10/8/2024

Dear Friend,

Congratulations on your inclusion in the 8th Annual Founding Fathers Invitational. Enclosed in the pages following you will find information that may help you prepare for this prestigious event.

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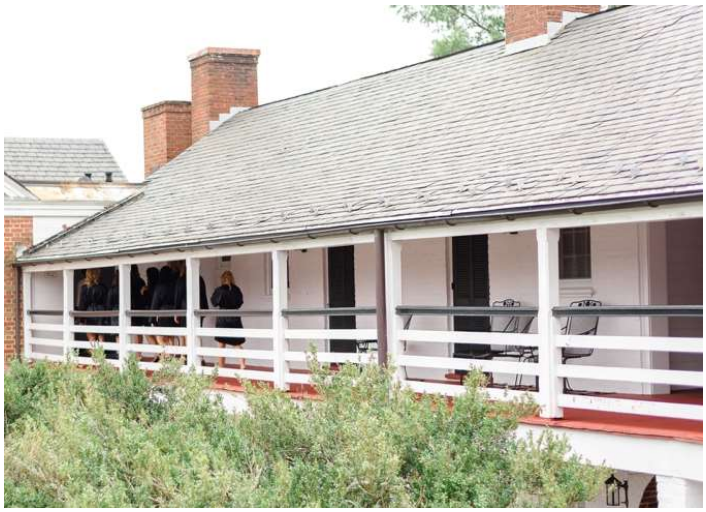
In 2024, we note Team Philly has made just one (1) roster adjustment – the fewest changes Team Philly has made to their roster since the great expansion of 2019. We warmly welcome back Dr. Mark Kurd and wish you good luck.

As some of you may know, this year's format will be different from previous Invitationals. As in year's past (or at least every other year), the specific format and selected rules are enclosed in this packet and subject to change - I advise a thorough review as each player is limited to one (1) question of the Tournament Rules Committee (TRC).

We look forward to your arrival later this week. As always, please feel free to call your mum should you have any questions or complaints.

Sincerely,
The DC Team
.571 Winning Percentage

General Logistics



Lodging: The host team is pleased to offer comfortable and convenient accommodation for each player. Though tradition suggests a spirited game of suck-and-blow to determine room assignments, the Tournament Host Committee (THC) has selected rooms for each player based on a complicated and confidential algorithm. Your room assignment will be provided at check-in.

Check in will take place at the entry to the main clubhouse. If the rooms are not ready upon your arrival, the locker room will be available for changing (if necessary) and all luggage will be held at the Clubhouse.

As a reminder to those hailing from either the Philadelphia or Pittsburgh regions of Pennsylvania, gentlemen should remove their caps and speak in a respectful manner when inside the Clubhouse. Stonewashed denim is neither encouraged nor allowed in the Clubhouse or anywhere southeast of Altoona for that matter.

Cash Needs and General payment while at the Club(s): All personal charges (e.g. pro shop and food/bev while on the course) can and should be put to your personal account, which will be provided at check-in. Communal charges (i.e. joint meals), which, as Jeff will remind us are to be split 16 ways, will be charged to the Hosts and reimbursed (with typical and customary fees) at a later date.

The only cash requirements will be for the entry fee for both the tournament ($250) and the exhibition round ($20) as well as any additional games of chance in which you may be interested in partaking. There is no tipping necessary at the Club, though a Finsky for the bag guys would not be turned down. Any and all gambling in addition to the entry fee will be the responsibility of the individual player and should be paid in the form of crisp $20 bills. Venmo is for lazy millennials … and executives of fintech payment processing companies.

Travel/Transportation: Longhaul transportation for Team Philly (reserved only for those on the team and not necessarily for a 'friend' who happens to live in Philly and would have really appreciated the lift) has been arranged by Mundy Wealth Management – Where Alignment Is More Than Something You Learn at Golf School ©. [1] The airport is approximately 30 mins from the Club. Team DC will provide shuttle(s) to/from CHO.

[1] Past performance is not indicative of future results.

See schedule for more detail.

Caddies: Sorry, guys. No caddies this year. Whether you walk/carry or take a cart will be determined by the foursome and judged by others accordingly.

Meals: See schedule for more detail regarding location.

Dress Code: Typical country club rules apply at Farmington. Jackets are not mandatory.

Cell Phones: The club is a bit more laid back about cell phones than previous venues. However, talking on your phone should generally be limited to your room. Use of the phone for other reasons, especially if you are on course, have lost a couple of holes due to three putts and/or chunky chips, and are in a specifically steep shame spiral, should be kept to a minimum, if possible, though not expressly prohibited. If there are any more moms in the Philly area who have started Only Fans accounts – please feel free to share after hours.



Ben Everly (aka Beverly) – 2019 MVP – shown here testing the pewter content of The Goblet of Immortality

Non-Golf Schedule:

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9:15 – CHO arrival. Room check-in (if available)
9:45 – Club arrival and room check-in (if available)
10:00-11:30 – Breakfast. Warm-up.
Mosi-Bosis/Bloody Marys available at bar. Canned drinks provided at caddy shack (first tee)
11:30 – All players report to first tee of the Main Course for official pictures
11:40 – Match 1 begins
4:45 – East Course Exhibition
6:30 – Cocktail and appetizers on Blue Ridge Terrace
8:00 – Seated dinner. Pine Room (main clubhouse)

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7:30 – 8:50 Brekky – Farmington Grill [2]/warmup/checkout.[3]
9:10 – All players report to first tee
9:20 – Round 2 Matches commence
1:15 – Putting contest
1:45 – Lunch
4:00 – Depart for CHO
5:30 – Celebrate Rob celebrating Yom Kippur with uninterrupted eye contact over candlelight with a spouse or stranger





Farmington Main Course – 1st Hole. The bunker short right, previously known as Mr. (Low) T, has been renamed Case of the Mundies … Nice touch by the Club.

[2] Full breakfast is included in room rate and highly encouraged. Suggest biscuit as carb option.

[3] All personal effects must be removed from the room prior to tee off on Friday morning. Suggest leaving all bags in a Team DC car. Showers available in the locker room following the round. Please contact VCBIV for any specific Clubman hygienic product requirements.

Match Schedule

Date	Time	Course	Pairing	Pairing
Match 1: Fourball				
10/10	11:40	Main	Hopkins(11)/Tuohey(10)	J Shan(X)/Nathan(9)
10/10	11:50	Main	Burke(12)/Connolly(X)	Benny 2 G(X)/Beverly(7)
10/10	12:00	Main	Delany(19)/Keegan(X)	Kurd(2)/Mundy(17)
10/10	12:10	Main	Carr(8)/Miller(9)	Leverly(9) /P Shan(X)
Match 2: 3C Challenge		**EXHIBITION**		
10/10	4:40	East Course	Tuohey/J Shan (2) Hopkins/Q (2)	VCB4/Beverly (3) Connolly/Nathan (2)
10/10	4:50	East Course	Keegan/Mundy (4) Delany/P Shan (3)	Carr/Kurd (2) Miller/Leverly (2)
Match 3: Fourball				
10/11	9:20	Main	TBA	TBA
10/11	9:30	Main	TBA	TBD
10/11	9:40	Main	TBA	TBA
10/11	9:50	Main	TBA	TBA



FFI 2022 (21-11 end result). Bear and Murph – we miss you.

Rules and Scoring

Rules: USGA rules oversee all course activities, unless expressly agreed upon by both parties or listed below.[4]

- **Winter rules may apply** (lift, clean, place in your appropriate fairway only) **IF agreed upon prior to play**. Gimmes and Mullis are at the discretion of the foursome. Some will ask. Fewer will approve.
- For pace of play reasons, **out-of-bounds penalties will be played as a stroke-and-distance penalty, but the offending player may drop the ball in the nearest shortly mowed area to where his ball exited the field of play**. Play 'ready golf' and the TLC reminds all players that time is of the essence.
- Triple bogey is the maximum score allowed, but should the hole be decided by triple bogey, the legitimate triple (vs the pick-up) will carry the hole. Player should immediately remove his ball from competition on any hole once a triple-b has been reached. **Player should then contemplate his priorities in life prior to rejoining the competition.** No, Pat and Jeff, this rule will most likely not apply to you.
- Any **wagering on course** is at the complete and unilateral discretion of the members of the foursome. The tournament committee does not specifically or explicitly condone or condemn opportunities for financial risk taking/alternative mortgage-payment strategies. Need help with a gambling problem? Please call 1-800-522-4700.



FFI – 2020. Note 1: Team DC unity, as represented by their matching outfits. Note 2: Continued roster attrition of Team Philadelphia. Note 3: The size of team DC QZ's.

TOURNAMENT FORMATS/SCORING

- **FFI Rounds – Fourball Closeout (Max 8 points = 2 + closeout F9&B9, 2 pts overall match):**
    - Best net score wins hole. In the case of a tie, the hole is halved.
    - Primary match worth two (2) points. Once the nine-hole match has been closed out (ex: 3 up with 2 to play) a new match begins worth one (1) additional point.
    - If the closeout match is tied, each team receives .5 points.
    - If a closeout hole(s) are not necessary, an additional .5 point is NOT awarded.
    - There will not be a closeout match for the 18-hole match
    - Overall match winner will receive two points. Min six points avail. Max eight points.

NOTE: As some of you may know, the 10th hole is closed for renovations. For a number of reasons, most of which you are two young or slow to understand we have made the following format modifications:

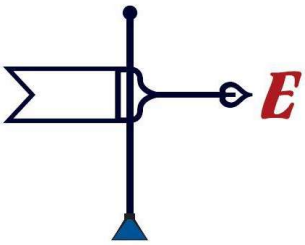
- Round 1, all players will continue to the first hole of the East Course to complete the match. Hole 10 will not be played/scored.
- Round 2, each match will end on the 18th hole of the Main Course. The 10th hole will be marked as a net par for each player (and therefore halved).
- **If the OVERALL match is tied, one fourball match (as elected by each team capt) will proceed to the East Course for a sudden death playoff played at scratch from the red tees (Holes 1 & 10).**



Harambe (2018 MVP), as found in his natural habitat (i.e. surrounded by red meat, red wine, hoppy beer, quarter zips, deep mahogany). Accompanied by Mr. Connolly and Nightime Keegan. 10/24/18.
NOTE: Pictured taken just prior to the "Half-a-mil Challenge" (HAMC)
NOTE II: HAMC is still yet to be played/scheduled.

EXHIBITION FORMATS

- **East Course – Three Club Challenge/Alternate Shot (3CC):** The 10-hole East Course is a true gem. Format details bulleted below (for those of you with short attention spans)
    - Each team will alternate shots from tee through to hole out. Each team, regardless of who strikes the final putt, will rotate tee balls (i.e. Player A tees on the first hole. Even if Player B finishes the hole, Player B will still tee off on the second hole).
    - Each player may carry three clubs + a putter. Choose wisely. Red tees. Scorecard below.
    - This is a stroke play event. Each team will record seven (7) of nine (9) scores.
    - Team handicaps noted on the Match Schedule page
    - In order to protect the field – especially considering the alcoholic bevvies consumed by this point in the day – ALL/ONLY putts within the putter grip will be considered GOOD. While this will change slightly given the length of different putters – the distance should generally be approx. 36". Just be cool about it …
    - $20 entry fee per player. Second place gets money back. Last place pays extra $10. Winner takes the rest.



Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Hcp	Net
Red	190	257	149	68	355	375	169	137	94	412	2206		
Blue	143	226	127	60	326	328	158	116	73	326	1883		
White	113	205	95	49	251	286	122	90	57	290	1558		
Par	3	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	5	35		
Handicap	6	4	7	10	1	3	5	8	9	2			

- **Putting Horserace/Deathmatch:** The 18-hole putting course is new addition to Farmington – and one that should be enjoyed. As always, format details bulleted below. Winner to receive special prize, to be revealed at registration.
    - Preliminary round will be in the same foursomes as **FFI Round 2**.
        - Foursome to choose desired hole (as laid out by the expert FCC golf staff)
        - Flip tee for putting order. Players cannot watch previous putt.
        - First hole: furthest putt is eliminated.
        - Next hole: furthest putt is eliminated
        - Next hole: furthest putt is eliminated



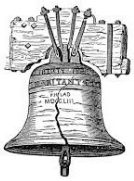
    - Final Four
        - Each of the final four players will play a hole as determined by the non-qualifying players
        - Order selected by tee flip
        - Players cannot watch previous putt
        - High score eliminated
        - Putts will be played closest to furthest until the ball is holed.
        - In the event of a high-score tie each, high score will be eliminated
            - EX: Player 1 = 2, Player 2 = 3, Player 3 = 3, Player 4 = 2 – Plyrs 2&3 are eliminated
        - In the event of a low-score tie, each tied player moves on
            - EX: All players make 2s. No players eliminated.
        - Max five (5) holes. If a winner has not yet been crowned, there will be a one-hole putt-off where closest putt to the hole wins.

FFI Historical Results

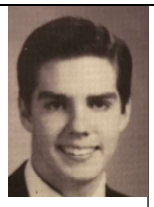
Year	Location		Score	Champion	MVP
2018	Applebrook	Aronimink	12-6	Team Philly	P. Shanahan
2018	Columbia	Chevy	15.5-12.5	Team DC	R. Miller
2019	Applebrook	Applebrook	17.5-10.5	Team Philly	B. Etherington
2020	Chevy	Columbia	14.5-9.5	Team DC	M. Hopkins
2021	Applebrook	Applebrook	15-13	Team DC	D. Tuohey
2022	Columbia	Chevy	21-11[5]	Team DC	B. Delany
2023	Applebrook	Aronimink	A lot – A Lil	Team Philly	2G Quereau

2022 Team Rosters

Team Philly

									
Player	Shanahan, Jeff (Capt)	Shanahan, Pat (Alt Capt/CFO)	Mundy, Will (COO, Perm Interim)	Etherington, Ben	Etherington, Luke	Kurd, Dr. Mark	Nathan, Rob	Quereau, Ben
Home Club	Applebrook Golf Club	Applebrook Golf Club	Aronimink Golf Club	Applebrook Golf Club	Applebrook Golf Club	Aronimink Golf Cub	Applebrook Golf Club	Waynesborough Country Club
2024 FFI Index (12-mo low)	1.7 (1.4)	+1.6 (+2.2)	17.1 (14.7)	6.3 (5.8)	5.9 (4.4)	4.4 (4.1)	9.4 (9.4)	0.6 (0.6)
Roster Security Status (H/M/L)	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	High

Team DC

									
Player	Hopkins, Matt (Capt)	Delany, Brendan (Alt Capt)	Carr, Jon (Mngr - Logistics)	Burke, Vince	Connolly, Chris	Keegan, Sean	Miller, Roland	Tuohey, Devin
Home Club(s)	Columbia Country Club	Columbia Country Club	Chevy Chase Club	Columbia Country Club	Chevy Chase Club	Columbia Country Club	Chevy Chase Club	Philadelphia Country Club
FFI Index ('24 low)	11.1 (10.0)	18.8 (17.5)	4.7 (2.6)	11.1 (11.1)	0.8 (0.6)	2.2 (1.5)	5.5 (3.9)	10.2 (9.9)

[5] Biggest beatdown in tournament history. Major changes took place following the match and subsequent bus-ride home.

No individual match writeups this year, gents. Instead, in order to avoid any HINT of home course advantage, (and to reward those few players who have made it this far into the program), we have included a brief hole-by-hole writeup for your education and enjoyment.

Hole 1 – Par 4 - 365 yds – 15 Handi

Overview: Nice little ease-in to the round downhill pat on the back. This par 3.5 is probably the easiest hole on the course. For most players, the line off the tee is the center of the furthest left-side fairway bunker. Left of the left bunkers is OB … so you should probably avoid that. A big fade is a potential lost ball (long grass most of the year) so you should take a provisional if you decide to pump it right. Just sayin.

Carrski tip: For the long hitters, just go ahead and take it straight to the front of the green, slightly favoring the right side of the fairway to keep OB out of play.

Notable poppage: Only Delaaaahny and Queso pop on the first. Early face off for each of them as a 4-for-3 may mark an early W for one of them. Pat will be watching.

Hole 2 – Par 3 - 185 yds – 13 Handi

Uphill par three, with a relatively severe back-to-front sloping green. There is OB left, but it should not really come into play unless you get out the chloroform. Missing short, while a little embarrassing, is definitely the preferred miss. This is a harder hole than the handicap system gives it credit for.



Carrski tip: Though the slope looks severe, be wary of taking too much club.
Notable poppage: See previous note.

Hole 3 – Par 4 - 415 yds – 3 Handi

Overview: Downhill, relatively sharp dog-leg right. Be wary of cutting off too much of the dog leg, as the grove of trees right of the fairway is, as Roland's housekeeper would say, no bueno senor Miller. While it is not necessarily jail, it is certainly an overnight drunktank where you're gonna wanna go ahead and make a phone call from the pay phone. Taking less than driver and aiming left, while terribly effeminate, is probably a good decision (not that anyone will take that advise). Going long on your approach is a popular outcome.

Carrski tip: 240 up the middle is a nice decision.
Notable poppage: Two of the four matches have their first 2 v 1 scenario with Team DC (Hopkins/Tuohey, Carr/Miller) hoping to take advantage of their impressively managed handicaps.

Hole 4 – Par 4 - 350 yds – 9 Handi

Overview: Another short par 4 where the hole lays out clearly in front of you. Less than driver off the tee will most likely be the club of choice for the long hitters in the field. A heavy right-to-left sloping fairway provides ample target area for nice b-fade on the right side of the fairway, totally ignoring the left-side hazard that runs the length of the fairway. Going into the schmutz on this birdie hole is a particularly painful scenario given the upside (zero) in taking it on at all. NOTE: going too far right is not awesome given the downhill lie for your 100 yd approach shot … so don't get mad at me if you end up on the side hill.

Carrski tip: Like most holes in golf, 240-250 up the middle is a nice decision.

Notable poppage: Two v one in the first match and Vincenzo as an independent popper in Match 2. Hole four surely will be an impactful moment in the F9 matches.

Hole 5 – Par 4 - 420 yds – 1 Handi

Overview: The first legitimately long par four is an uphill dogleg right. The proper line is the right side of a grove of trees on the left side of the fairway. The creek that runs on the left side of the previous hole returns on the fifth, but this time arrives on the right side of the fairway. Very long hitters can probably carry it past the hazard from the tee, but mere mortals should steer clear. The approach is probably a half club up hill. If the pin is in the back, going long (as always) is a no go. Short left and pin high right are fine misses. Beware of taking a fade line and staying left unless you keep it well short. That up and down is far more difficult than the right side.

Carrski tip: For those higher handicappers, making a bogey by laying the approach back to a comfortable distance is a perfectly fine strategy. Long irons into this green from a sidehill lie (which you will probably have) tend to be difficult for those working desk jobs.

Notable poppage: This hole is nicknamed Halloween – cause almost everyone is getting candy (full size Snicker please, ma'am). If past results are any indication, however, the low handicappers/long hitters (despite the strokes) have a sizable advantage on the 5th – the most difficult hole on the front.

Hole 6 – Par 3 - 150 yds – 17 Handi

Overview: A large, sloping back-to-front green, awaits the players on this uphill par 3. The topography presents the challenge on this shortish hole – caddies suggest taking an extra half club. Staying below the hole is important for destressing your two-putt chances. For you Eagles fans, wave to Chris Long – who lives just past the green on the right.

Carrski tip: Getting a good feel for the front edge of the green and carrying that number should be your primary thought. Short is punished via the slope and bunkering and long can be particularly difficult … so just carry the front and let it roll where it needs to roll. If you've gone to church recently, it should all workout.

Notable poppage: Yes, two players in our esteemed group will be popping on this 150 yd, water-hazard-free hole. We should all pray for them.

Hole 7 – Par 5 - 490 yds – 7 Handi

Overview: An up and down and around again par 5 that is reachable by most players in this group, provides some strategic opportunities for all. A fairway falls significantly downhill for the first half of the hole, where it is traversed by a smallish creek approximately 270 yards from the tee. Big hitters can carry the creek and will be left with a mid-iron into the green – but it will be a blind approach into a very sloped green with a creek approx. 20 yds short. Laying it back with less than driver allows players to lay up with their second shot OR take a long iron/hybrid into the two-tiered green. Speaking of the green – this is one of two or three greens on the course where it is essential to stay below the hole.

Carrski tip: For first-timers, as much as it will pain you, I recommend laying up to the top of the hill to give yourself a 100-yd approach shot into this green OR taking the time to look at the hole prior to the round to understand the trouble spots around the green. Day 2 will certainly be bombs away.

Notable poppage: Despite that sage advice, it is a virtual certainty that all the low handicappers are going to rip at this hole in 2 given the pops sacrificed in the name of friendly competition. Should be fun to hear about it at the clubhouse over some heady IPAs.

Hole 8 – Par 4 - 410 yds – 5 Handi

Overview: Slight downhill and right dogleg. Taking an aggressive line just right of the left side bunkers will leave most players with a wedge into this underrated green. Similar to the previous hole – though much less obvious – you should take great pains to keep your approach shot below the hole.

Carrski tip: If you are between clubs on your approach, perhaps go down a club (but, not to overcomplicate this any more than I already have, been cognizant of your spin. Maybe you should bring a trackman just to be sure you are fully dialed in).

Notable poppage: Another Halloween hole, where practically the entire field is popping. No real danger on this hole from a hazard perspective = a lot of halves (just my hunch).

Hole 9 – Par 4 - 380 yds – 11 Handi

Overview: Uphill par 4. Fairway bunker on the right is reachable and provides very little strategic advantage in taking it on (i.e. a slightly better angle/look at the hole). There is plenty of bailout area long and left of the green, but long and right is OB.

Carrski tip: The walk from 8 green to 9 tee is abusive, so take a minute to catch your breath. Perhaps save a Delicious Coors Light (DCL) for just that moment. As for the golf, it may feel uncomfortable given the entry drive and tree overhang, but the line is definitely up the left side of the fairway.

Notable poppage: Wow. Another great opportunity for Hopkins (match 1) and Burke (match 2) to take home the last hole (closeout perhaps).

Hole 10 – Par 3 - 222 yds – 12 Handi

Overview: This hole sucks and I am glad we will not be playing it. Needed to be said.

Carrski tip: Grab some cocktails/food at the turn stand. Suggest a chicky-salad cup splitsky. DO NOT TRY TO EAT THE WHOLE THING, Q … it will set off alarms for even the most lactose-friendly GI system .

Notable poppage: For those that would have popped here, your pop will carry over to the East Course – Hole 1.

Hole 11 – Par 4 - 420 yds –2 Handi

Overview: Relatively sharp dog-leg left, with trees guarding the direct line off of the tee. Green protected by bunkering, but generally a non-threatening approach, though it may be bling depending on how aggressively you played your drive. Right and long (i.e. through the fairway) and over the green is OB.

Carrski tip: Despite the overall yardage, this is also where most long hitters take less than driver given a straight and long drive will most likely roll through the fairway in out of bounds. Taking an aggressive line (i.e. left side of the fairway) and drawing it around the corner is the ideal shot. Playing a 240 club straight down the fairway is perfectly reasonable and will leave you with downhill long iron into the green – no big deal.

Notable poppage: Everyone's got a chance.

Hole 12 – Par 4 - 375 yds –10 Handi

Overview: Uphill slight dog leg left – pond in front of tee boxes (which probably shouldn't be in play)[6]. Looks like a long hole, but is actually a driver wedge/9-iron for most of the field. Long and right of the green is OB.

Carrski tip: Full send with an aiming point on the left edge of the right fairway bunkers, which are not reachable except for the biggest of big hitters.

Notable poppage: Interestingly, match 1 is another highlighted poppage situation. 2 v 1 on this hole – which is hard to birdie, but not overly difficult to par, could turn the tide early on the back 9.

Hole 13 – Par 4 - 300 yds –14 Handi

Overview: Uphill and potentially drivable par 3. Left fairway bunker is reachable/carryable to most of the field. Multi-tiered green is the only protection for par. The lower half, particularly, can be very fast if you are putting downhill.

Carrski tip: Pay special attention to the pin location. A lower right placement allows for a great approach from the left of the green (and vice versa). Best hole on the course.

Notable poppage: Not many pops here. Pars will most likely result in a W.

Hole 14 – Par 4 - 455 yds – 4 Handi

Overview: Blind tee shot with a steep downhill at the landing area with a pretty confounding green, makes this the hardest hole on the backside. Keep your drive to the right side of the fairway. Left is OB … but it would have to be a pretty awful hook to get there.

Carrski tip: Favoring the right side from tee to green is a fantastic strategy. Nothing good happens on the left side of this hole. For shorter hitters – there is nothing wrong with laying this back to the top of the hill to give yourself a flat lie.

Notable poppage: Everyone has a shot. For the 4-7 handicappers in this group, it is time to shine.

Hole 15 – Par 4 - 360 yds – 16 Handi

Overview: Sharp dogleg right with a nuanced green. Less than driver is a perfectly reasonable play. OB on the right and long left overly aggressive tee shots.

Carrski tip: Taking a 240 club straight down the middle will leave an easy wedge into the green. The green is a bit nuanced and pretty large, so don't get lazy with your second shot.

Notable poppage: I'm running out of time so there will be no more poppage updates.

Hole 16 – Par 5 - 550 yds – 16 Handi

Overview: Longest hole on the course. Tee shots should be taken out to the right – most likely aiming for the right chimneys of the large white house down the fairway. From there, long irons should be kept to the right side of the fairway. Be careful to avoid the right fairway bunker. Long and right or left of the green is OB – but that rarely comes into play unless it's a shank/pull.

[6] Hopkins will attest that going into this pond will make you question why you've decided to play golf for fun.

Carrski tip: Trying to take on the dog leg off the tee is a sucker play. Don't be a sucker. Take it up the right side and maybe go for it in two on Day 2.

NOTE: there is OB on the right side of the fairway for pretty much the entire hole, so don't you go fading it off the right-side line.

Hole 17 – Par 3 - 172 yds – 18 Handi
Overview: Severe downhill par 3, with a newly softened and enlarged green.

Carrski tip: Though the green is well downhill, I don't necessarily recommend clubbing down too much. I typically play for about 10 yds less (assuming no wind) than the actual yardage, but no more.

Hole 18 – Par 4 - 382 yds – 8 Handi
Overview: One of least loved holes on the course, happens to be 18. Dog leg left, with a significant uphill approach and a very sloped green (back to front).

Carrski tip: On the tee shot, don't get overly aggressive trying to turn the corner. Aim for the middle of the fairway bunkers. Big hitters can reach those bunkers, so you'll need to draw it off the line or play less than driver. Add a club or a club and a ½ to your approach shot, but, similar to 6, the most important number the front edge of the green since going past the pin can lead to a very difficult downhill put.

NOTE: For you bad ass ball spinners, there have been plenty of times where a ball the clears the front edge of the green by 5 yds of more has spun off the front and down the hill … not a fun moment. Be aware and get your ball deep enough into the green so you don't find yourself bitching about "not be rewarded for a great shot". Much like your fantasy football lineup, no one really wants to hear about it.



Thank you all for reading this welcome packet and, very sincerely, for making the great effort to join together for a couple days of friendly competition, thoughtful story-telling, well-spirited shit talking … and, of course, hoping Sean doesn't get us kicked off property.

We conclude, as always, with a note from the captains.



Play well gentlemen. Don't forget to enjoy the walk.