to the Junior Golf Personnel when playing on junior day and when playing the 6 hole short course at Sandcreek.

Etiquette Clinics will **ONLY** be held on the following days. Juniors do not need to bring clubs to the clinic, just themselves. The juniors need to meet at the clubhouse of the appropriate golf course 10 minutes before the start of the clinic and should plan on spending approximately one hour.

May 21<sup>st</sup> at Pinecrest Golf Course      8:00am OR 9:00am OR 10:00am

May 28<sup>th</sup> at Pinecrest Golf Course      8:00am OR 9:00am OR 10:00am

June 6<sup>th</sup> at Pinecrest Golf Course      8:00am OR 9:00am OR 10:00am

June 13<sup>th</sup> at Sand Creek Golf Course    8:00am OR 9:00am OR 10:00am

June 20<sup>th</sup> at Sage Lakes Golf Course    8:00am OR 9:00am OR 10:00am

### **2. Everyone must have their own set of clubs**

In order to help with the pace of play, we do require every junior who participates in the program to have his/her own golf bag and clubs. For those without clubs, the local course golf shops do offer clubs for sale at reasonable prices. They also offer sets which can be rented for the entire season for \$10 or an upgraded set for \$30. Please contact any of the local golf shops for more information.

### **3. Dress Code**

Proper golf attire (neat and clean) is required. Shirts (t-shirts, etc) & shoes (tennis shoes, golf shoes, etc) must be worn at all times.

## **4. Kids 14 and under must have Adult Supervision**

- *If your child is age 14 or younger they will not be allowed to play on junior day unless accompanied by an adult (age 18 and older).*
- *At least one adult must be present regardless of whether or not the other junior golfers in the group are over **14 (adults are NOT allowed to play golf during junior day).***
- *The purpose of this rule is to eliminate problems we've incurred on junior day in the past (acts of vandalism on the course) and to help keep the kids moving along at a reasonable pace.*

## **5. REGISTRATION INFO - HOW TO REGISTER**

There are **TWO** ways to register. Enclosed in this booklet there should be a registration form.

(1) **MAIL IN REGISTRATION:** Cost is \$30.00. Fill out the registration form and mail it in between April 1st and May 15th. The form must be postmarked no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. Juniors with a City of Idaho Falls season golf pass pay \$20.00 (you must have purchased the season pass when you pay your fee). **Please Mail to: Pinecrest Golf Course / 701 E Elva Street / Idaho Falls, ID 83401 / ATTN: "JR GOLF".**

(2) **WALK-IN REGISTRATION:** Cost is \$35.00. Juniors with a City of Idaho Falls season golf pass pay \$25.00 (you must have purchased the season pass when you pay your fee). Walk-in registration will be held on the following days:

May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30-10:00am at Pinecrest

May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-10:00am at Pinecrest

June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-10:00am at Pinecrest

June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-10:00am at Sand Creek

June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30-10:00am at Sage Lakes

**NOTE:** *If you purchase a season pass after you pay your registration fees, we will NOT refund any fees.* Additional registration forms are available at any of the three golf shops (Pinecrest, Sandcreek, or Sage Lakes).

*Remember, that all juniors must attend the mandatory Etiquette and Rules Clinic before they are allowed to play golf on Junior Day!*

**Don't FORGET! -----GET Two Private Golf**

## **Lessons for \$30.00**

Our Assistant Golf Professionals are offering all Junior Association members the opportunity to take **two** 30-minute private golf lessons for the very nominal fee of \$25.00. Simply pay this additional fee with your Registration fee. Your child can then choose which of our instructors they want to have as their coach. Simply call the course where your instructor works at and set up your lessons at your convenience! One special per member and lessons must be redeemed by Nov 30, 2015.

### The Instructors

Tyson Bowen - Sage Lakes 612-8535  
Ryan McQuary - Sage Lakes 612-8535  
Kevin Kavran - Sandcreek 612-8115  
Mike Jorde - Pinecrest 612-8485

## **Annual Club Championship Details**

The annual Club Championship is held at the end of the season. The tournament is divided into age groups for both boys and girls. Important details are:

- The junior's actual **age as of July 25, 2016** will determine which age group they will compete for in this tournament.

- Boys ages 12 and up (18 holes) AND Girls ages 13 & over (18 holes) will play on **Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> at Pinecrest.**
- Boys ages 9-11 (9 holes- Back 9); Girls ages 9-12 (9 holes- Front 9) will play on **Monday Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at Sandcreek.**
- Boys & Girls 8 & under (6 holes) will play on **Monday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> at the 6-Hole Short Course at Sandcreek.** (Age 6-8 play 6 holes; Age 5-under play 3 holes (1,2,and 3))

- **HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:**  
**Starting on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, everyone can start signing up for this event. The sign up book will be available during Junior Days at the course where Jr Day is held. Please do not call the Golf Shop.** To play in this event, juniors must sign up on this register book in order to play. Juniors can pick the time they want to play and who they play with. Juniors must play on the day and course they are assigned (see box above). Tee times will be available on a first come, first served basis.
- Participants are required to show up at least 15 minutes prior to their tee time.
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEER SCOREKEEPERS.** For the tournament we'll need volunteer scorekeepers to ensure its

success. If your child plans on participating in the tournament please make a commitment to keep score for a group. Provide your name on the tournament signup sheet (same sheet where juniors sign up for this event) if you can help.

- Trophies will be awarded based on the number of kids in each age group. Approximately 30% of each age group will receive trophies except for the youngest age groups which will receive more than 30%.
- We will have some tee times for those Juniors who are not playing in the club championship on both of these days. Check with the Pinecrest Golf Shop for details on times available anytime after Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **Earning Junior Achievement Points for Prizes**

For the past several years, the Idaho Falls junior golf association has used a "point system" to reward those kids who participate and work on their golf games. The kids who accumulate the most junior achievement points win prizes which are awarded at the yearend award banquet. There are several ways kids can accumulate (or forfeit) junior achievement points:

- Play 9 holes on Junior Day OR Play Short Course on Junior Day - 2 points
- Play 9 holes mid-week - 1 point
- Take golf lessons (each day) - 1 point
- Hit a bucket of balls - 1 point
- Play the short course (6 holes) at Sandcreek other than Jr Day - 1 point
- If you arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your tee time on Junior Day, practice your putting before your tee time. A minimum of 4 practice holes must be completed - 1 point
- Any junior creating discipline problems will immediately be dropped from the point competition.

Other Important details:

- **In order to get points for these activities**, Juniors must talk with a staff member at any of the golf shops at Pinecrest, Sandcreek, & Sage Lakes and report which activity they need

points for. Juniors need to show the golf staff their membership card in order to receive their points.

- A maximum of 2 points per day for playing golf will count for junior achievement points.
- Junior achievement points earned at other courses (other than Pinecrest, Sandcreek, and Sage Lakes) **must be** accompanied by a scorecard with scores, signed by the course golf staff or your parents.
- Junior achievement points will be accepted from June 6<sup>th</sup> through Aug 1<sup>st</sup> this year.
- A limit of 50 junior achievement points will be accepted from courses other than Pinecrest, Sandcreek, and Sage Lakes. Junior golfers who work in any golf pro shops are not eligible for junior achievement points.
- Prizes will be awarded based on the number of points accumulated.

## **Short Course at Sandcreek Privileges**

The 6-hole short course was designed to help novice players gain a greater proficiency of the game before taking on the regulation size courses. This will help the novice golfer to feel more confident and become more familiar with how the game is played, etc. Junior course green fees are FREE to all Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Members. Information on the 6-hole short course at Sandcreek is as follows:

- The course is open to the public, adults as well as juniors.
- The estimated time to play 6 holes is approximately 1 hour.
- Junior course green fees are FREE to all Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Members. You must present your Idaho Falls Jr. Association membership card to the Golf Shop personnel in the clubhouse at Sandcreek (approximately 200 yards from the short course) before you play. Non-IF Junior Association members and Parents green fees are \$4.00 for each 6-hole round played. Season golf passes for the regular courses are NOT valid on the Short course.
- Each group of golfers should have an ADULT (someone 18 years of age or older) along with them in order to play.
- Individuals over the age of 9 must play with IRONS ONLY -

NO WOODS.

- *The short course is open to the public seven days a week, 8am to dusk. NOTE: These hours are subject to change without notice due to time needed for course maintenance, etc. We recommend that you contact the Sandcreek Golf Shop at 612-8115 to confirm the short course hours of operation before you go out to play!*
- *The short course does not take tee times except for Junior Day. Play is on a first come, first serve basis.*
- *A maximum of two 6-hole rounds per day (except for Junior Day which is only one round) will be counted towards junior achievement points for Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association members. To receive achievement points, ask the golf staff at Sandcreek to record your points either before or after your round.*
- *Any further questions please contact John Graham, PGA Professional at Sandcreek golf course at 612-8115.*

## ***End of the year Banquet & Awards Party***

*The end of the year banquet is always a fun event. We will present awards for the Club Championship tournament and for other important awards (such as the junior achievement points). **The banquet is open to your entire family.** We ask that you bring a dessert or salad and the association will provide the chicken, pop, water, and eating utensils. We also recommend that you bring lawn chairs and your camera. This year's banquet will be held on **Thursday, August 18th** at 6:30 pm at the Short-Range at Pinecrest.*

## ***How to make a Tee Time for Junior Day***

*In order for kids to play golf on junior day, we allow them to make "tee times" so not everyone shows up to play at the same time. Each "tee time" will accommodate 4 golfers. We allow juniors to play only 9 holes during junior day; as a result please sign up for only ONE tee time each Monday. Juniors may play either the front nine or the back nine holes depending upon availability. Juniors may play with their friends (only 4 kids per group) or they may sign up with another two-some or three-some that has room. We will allow juniors to play an extra 9 holes on junior day if there is space available AFTER they play their first 9 hole game. Inquire with the Junior Golf personnel after your first round. Some other reminders:*



1. Tee times are hand written on our Junior Tee Time Sheets. Tee times can be made one week in advance (so to make a tee time for the next Monday Junior day, kids can start to sign up on the prior Monday on the tee time sheets which will be located at the course where Junior Day is at). Tee Time Sheets will be located at Pinecrest Golf Course from Tuesday-Sunday after Junior Day for your convenience. Please, no phone calls to make tee time reservations for Junior Day.
2. Tee times are available on a first come, first serve basis.
3. We request all juniors to show up at least 15 minutes prior to their tee time in order to allow for check-in and warm-up.
4. If you are unable to make your tee-time, please call the golf shop and cancel your time. Those who violate this rule will be subject to loss of privileges and will forfeit 5 junior achievement points.

**EXCEPTION:** The only exception to the above rules on getting a tee time is for the first junior day which is on June 6<sup>th</sup>. To get a tee time for this first junior day we will have times available starting May 21st.

## ***How to Check in on Junior Day***

1. Arrive at the golf course at least 15 minutes prior to your tee time.
2. Bring and show your Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Membership card with BARCODE to the Junior Golf Personnel and pick up a scorecard and pencil.
3. The Junior golf personnel will instruct the juniors on where and when to tee off.

## ***General Play Season Pass Prices***

Prices for junior golfers to play Pinecrest, Sandcreek, & Sage Lakes are listed below. These prices are for general play at the regulation sized golf courses and do not include Junior Day.

Season Passes for juniors (Must be born in 1998 or later)

\$220.00 Pass - Good at all 3 courses, Valid in Year 2016, 7 days a week.

\$150.00 Pass - Good at all 3 courses, Valid in Year 2016, Weekdays only prior to 4pm, not valid on Weekends or Holidays.

Green fees - Inquire at any of the Golf Shops for our Junior Green Fee Rate.

## ***Have Questions? Or need more information?***

*The Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association is organized and conducted by the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Board. The Board is comprised of four people (Tim Reinke PGA Professional @ Pinecrest, Jack Anderson, Fred Sica, and Kim Berrett). If you ever have any questions or suggestions on the program, please feel free to contact any of them @ ifjrgolf.com. Also, if you know of a junior who may have financial difficulty in joining this association please let us know as the Idaho Falls Elks Lodge does provide some funding for this program. Contact anyone on the Junior Golf Board at the email address above.*

## ***Want to help with the program?***

*We are always looking for new Junior Golf Personnel to help with our junior golf program. If you are at all interested, please call Tim Reinke at Pinecrest @ 612-8485. Thanks in advance for being a volunteer!*

## ***The Season's Junior Golf Schedule***

*The Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association schedule is attached to the Registration form. Detach it and post it on your refrigerator for easy reference. It includes all the activities, deadlines, etc.*

# *PGA Junior League and Other Fun Opportunities*



## **PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE 2016**

*This league is designed to bring a "little league" atmosphere to the game of golf. With teams of boys and girls, ages 16 and younger, the PGA League provides a structured league environment for young golfers to compete and have fun! Kids will receive instruction on course management and some basic fundamentals. Most of the instruction will be group based and will help kids learn the game. We will start lessons and league play as soon as school is out in June. We will have a team meeting at Pinecrest on Thursday, May 19th at 6pm to decide on teams and have more details on what courses will be participating. To sign up you can simply log on to the PGA Junior League Website at **PGAJLG.com/register**. For more information please call Pinecrest at 612-8485.*

## **Family Golf Day with BIG HOLES 2016:**

*Every Saturday Afternoon STARTING at 4pm*

*Play will rotate each week between Pinecrest, Sand Creek, and Sage Lakes*

*COME PLAY 9 HOLES IN A FUN, NO PRESSURE ATMOSPHERE THAT ALLOWS YOUR GROUP TO PLAY AT A LEISURELY PACE.....AND WE WILL HAVE THE BIG HOLES ON OUR PUTTING GREENS FOR MORE FUN!!*

*PRICES for 9 Holes: \$9.99 Adults; \$6.99 for kids 12 and Under*

*All kids 12 and under must have Adult Supervision*

*Call to make a Tee Time!*

*Saturday, May 21 Pinecrest*

*Saturday, May 28 Sand Creek*

*Saturday June 4 Sage Lakes*

*Saturday, June 11 Pinecrest*

*Saturday, June 18 Sage Lakes*

*Saturday, June 25 Sand Creek*

*Saturday, July 9 Pinecrest*

*Saturday, July 16 Sage Lakes*

*Saturday, July 23 Sand Creek*

*Saturday, July 30 Pinecrest*

*Saturday, August 6 Sage Lakes*

*Saturday, August 13 Sand Creek*

*Saturday, August 20 Pinecrest*

*Saturday, August 27 Sage Lakes*

*Saturday, Sept 3 Sand Creek*

## ***Fun Events for Families***

***Saturday, August 6th 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sandcreek Short Course Parent-Junior Golf Championship.*** *To be eligible to play a junior must be 17 or under on or before August 6, 2016 or have been enrolled as a senior in high school in the spring of 2016. We will use the junior's age on Aug 6<sup>th</sup> for this event. Format this year will be a chapman.*

*\*Entry fee is \$15 per team which will pay for green fees and prizes.*

*\*We will have several divisions: Father-Son; Father-Daughter; Mother-Son; Mother-Daughter; Grandfather-Grandson; Grandfather-Granddaughter; Grandmother-Grandson; Grandmother-Granddaughter.*

*\*We will award prizes for the top teams at the annual Junior Golf Banquet. We will have the results posted by midweek after the event at Pinecrest.*

*\*To play, just show up @ Sandcreek on Saturday, Aug 6th anytime during the day. No need to preregister.*

*\*Players may play any time during the day and with any other team that enters or by themselves.*

*\*Format of event: 6 holes, Chapman Format (both players tee off each hole; players*

*alternate 2nd shots; after the 2nd shots, team picks the best location and rotate hitting into the hole for one team score.*

*\*Can play one round with Dad, then next round with Grandma, etc.*

## ***The Idaho State Junior Golf Association***

*The Idaho State Junior Golf Association is a state wide association for junior golfers. They provide competitive junior tournaments throughout the summer followed by a yearend State Championship tournament for juniors who qualified via the weekly tournaments. To register for this program, please go online to [www.theiga.org](http://www.theiga.org).*

## ***Other Competitive Junior Golf Tournaments***

*Each year through-out the State of Idaho and the intermountain West, there are numerous golf tournaments for junior golfers. Several of these events require an official entry form which must be mailed in on or before a strict deadline. The events are too numerous to list here. As a result, please check the junior bulletin board in the Pinecrest clubhouse as we will post all events in this location. If you have any questions please ask any of the golf shop personnel for more information.*

# ***Golf Lessons for Kids***

***Note: These lessons are a separate program from the Junior Golf Association. We encourage your kids to consider any of these lesson programs to help them learn the skills of golf and to make their experience in the Junior Association more enjoyable. To sign up and pay for these lessons, contact the appropriate course.***

**Several Programs to choose from:**

**1. Private Golf Lessons at Pinecrest, Sand Creek, or Sage Lakes**

Cost: \$25.00 for 30 minutes Or a Series of 5 Private Lessons for \$110.00

**2. Beginning and Intermediate Group Lessons and Tournament @ Sand Creek**

Cost: \$40.00 Each Student

Includes 3 Lessons, Golf Tournament, banquet, and trophies for everyone. All lessons will be held at SANDCREEK on the Driving Range. Pick the time you want (see below). Sign up at Sand Creek in the Pro Shop.

June 7-8-9

8am-8:45am;

9am-9:45am;

5:30pm-6:15pm;

6:15pm-7:00pm

(Pick the time you need)

Tournament is on Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at Sandcreek.

**3. Beginner Group Lessons @ Sand Creek**

Cost: \$30.00 per student for 3 lessons

Who: Boys and Girls ages 3-17

Conducted by two PGA Certified Instructors

Session A: June 21-22-23 6:00-6:45pm

Session B: July 12-13-14 6:00-6:45pm

Session C: July 19-20-21 6:00-6:45pm

**4. Intermediate Junior Golf Academy 9-Week Program @ Pinecrest**

This academy is geared for those intermediate junior golfers who need help in the following areas: Short game, Golf course management, basic rules, how to play in a tournament, how to score better. Much emphasis will be placed on the short game (putting, chipping, pitch shots, sand play) and playing on the actual golf course.

8-Week Program

Cost: \$175- A lesson a week for 9 weeks. Classes are limited to 4 students. We will have three sessions.

Session A: Every Tuesday starting June 7<sup>th</sup>, ending August 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-4pm

Session B: Every Tuesday starting June 7<sup>th</sup>, ending August 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-5pm

Session C: Every Tuesday starting June 7<sup>th</sup>, ending August 2<sup>nd</sup> 5-6pm

4-Week Program

Cost: \$100- A lesson a week for 4 weeks. Classes are limited to 4 students. We will have two sessions.

Session A: Every Wednesday starting July 6<sup>th</sup>, ending July 27<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm

Session E: Every Wednesday starting July 6<sup>th</sup>, ending July 27<sup>th</sup> 4-5pm

**5. The First Tee Lesson Program @ Sand Creek**

Cost \$50.00 per student

Boys and Girls age 5-17

*The First Tee's mission is to positively impact the lives of young people by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values, and promote healthy choices through the game of golf.*

*6-Week Program*

*Every Thursday starting July 7<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Ages 5-9: 1:30pm-2:30pm*

*Ages 10-17: 3pm-4pm*