

2019 Cape Fear National Men's Golf Association

Golf is the closest game to the game we call life. You get bad breaks from good shots; you get good breaks from bad shots – but you have to play the ball where it lies.”

Bobby Jones

If you are new to Brunswick Forest, or if you have been considering joining the Men's Golf Association (MGA) at Cape Fear National (CFN) but haven't yet pulled the trigger, or if you are thinking about coming back to the group after some time off, the 2019 season for the (CFN) MGA will soon be here. The MGA will kick start its season on March 13th with a fun, but challenging, competition followed by a keg and lunch sponsored by the MGA. Play continues Wednesday mornings through November 20th. The full schedule of dates and games will be completed soon.

The MGA was organized in 2010 to encourage enjoyment of the game of golf and to familiarize players with the rules, good sportsmanship and golf etiquette as well as meeting your neighbors from all over Brunswick Forest.

Membership in the MGA is open to any male, regardless of golf ability and experience, who is at least 21 years of age and who is a property owner or resident of Brunswick Forest. The annual membership fee in 2018 was \$50. In addition, each week \$5 is collected from each player signed up for that week; \$4 goes to the Prize Pool (awarded in pro shop credit) for that day's competition, and \$1 goes to the MGA treasury to fund MGA activities for the benefit of its members throughout the season. These activities include food and drinks during special days, various keg days, prizes for various planned contests during the year as well as the annual year-end awards dinner.

All MGA members must maintain an official USGA handicap through CFN, who registers member handicaps with the Carolinas Golf Association and GHIN. CFN includes this yearly handicap fee in its memberships (talk to a CFN pro for current membership offerings). For Privilege Pass holders, an additional fee will be assessed to get your handicap through CFN.

The CFN pro-shop staff supports the MGA by enabling weekly registration

via an on-line system (Golf Genius), forming the weekly teams, organizing and officiating games, preparing and validating scorecards, collecting prize fees, recording scores in the GHIN system, determining weekly winners and awarding prizes.

The MGA plays a different golf format each Wednesday. Shotgun starts begin at 8:30am at the start and end of the season, and 8:00am in the late spring and summer. We also organize special events, such as: a single-elimination Match Play tournament, a two-day Ryder Cup or President's Cup Tournament, monthly "Away Golf" trips to other courses in the area and a season-long Ringer Tournament. In addition, we participate with other premier clubs in the local area in a monthly inter-club tournament and help organize and field a team for the annual 3-day North Brunswick Cup against arch-rivals Magnolia Greens and Compass Pointe each May.

MGA members can also choose to participate in the season-long MGA Cup competition. This is a flighted, individual handicapped tournament modeled after the PGA Tour FedEx Cup. The MGA Cup has two flights (by handicap) and two Champions. In addition to a substantial cash prize, each Champion will have his name inscribed on the MGA Cup Trophy, which remains on display in the clubhouse. The MGA Cup Championship is open to all MGA members in good standing who register by paying an entry fee, all of which is returned in the form of cash prizes. The 2018 MGA Cup Champions were Ed Kosteva (below right) and Jim Batty (below left).



Playing in the MGA is a great way to meet people from the Brunswick Forest community and develop friendships beyond your neighborhood. If you are interested, please fill out the membership form available at the CFN pro shop and return it, with your check to the pro shop.

If you have any questions about the MGA, please feel free to contact any of the members of the 2019 Board of Directors:

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Hope to see you on the links!