

Tartan Niners Thursday League 2025

General Information

- ◇ The Tartan Niners Women's league plays on Thursday mornings at Oak Marsh Golf Course beginning May 1, 2025 and runs through August 28, 2025.
- ◇ The Tartan Niners are not a USGA League, however, we play by USGA Rules with some local exceptions (see Adopted League Rules).
- ◇ New players who join the league at any point during the season will pay the full membership dues – currently \$45. This includes a \$10 fee to Oak Marsh for the administration of Golf Genius.
- ◇ Players who drop out of the league after the second scheduled day of play will not receive a refund of league membership dues.
- ◇ For rainouts or bad weather days, Weekly Events winners are paid when 60% of those who signed up to play have finished.
- ◇ Oak Marsh Website: Locate the Tartan Niners Information Tab at Oakmarsh.com
Steve Whillock, Director of Golf – 651-730-8886 ext. 3 or om@oakmarshgolf.com

Membership

For membership information or questions, please email TartanNiners@gmail.com.

Scheduling Tee Times

Tee times will be every 10 minutes. League tee times will begin at 7:10am and run through 9:50am. Sign up for tee times electronically on Google Sheets. Sign-up sheets will be posted for two weeks of league play at a time. All registered members will receive a link to Google Sheets. Questions about Google Sheets may be directed to any Board member.

Golf Genius App

League members are required to use the Golf Genius app by downloading it onto their smartphones. Golfers record their own, or their four-some's scores into the app. No other information is required to be input by golfers. Play of Day, Ringer Board, Pars, Birdies, Eagles are automatically tracked by Golf Genius.

Training on how to use the Golf Genius app is provided at the beginning of the season.

2025 Officers and Committee Chairs

President – Sandy Junker

Vice President – **Open**

Past President – Lou Engwer

Secretary – Sue Korpela, Backup Nancy Edworthy

Treasurer – Cathy Portner, Backup Lou Engwer

Weekly Events – Cammy Hauer and Joan Nessel

Weekly Handicap Calculations – Cindy Martin, Backup Deb McKenzie

Front/Back Tourney – Connie Fredkove

Ringer Board – Ginny Fox, Backup Janine Peterson

Year-End Awards – Nancy Hafner, Janel Haider and Deb Peterson

Audit Committee – Cindy Martin and Janine Peterson

Green Fees

For 2025 – Riders \$34 includes tax/Walkers \$22 includes tax. All players receive Loyalty Points at the Golf Shop. Every purchase (F&B and Golf) counts toward free rounds and/or driving range purchases.

Tartan Niners Adopted League Rules
Note - We are NOT a USGA League

PLEASE – Play READY GOLF...always be prepared to hit your next shot. A few ideas for keeping up pace/improving pace include:

- Mark your golf balls – letter, line, or circle something with a permanent marker so your ball may be easily and quickly identified
- Watch each other's ball so valuable time isn't spent looking
- If not first to play on the green – line up your putt while waiting for your turn
- Mark your score on the next tee – not while near the green
- Park your cart/clubs on the 'next tee' side of the green
- **NO group should have an empty hole between them and the group ahead of them. If this happens and to speed up play, if one has puttied out, proceed to the next hole and tee off to make up some time.**

Lost Ball – MAXIMUM 3 minutes to search for a lost or out-of-bounds ball

- From the tee, play a provisional ball if you think your ball is lost. **Make this decision before you leave the tee box.** If you end up playing the provisional, you lose stroke and distance, e.g. you hit a provisional ball from the tee and you end up playing the provisional – you'll be hitting your third shot from the tee.
- You may also drop a ball within 2 club lengths of where you believe it to be lost and add one stroke, e.g. if you have not hit a provisional off the tee and think you are near where it was lost, you may drop a ball and add one stroke, so you will also be hitting your third shot with this option.

New Local Rule for Lost & Out of Bounds Balls

- In lieu of backtracking to where you made your previous stroke, you may estimate the spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds and then find the nearest fairway edge that is not nearer the hole than the estimated spot. You can drop a ball in the fairway within two club-lengths of that fairway edge point, or anywhere between there and the estimated spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds for two penalty strokes. You will be hitting your 4th shot.

Dropping a Ball – 2019 adopted USGA standard is to drop a ball from knee height

On the Tee Box – tee off between the red markers and no farther than 2 club lengths behind them

Counting Strokes

- **There is NO MAX for strokes in this league. Count them all, including whiffs!**
- **There are NO gimmies in this league – You MUST putt out on every hole. Even with the flagstick in the hole – ALL putts must be holed out.**
- **If you quit – or don't putt out,** you may continue play, but your entire game is void for handicap and all events, including the Ringer Board, pars, and birdies.

Local Rules

- **WINTER RULES** apply at OM through May. If your ball lands in a patch of completely bare ground (or snow), you may drop your ball on the nearest grassy area no closer to the hole.
- If you hit a power line you **MUST** hit another ball from the same spot with no penalty.

- **On #16** – Play every shot. If the ball goes into the gully that crosses the fairway, you may drop on the far side with a one stroke penalty. **There is NO marked drop zone.** Do your best to follow the line of flight your ball took into the gully. **There are marked drop zones on #2 and #17.**

Unplayable Lies

- A player may declare her ball unplayable at any time except in a penalty area. For relief, drop your ball w/in 2 club lengths no nearer the hole, or drop your ball based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the ball. Take a one stroke penalty in either case.
- **IN a bunker – NO penalty** to lift a ball, rake and replace it when in a foot or hoof print; **ONE stroke penalty** when a player deems her ball unplayable in a bunker (e.g. buried in the side, no stance, etc.) and drops IN the bunker no nearer the hole. Player may also go back to where the previous shot was played in this case. **TWO stroke penalty** if a player chooses to drop **outside** of the bunker when declaring a ball in the bunker unplayable. This drop must be in a line to the flagstick, keeping the bunker between the player and the flag.
- **Cart path** – If you must hit from or stand on a cart path, relief without penalty is allowed. You may drop within ONE club length from the nearest point of relief (swing and stance), no nearer the hole, without penalty.

Casual Water – (excessive rain, damaged sprinkler) Drop your ball in the nearest dry area, no closer to the hole without penalty, including in a bunker. If there is no dry area IN a bunker, the ball may be dropped outside the bunker in line of flight with the flag.

Water Hazards – ALL water hazards at OM are RED Staked. If a player's ball enters the hazard (except for #16), a ball may be dropped within 2 club lengths from where the ball entered the hazard, no nearer the hole, with a ONE stroke penalty.

February 1, 2025