

As the Griff Golf back niners await the warmer weather and resumption of golf, the various committees held meetings (some in secret) to address issues affecting play in 2016. The decisions of those committees are:

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- ❖ The committee voted to maintain membership at 2015 levels with no expansion, to include only the four charter members of the group
- ❖ The committee voted to continue to allow guests as substitutes in cases of absence of an existing member
- ❖ Guest invitations may be extended prior to the day's match by any member, or on premises at the Griff the day of play
- ❖ Guests shall not be permitted to participate in member events as alternates or substitutes
- ❖ There will be no extra fee charged to guests beyond the daily greens fees

AWARDS COMMITTEE

- ❖ The annual awards dinner has been tentatively set for April 6 at Gabrielles in Greenwich

HANDICAP COMMITTEE

- ❖ Mr. Kemp's 2015 handicap of two strokes per nine holes will be unchanged for 2016
- ❖ In an amendment of rules, the handicap committee has decided that strokes can be used at the discretion of the holder (rather than on a predetermined basis according to the scorecard) on any hole during competition, with the following stipulations:
 - No strokes are permitted on par three holes
 - The use of a stroke must be announced before any tee shots are hit on that hole
 - If both of the handicap strokes remain available on the seventeenth hole, there will be no requirement of an announcement and the two strokes will be automatically used on seventeen and eighteen
 - Similarly, if one of the handicap strokes remains available on the eighteenth hole, there will be no requirement of an announcement and the stroke will be utilized on that hole automatically

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

- ❖ The 2016 competition will be six months in duration, beginning on April 30 and concluding on October 30
- ❖ Any matches played outside the competition boundary dates will be considered exhibition in nature
- ❖ Only matches played on the back nine of the Griff will be considered for inclusion in 2016 results
- ❖ All matches will be Skins format
- ❖ Daily point totals will be awarded on a 3-2-1-0 scoring based on the daily order of finish, regardless of actual number of skins won
- ❖ Ties for daily rankings will share points accordingly
- ❖ There is no carryover to the following match of any skins that were not won due to ties on the eighteenth hole