

## **INFORMATION FOR NEW OR POTENTIAL MEMBERS**

If you have recently joined the Chicago Lithuanian Golf Club (CLGK) or have expressed an interest in knowing more about our club, the following will give you an overview of CLGK. This will enable you to become familiar with the club and fully enjoy your membership.

CLGK has been in existence for more than 50 years. It is a non-profit social club with the purpose of promoting golfing competition among golfers of Lithuanian Heritage residing in the area. Membership is open to men, women and juniors who have Lithuanian heritage through birth or marriage. Presently, we have approximately 90 members, 17 of whom are women.

The present membership dues are \$40 for adults. There are no membership dues for Juniors 18 years old and younger. Dues must be paid prior to June 1st and are a one-time annual payment, which includes all tournament fees, prizes, and a USGA approved golf index, which is used to determine your golf course handicap. Green fees and cart fees are paid by each player at each tournament.

CLGK presently schedules eleven golf tournaments a year, beginning in April and ending in early October. Tournaments will be either one or two day events and are mostly scheduled on Sundays, starting between 9:00 am and 11:00 am, on courses throughout the Chicagoland area. One of the tournaments we hold is a two day get a way Memorial Day Weekend tournament in the southwestern Michigan area. On this or any two day tournament, you can play either one or both days.

Members are not required to golf in any specific number of tournaments. It is hoped that members will participate frequently, but participation in tournaments is not a requirement for club membership. If you plan on participating in a tournament, you must register no later than 8 days prior to the tournament by phoning or e-mailing a Tournament Director or you can register at a tournament for the next upcoming tournament. This will enable us to reserve sufficient tee times since participation at tournaments ranges from 35 to 50 golfers and the golf courses require an accurate count as to the number of tee times we are reserving.

If you know what foursome you want to play in, tell us when you register and, if possible, we will accommodate you. If you register as a single or a couple, we will set up a foursome for you. This is a great way to meet other club members. For non-club members who may participate in two tournaments a year, there is a tournament fee if food is provided the CLGK.

The formats of the tournaments CLGK conducts will vary although stroke play net competition by class is the most popular. In addition, two person best ball, four person best ball, low team net, pro-am, shamle and yellow ball are some of the tournament formats we may play during the year.

Communication is done primarily through e-mail and all members will receive an e-mail reminder announcement before a scheduled tournament. Our club's web page will have the foursomes and tee times listed several days prior to the tournament, as well as current golf indexes/handicaps. This will enable you to plan your arrival at the course since there can be an hour and a half spread in the tee times. Our web page address is [www.CLGK.org](http://www.CLGK.org), which has current CLGK information.

After attending one tournament, the new member will receive a modified golf index and after 5 rounds are posted, the golf index issued will be in accordance with USGA handicapping rules. Our Club golf indexes will range up to 36.4 for men and 54.4 for women. New golf indexes will be produced on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. We will post your tournament golf scores for handicapping, but you are required to post all other adjusted golf scores of 18 holes played elsewhere. Not to do so is a violation of the handicapping rules. You can post these scores by recording the adjusted score, course name, course rating and slope and sending this information by e-mail to [ArunasD@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ArunasD@sbcglobal.net). You can also bring the completed scorecard to the next tournament and give it to Al Dagsys our handicap chairman.

The handicap chairman can explain to you how scores need to be adjusted for posting and our web page also explains this adjusting. If you already have an approved golf index when you join CLGK give this information to our handicap chairman.

While we are a golf club, we are also a social organization. There are some excellent golfers in the club, but if you will look at our web page and note the golf indexes of the men and women golfers, you will see that there is a wide range of golfing skills among the members. We say this so that potential members won't be reluctant to join the club because of what they perceive their golfing skills to be. The social aspect of golf and the camaraderie among the members is a big reason the club has prospered.

There is an annual North American Lithuanian Golf Tournament, commonly referred to as "SALFASS", which is held over the Labor Day weekend. Locations alternate annually between the four host cities of Chicago, Toronto, Cleveland and Detroit. There is team and individual competition by class and all of our club members are invited and eligible to attend but attendance is optional. Details for registration are communicated as soon as the host city advises us.

Our golf year comes to an end with our annual awards dinner, which presently is immediately after our last golf tournament of the year. The cost is reasonable and awards are given to our club's individual class winners, most improved golfer and golfer of the year.

This explanation should give new and prospective members an insight into CLGK. Please peruse our web site for further information about our club. We would like all members to become as active as they can, thereby make the club more viable. We would also hope that in time, members will assume a leadership role by becoming a club officer which is a two year term.

If you are not yet a member and qualify to join through your Lithuanian heritage, please send your check (made payable to "CLGK"), along with a completed registration form (on our web page), which contains your name, address, phone number and e-mail address to:

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