



# 21<sup>st</sup> Callaway MGA Senior Open

Forsgate Country Club (Banks), Monroe Township, N.J.  
Monday – Tuesday, August 28 – 29, 2017

## MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

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### **FORMAT**

36-holes of stroke play beginning on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The field will be cut after the first round to the low 40 players plus ties and anyone within 5 strokes of the leader.

### **GENERAL**

- The Championship will be contested on the **Banks Course**.
- The Golf Shop and Practice Range (**300 yard maximum**) will open at 6:00 a.m. Range Balls will be available for purchase for \$5.00 on Day 1; and provided courtesy of the MGA on Day 2.
- The Locker Room will open at 6:00 a.m. Players are encouraged to change their golf shoes in the Locker Room. Please do **not** change your golf shoes in the parking lot.
- The use of cellular phones is permitted **only** in the parking lot.
- The MGA would appreciate the cooperation of players in reporting their scores at scoring stations set-up throughout the golf course.

### **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 have been accorded the courtesy of a practice round. Please see the **Practice Notice** in regards to making practice round arrangements.

### **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**

- A continental breakfast will be provided by the MGA during the Championship from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the Locker Room.
- Luncheon service will be available for purchase from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in the Main Clubhouse (**cash or credit**). All players who make the cut after Round One will be guests of the MGA for a Player Reception and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Reminder:** Players should be prepared to pay for caddie and guests' lunches (**cash or credit**).
- Players will **not** be permitted to stop to eat between nines.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: TUESDAY, AUGUST 29th**

7:00 a.m.	Locker Room, Golf Shop and Practice Range open
7:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Tee times in reverse order of finish from Monday, August 28 <sup>th</sup>
11:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Luncheon service courtesy of the MGA
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Player Reception and Awards Ceremony

## **CARTS/CADDIES**

- There is **no caddie program** at Forsgate Country Club.
- Players **must** do one of the following:
  - Take a golf cart. The golf cart fee is \$30.00 per person and should be paid in the Golf Shop (**cash or credit**);
  - Walk and bring their own caddie; **or**
  - Walk and carry their own bag.
- Pull carts are **not** permitted.

## **LOCAL RULES**

- Please check at the starter's table for the Local Rules and the USGA website ([www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org)) for a list of approved golf balls & drivers for the competition.
- The Condition of Competition ("Groove Rule") will be in effect (see Condition Section Below).
- The "One Ball Rule" will be **in effect**.
- The Local Rule **allowing** Distance Measuring Devices will be **in effect** (See App. I-B-9).
- The New Local Rule for Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green will be **in effect**.

## **"GROOVE AND PUNCH MARK SPECS" CONDITION**

**Clubs:** Grooves – The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 – See Decision 4-1/1 and applicable championship entry for details.

## **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 conscientious 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 Chris Gaffney, Director of Championships, at (516) 732-9044.

## **CLUB ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER**

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