



71st MGA Public Links Championship SQR (LI#2)
Bethpage State Park Golf Course (Blue), Farmingdale, N.Y.
Thursday, May 31, 2018

MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

FORMAT

This event is a one-day 18-hole stroke play competition. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying position(s), all ties will qualify.

GENERAL

- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**no drivers**) will open at 6:30 a.m. Range Balls will be available for purchase for \$8.00 (small) and \$10.00 (large) (**cash only**) payable at the Practice Range.

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. Caddie arrangements should be completed before players report.

PRACTICE ROUND

Players may schedule a practice round by using the club's [online reservation system](#).

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 will be available in the Clubhouse Restaurant.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase (**cash or credit card only**) in the Clubhouse Restaurant.
- Players will **not** 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 the Golf Shop at (516) 249-4040, 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 SQR is \$120.00 per player (tip included).
- Players may bring their own caddie.
- Players may carry their own bag.
- Players are permitted to use pull carts. Players may bring their own or rent from Bethpage State Park for \$5.00.
- **Please note:** players are **not** permitted to use automotive transportation nor have their caddies drive a golf cart.

LOCAL RULES

- Please check at the starter's table for the Local Rules and the USGA website (www.usga.org) for a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The "One Ball Rule" will be **in effect**.
- The Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green will be **in effect**.
- The Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices will be **in effect** (See App. I-A-7).

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](#).

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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