



HELPFUL HINTS



• ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

All active members are emailed or mailed an invitation.

- Book lodging early
- Register promptly
- Plan your foursome or request to be “paired with any group”
- Attend the President’s Dinner at Round Hill Club the evening prior to the tournament
- Wives have their own events and can attend the Wednesday cocktail party only

• INVITATIONALS

- Request invitation from Tournament Chairman well in advance
- Wives encouraged to attend the Invitationals
- Participants are encouraged to attend the scheduled social events
- Wear nametags (Senior and Wife) and Senior blazer and tie
- Play in final day event and attend the awards ceremony
- Cancel only for genuine emergencies - notify the Chairman ASAP

• SPECIAL EVENTS

- One-time three-day Special Event Tournaments at highly regarded venues
- Matches with international Seniors and their wives both in the U.S and overseas
- USSGA/Kalos Golf cruises

• ATTIRE FOR OFFICIAL USSGA EVENTS

- Wear your navy blazer jacket with **USSGA** patch
- Wear your official **USSGA** striped tie
- Wear your nametag at all times (including on the course)

It is always appropriate to wear your Seniors’ blazer in connection with a **USSGA** event, including the Annual Championship or an Invitational Tournament. However, the Executive Committee feels it is generally not appropriate to wear the jacket where it is likely to raise questions from non-members about the Association and its activities. This does not preclude, for example, wearing the blazer in international competition or other golfing activities abroad. Seniors frequently wear the blazer at the memorial service for a fellow Senior.



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INTRODUCTION TO THE USSGA



Welcome to Membership in the **United States Seniors’ Golf Association (“USSGA”)**, which was founded in 1905 at The Apawamis Club in Rye, New York. We believe the USSGA is the world’s oldest golf organization devoted exclusively to “Seniors”. We have a wonderful, rich history. The first Annual Champion was crowned at Apawamis in 1905. And the first International Match was played against the Canadian Seniors in 1918. The first Invitational Tournament was held in 1962 at Ekwanok Country Club in Manchester, Vermont. The Centennial of the USSGA was celebrated at a gala event in June 2005.

To assist you to better understand the **USSGA** and enjoy its competitions and camaraderie, we have prepared this **Introduction to the USSGA**, which should be read together with the Annual Yearbook. By the way, new members and wives are referred to as “red dots” during their first year because the name tags of new members have a red dot to identify them as new members.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the very near future.

Warm regards,
The USSGA Board of Governors
 June 2025

General Information

There are approximately 1,100 USSGA regular members residing in 45 states in the U.S. In addition, there are approximately 400 Emeritus members, 70 Associate members and 1 Honorary member (see By-laws in the Annual Yearbook).

Management of the **USSGA** is vested in the Board of Governors, which comprises up to 27 Seniors’ who are elected by the Membership to serve in classes of eight or nine for three-year terms. Each year, following the Annual Meeting of the Members at The Apawamis Club in early June, the Board elects’ officers for the ensuing year. The current officers are: President – George U. Wyper, Vice-President – Macauley Whiting, Jr., Secretary – Peter L. Altieri, and Treasurer – William E.B. Siart. There are seven standing committees, the members of which are appointed annually by the President. These committees are: Championship, Communications, Invitational Tournament, Membership, Nominating, William C. Campbell Award and Special Events. In addition, the President appoints a Team Captain and a Secretary of the International Team, which competes in International Team Matches against teams of Canadian and British Seniors. Furthermore, the Board designates from its members an Executive Committee, which is currently chaired by – Richard E. Thornburgh.

While much of the work of the **USSGA** is carried out by the Governors, officers, committee members and many spouses, there is a fine staff, headed by Barbara Bradley, Executive Secretary, which provides vital support for all our activities. Barbara and her associates, Kim Braham and Cole Orent, work with us as part of the Metropolitan Golf Association.





Annual Championship



This is the largest gathering of Seniors each year numbering nearly 500 players and is headquartered at Apawamis Club in Rye, NY. In addition to Apawamis, golf is played at Round Hill Club, Blind Brook and Bedford Golf & Tennis. The Annual Champion is the player who posts the lowest two day gross total - playing one round each of stroke play at Apawamis and Round Hill. Blind Brook is reserved for Seniors aged 70 and older who compete in stroke play. Bedford is a Stableford format and an option for any US Senior. **New members, however, will be expected to enter the stroke play format at Apawamis and Round Hill.** All participants may request playing partners or simply be placed in a foursome by the Tournament Committee. Invitations will be emailed/mailed on or around March 15. If you plan to attend, you may want to obtain lodging well in advance of March 15, as our dates often compete with other events in the area. A listing of hotels can also be found on the website.

All new members are strongly encouraged to attend all functions, especially the President's Dinner on Monday evening, June 1, 2026 at Round Hill Club, where you and your fellow "red dots" will meet the USSGA Board of Governors and Committeemen. On Tuesday, June 2, a Cocktail Party precedes the Annual Members' Meeting and Annual Dinner at Apawamis and on Wednesday there will be another Cocktail Party with the Awards Ceremony at Apawamis. Prizes will be awarded at the ceremony to the overall Champion and Runner-up. Prizes will be mailed to the gross and net prize winners and runners up for the various age classes as well as for the Stableford competition at Bedford. A ladies golf event and dinner has been added at Bedford on Tuesday, June 2.

Invitationals

There are 14 Invitational tournaments each year and it is hoped that every regular member and his wife will participate in one or more of these each year. These "Satellite Events" begin in January with Lyford Cay, and end in December with the Desert competition. If a wife is not a golfer, we encourage her to accompany her husband as we have tours and events planned during the golf events, and mixed social events each evening.

Each Invitational has a Chairman whose name and contact information can be found on the Invitational Schedule included in this mailing or on the Tournaments section of the website. Members can write/email to the Tournament Chairman for an invitation or, even more convenient, simply click on the link to the tournament chair on the website.

If your wife plays golf, she usually has various options to play. A mixed event usually kicks off the tournament and most Invitationals schedule a match play competition or a net best ball of four format. If she does not play golf, there are always other events planned by the host committee. Wives are strongly encouraged to attend all of our Invitational Tournaments.

Regarding the format for the men, players are assigned flights based on their handicap index. There are four to seven flights with 16 players (eight teams) in each flight who are paired by the Tournament Committee to make matches as competitive as possible. Players compete at scratch – match play, best ball of partners (the last flight may be played with handicaps). The first flight (and sometimes the second) plays the "blue" tees; other flights generally will compete at the "white" or regular members' tees. A consolation competition – "beaten fours" is for those who lose the first day. Those who lose the second day will play the final day in a format that varies by tournament. **All members are expected to play the last day.** Special **USSGA commemorative** plates of varying sizes are awarded as prizes to both men and women.



Special Events



These consist of one-time three-day tournaments, matches with international Seniors and their wives in the U.S. and overseas, and USSGA/Kalos Golf cruises abroad lasting several days. Entry forms and event descriptions can be found on the USSGA website on the Tournament Schedule.

International Team Information

During the even-numbered years, our International Team competes against Canadian Seniors for the Devonshire Cup. This match alternates between the United States and Canada. During the odd-numbered years, the Team competes against both Canada and Great Britain in the Triangular Matches. The sites of these matches alternate among the three countries.

The Team Captain and Secretary are selected annually by the President. The Captain then selects the team based on ability, participation in the annual championship and invitationals, and compatibility in international match play competition.



Membership Information

The Membership Committee consists of a Chairman and nine section heads, each of whom represents a geographic area within the United States. The membership process is explained in the Annual Yearbook and on the website. While the Association has a waiting list, members, new and old, are encouraged to recommend candidates who meet the Association's standards and to contact promptly the section head responsible for the section which includes the candidate's principal residence. Only candidates and their spouses who intend to participate regularly in USSGA events should be considered for membership.

Memorial Fund

The USSGA Memorial Fund has been established to receive tax-deductible donations, either as a general donation or in memory of a deceased member. Funds collected are contributed to golf-related charities as determined by the Fund's Trustees. Contributions from the fund have been made annually to scholarship funds established by clubs which host our Annual and Invitational tournaments and to various charities in support of The First Tee. For a number of years, the Fund has also supported the Salute Military Golf Association. Last year, more than 700 of our members made contributions to the Fund. The **USSGA** is proud of this means of giving something back to golf.

