# METROPOLITAN GOLF ASSOCIATION

### 75th MGA Public Links Championship

Bethpage State Park: Red Course, Farmingdale, N.Y. Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

## MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

#### **FORMAT**

The MGA Public Links Championship is a 36-hole stroke play event. In the event of a tie at the completion of play, the Championship will be decided by a sudden death playoff which will begin immediately at the conclusion of regular play. All players should keep informed as to the time and status of any playoff.

Please note: The MGA reserves the right to alter second round tee times and pairings.

#### **GENERAL**

 The Golf Shop and Practice Range (<u>no drivers</u>) will open at 6:00 a.m. Range Balls will be available for purchase for \$7.00 payable in the Golf Shop.

#### **REGISTRATION AND START OF PLAY**

Players are requested to check in upon their arrival at the course. Contestants are to report to their assigned starting tees, ready to play, 10 minutes before their scheduled starting times.

#### PRACTICE ROUND

Click here for the Practice Round Notice

#### **DRESS**

Players must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. Players and caddies must wear collared shirts. The wearing of jeans, cargo shorts, and cargo pants is prohibited. The Committee in charge decides whether this requirement has been met and has authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

#### **FOOD SERVICE**

- Breakfast is available to purchase from the Bethpage Public House located in the Clubhouse.
- Lunch service will be provided by the MGA from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Tillinghast Bar.
- Players will <u>not</u> be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

#### **CADDIES**

- There is a limited supply of caddies at Bethpage State Park Golf Course. Players must contact Dave Casper, Caddie Manager at (516) 633-0188, at least two (2) days in advance to reserve a club caddie on a first-call basis. The caddie fee for the MGA Public Links Championship is \$140.00 per round (tip included).
- This is a walking only event.
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are permitted to use pull carts including battery-powered pull carts. Pull cart rentals are available for purchase inside the Golf Shop for \$7.00.

#### **LOCAL RULES**

- Please check at the starter's table for the Local Rules and the USGA website (<u>www.usga.org</u>) For a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The "One Ball Rule" will not be in effect.

#### PACE OF PLAY

It is a condition of the competition that "the Player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play (POP) guidelines that the Committee may establish" and with the prescribed penalties for slow play. The MGA will be closely monitoring the POP at all MGA Championships. Chronic slow play takes away much of the enjoyment of the game of golf and we ask that you please be courteous of your pace. We appreciate your cooperation with the MGA Pace of Play Policy.

#### **AWARDS RECEPTION**

A special invitation is extended to all competitors to attend the awards reception following the conclusion of the final round.

#### **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

- If it becomes necessary to withdraw prior to the date of the competition, please contact the MGA Championship Department at (914) 347-4653.
- If you must withdraw on the day of the event, please call the Bethpage State Park Golf Shop at (516) 249-4040, with a request that the message be immediately relayed to the MGA official-in-charge.

#### **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

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