

July 9, 2008

**To:** Contestants

**Re:** 74<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Open Championship  
Round Hill Club July 28 – 30, 2008

**Gentlemen:**

Congratulations on qualifying for the 74<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Open Championship. Your starting times & pairings for Monday & Tuesday are enclosed. The pairings remain the same, but your starting time changes for Tuesday. We will be unable to make any changes to the pairings.

**IMPORTANT: The traffic in the morning is extremely heavy. Please allow sufficient time to arrive at the course. Heavy traffic is not an excuse to miss your tee time.**

**Format:** All contestants will play 18 holes of stroke play on Monday & Tuesday. The players with the 40 lowest scores and ties will advance to 18 holes of stroke play on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. The player with the lowest 54-hole total will be the Champion. In case of a tie for the Championship, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff immediately following the last stipulated round on Wednesday. On Monday & Tuesday, play will begin at the 1<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> tees at 7:30am & 12:30pm. On Wednesday, play will be at 7:30am from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee only.

**REGISTRATION:** When you arrive at the club, please check in at the reception table, located in front of the Golf Shop.

**LOCKER ROOM:** The locker room will be open for your use at 6:30am each morning.

**CADDIES & CARTS:** Players & their caddies must walk at all times. You may carry your own bag, bring a caddie or use a club caddie. To reserve a caddie, please call Dewey at (203)-661-8285. Cost of a caddie is \$100.00 for a single or \$80.00 for a double. Per bag including tip.

**PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Practice rounds are available on July 14 & 21, after noon. Also, July 22 – 24 after 4PM. For arrangements, please contact Dewey Campbell, (203)-661-8285. Greens fees are courtesy of Round Hill Club.

**PRACTICE RANGE:** The practice range will be open at 6:30am. Range balls are courtesy of TD Banknorth. **PLEASE, IRONS ONLY.**

**PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES:** The attached pace of play guidelines will be strictly enforced. Please take time to read them. If you have any questions, please ask at the reception table.

**FOOTWEAR:** It is a condition of this competition that shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of the composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.

**FOOD & BEVERAGES:** Lunch will be served in the terrace each day, between 11:00am & 3:30pm, courtesy of the TDBanknorth. If you have an afternoon tee time, please eat before you play. There is a snack bar, located near locker room entrance, that will be open on a cash basis.

**CELLULAR PHONES:** Use of a cellular phone or similar device by a contestant or caddie during the stipulated round is strictly prohibited. Also, your host Club restricts the use of these devices to the PARKING LOT ONLY. Please honor your host's wishes.

**DRESS CODE:** Contestants and caddies are requested to adhere to the following:

- Shorts must be Bermuda length
- Shirts must have a collar & be tucked in at all times
- Jeans are not allowed
- Hats are to be worn in a traditional manner
- NOTE: CT Section PGA members & apprentices are requested to refer to the CT Section TR &R on dress code

We look forward to seeing you on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Good luck and enjoy the courses!

Best regards,

Malcolm McLachlan  
Director, Rules & Competitions

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Greenwich, CT 06831  
Tom Henderson PGA Professional  
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**SEE ATTACHED DIRECTIONS & PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES**

## **Connecticut State Golf Association Pace of Play Policy**

*adopted April 6, 2006  
amended April 12, 2007*

The CSGA Pace of Play policy has been implemented to make contestants aware of their position on the golf course. The objective of this policy is to eliminate groups playing five-hour rounds. In no way is this policy meant to penalize players on the course. Players understanding the policy will become aware of their groups position on the course and over time begin to fix their own problems without an official putting the group on the clock.

**Time of Starting:** The CSGA directs that players should report to the starter ten minutes prior to their starting time to receive competition and course information. Rule 6-3a provides: "The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee." The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However, it is a condition of the competition that, if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty of failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play or loss of first hole in match play instead of disqualification.

**Allotted Time:** Allotted time is the amount of time a group has to complete a measured number of holes. All CSGA scorecards will have the pace of play identified on them. The time to complete 18 holes will be approximately 4 hours & 24 minutes, but will vary for each course. The OIC for each event will be responsible for communicating to the office any need for change in the basic pace of play schedule.

### **Out of Position:**

**FIRST GROUP ONLY:** If you are behind your allotted time at any timing station.

**ALL OTHER GROUPS:** Subsequent groups will not be considered "out of position" if any previous groups has caused the field to fall behind their allotted time. Any subsequent groups must remain within 14 minutes of the group in front of them. This is measured by having the flagstick in the hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of you.

### **TIMING CARDS**

There will be timing stations located at the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> hole of both nines and the possibility at the 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Groups will be timed at these stations and will be shown a card.

- Green card: The group is in position.
- Yellow card: The group has fallen "out of position" or is behind their allotted time and needs to catch up.
- Red card: The group has fallen "out of position" and behind their allotted time & will be subject to be put on the clock.

In lieu of a manned timing station, there may be just a clock for the players to compare their pace with the expected pace set forth on the scorecards.

### **ON THE CLOCK**

A group may be monitored or timed for compliance with this pace of play guideline if it is “out of position” and behind their allotted time. When a group is “out of position” every player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds.

The timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction.

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and there are no distractions, timing will begin after he has reasonable time to select his club. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

**NOTE:** A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole.
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole.
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole.
- d) The first player to play a stroke around the putting green.
- e) The first player to play a stroke on the putting green.

## **PENALTIES**

Once a group has received a red card and put on the clock, the following policy will go into effect for each player:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bad Time - Warning from the official
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bad Time - 1 Stroke Penalty
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Bad Time - 2 Additional Strokes Penalty
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bad Time - Disqualification

Players are responsible for knowing their position on the golf course relative to their allotted time as well as the groups around them. Players should monitor and speak to individuals causing slow play. Players may ask for the group to be monitored without identifying an individual causing slow play.

## **Directions**

Round Hill Club  
33 Round Hill Rd.  
Greenwich, CT 06830  
Phone: (203) 869-2350  
Golf Professional: Tom Henderson

### **I-95 Northbound**

Take Exit 3 (Arch Street). Turn LEFT at end of exit onto Arch Street. Drive under I-95, under railroad tracks to stop light. Drive straight across Railroad Avenue. Take first LEFT onto Sound View Road. Turn RIGHT onto Field Point Road. Continue on Field Point Road. To Route 1. (Putnam Avenue, Post Road). Drive straight across Route 1 onto Deerfield Road. Drive halfway around rotary onto Lake Avenue. Continue on Lake Avenue to small rotary. Turn LEFT at rotary which is Round Hill Road. Drive approximately 1 ½ miles to Round Hill Club Road. Turn LEFT at white club sign and continue to end of road. The clubhouse is situated at the end of Round Hill Club Road.

### **I-95 Southbound**

Take Exit 3 (Arch Street). Turn RIGHT onto Arch Street and follow directions as above.

### **Merritt Parkway Northbound**

Take Exit 28 (Round Hill Rd). Turn RIGHT onto Round Hill Road. After approximately 1 mile look for white club sign. Turn RIGHT onto Round Hill Club Road. The clubhouse is situated at the end of Round Hill Club Road.

### **Merritt Parkway Southbound**

Take Exit 28 (Round Hill Rd). Turn LEFT onto Round Hill Road and follow directions as above.

### **Directions from 684 South**

Take Exit 3 (Armonk). At the end of the ramp bear left and turn left at the light. At the next light turn right onto Greenwich Road - this turns into Riversville Road. Follow this road to the 4-way intersection of John Street & Riversville Road- the Audubon Center is on the left & a church on the right. Turn left at this intersection onto John Street.

Follow John St. to the end - bearing right onto Round Hill Road.

Follow Round Hill Road for several miles. You will cross over the Merritt Pkwy bridge & you will pass Quail Road & Sabine Farm Road on your right. As soon as you pass Clapboard Ridge Road on your left you will see a small Round Hill Club sign on the right. Turn here into the club road & follow to the Club House.