

4 Reasons to Play In A League



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Whenever I think about all the years I have spent playing golf, I can't believe how differently I looked at the game after I joined a weekly league. It fundamentally changed the way I played, how I thought about my game, and how much enjoyment I get out of it. A golf league may not be for everyone, but here are 4 great reasons why you should consider joining.



You Will Play Better

If you have confidence in your game, and even if you don't, the one thing that you can be sure of is the simple act of playing more will improve your game. This especially goes for the one round a month or less type of golfer. More than that, when you play in competition your focus improves, and you now have goals when you are on the course. You think more strategically about your game and your decision making. Over time you do more of the little things well. In short, you will get better by playing more often in competition.

You Will Play More Golf

I remember my first season of league golf. I committed to getting out 10 times that season, and by the time I had finished the first few months of play I had already been out 8 times. That was 3 more times than I had played the entire year before. Why? In league play there is just more reasons to play every week. First, the competition in league play brings an added level of motivation to get out and play. Recognition from other golfers when you finish atop the leader-board is great, but what really got me out more often was all the new opportunities to play with a much larger group of people. Any time I wanted to play a round of golf, I could, thanks to my golf league.

You Will Build Friendships

Camaraderie is one of the biggest reasons I play league golf. The time honored tradition of discussing your round with Judge Smails that you played with and the good natured banter about both successes and failures gets better with more friends and league mates in attendance. Let's face it, the shared experience of a golf game can bring together people who otherwise would not have anything in common. The camaraderie of a good golf league may be the best reason to play in one.

You Will Have More Fun

I love the old saying that "a bad day of golf beats a good day at the office." This is never more true than in league play. We are taught as children that competition offers the opportunity to learn and improve at whatever sport we are playing. So even if I'm losing, sometimes badly, I get much more out of the round than with just a casual game. Besides, I relish the likely abuse I'll get afterwards and if you play league golf, you will too.

Cardinal Creek's Competitive Leagues

Monday Night League

- Open to All & Any Units
- No Membership Requirement
- 20 Week League Play
- Format: 2 of 4 Net Best Ball Combination Scoring
- 2 Person Teams paired with other 2 Person Teams to form a weekly foursome. Foursomes change weekly.
- Teams can have multiple players on roster, but only will field 2 players each week.
- Non-playing members may sub on any team any week.
- Annual League Fees: \$20 per person

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League Starts - April 2026

CCWGA Womens League - Tuesday Mornings

- League Open to Any Women
- No Membership Requirement
- 18 Hole for Experienced
- 9 Hole for Beginners or those w/less availability

Informational Meeting and Social - March 31, 9:00 am

Laurie Boemecke - (618) 772-8701 | Laukay65@gmail.com

Ladies Clinic - April 21

League Starts - April 28

Intramural League - Every Wednesday

- League Open to All & Any Unit
- No Membership Requirement
- 16 Week League Play - May Thru Sept
- Letter of Intent with Team Player due May 8
- Golf Staff League Commissioner - Set All Rules, Statistics, Schedules etc.

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Mandatory Captains Meeting
May 6, 11:30 am

League Starts - May 13

Wednesday Night League

9 Holes - Shotgun 5:00 pm

- Open to any 2-Person Team
- No Membership Requirement
- Modified Match Play Format
- Pick Own Partner
- Hole-in-One Prize Fund
- Yearly Prizes Awarded
- Optional Weekly Game & Proximity Games
- 8 Points Weekly
- Annual Dues - \$90/person -- Includes Handicap, Prizes, Hole-In-One Prize Fund & Year End Banquet (Date: TBD)

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Sign-up Deadline - May 6

League Play: May 13 - September

