

8th Annual NYS Men's Amateur & Senior Amateur

Four-Ball Championships

The Otesaga Resort's Leatherstocking Golf Course

May 21-22, 2017



The 2017 Player Information Memo

Leatherstocking Golf Course: The Leatherstocking Golf Course is located at 60 Lake Street, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Parking for the golf course is located in the Otesaga Resort's parking lot.

Hotel: The Otesaga Resort Hotel is offering a reduced rate of \$164 per single or double occupancy, which includes breakfast. To secure a reservation, call 1-866-494-0085 and identify yourself as a NYSGA participant.

Format and Schedule of Events: The format of this championship is 36 holes at four-ball stroke play. The USGA defines this format of play as follows:

"A competition in which two competitors play as partners, each playing his own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. If one partner fails to complete the play of a hole, there is no penalty."

The team in each division with the lowest score after 36 holes will be the division winner. In the case of a tie for either championship division, a hole-by-hole playoff will be used to determine the winner. The playoff will use holes #6, #17, #18.

Saturday, May 20 - Practice Rounds

9:00am - 5:00pm..... Practice rounds (contact pro shop for tee time)

Sunday, May 21 - Round 1

11:00am - 12:35pm..... Contestant registration (beneath the NYSGA tent at the pro shop)

12:35pm - 12:45pm..... Announcements

1:00pm Round 1 - 18 holes, four-ball stroke play (shotgun start)

6:30pm-7:30pm..... Player reception (cash bar)

7:00pm.....Contestant dinner at the Otesaga Resort Hotel

Monday, May 22 - Round 2

8:40am - 8:45am.....Announcements

9:00am Round 2 - 18 holes, four-ball stroke play (shotgun start)

2:00pm Contestant lunch at the Leatherstocking clubhouse

2:30pm Awards ceremony

Practice Rounds: A practice round is available on Saturday, May 20 for all registered contestants (not teams on the wait list). Tee times can be scheduled by calling the Leatherstocking professional shop (607-544-2546). The club will charge a cart fee for all players utilizing a practice round.

Registration: Each team must have at least one member register in-person on Sunday, May 21 prior to the start of the first round. Registration will take place beneath the NYSGA tent located adjacent to the club's pro shop. Players will receive their tee gift (tournament hat) at this time.

Course Yardage: The Men's Division will play the green tees, and the Men's Senior Division will play the white tees.

Driving Range: The use of the driving range, which is located just north of the club on Route 80, will be available compliments of the NYSGA on Sunday (10:30am-12:30pm) and Monday (7:00am-8:30am).

Golf Carts: Included in the entry fee is use of a golf cart for all championship rounds.

Contestant Dinner: The NYSGA invites all players to the Contestant Dinner, held in the Otesaga Resort's ball room, starting 7:00pm or shortly after the completion of Sunday's first round. Guest tickets are available and will be sold at registration for \$50 each, cash or check only. The dress code for dinner is golf attire, and the entrée will be roast prime rib. If you have special dietary restrictions, please contact me and we will make the necessary arrangements.

Contestant Lunch: Following conclusion of play on Monday, May 21 will be a complimentary lunch for all players. Guests will be required to purchase food through the club's grill.

Food Service at the Otesaga Resort: Players will be responsible for any food and beverage purchases outside of the Contestant Dinner. The Leatherstocking Golf Grill & Patio and the Otesaga's Hawkeye Restaurant will be open for service throughout the championship, and will accept the following payment options: cash, credit and room charges for hotel guests.

If you are staying at the Otesaga Resort, I highly recommend you take advantage of the complimentary breakfast. Ensure that you get there early so you can make the 9:00am shotgun on Monday morning!

Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the champions in each division.

Exemptions: The winner of the NYS Men's Amateur Four-Ball Championship will earn an exemption into the 2017 NYS Men's Amateur Championship at Bethpage Black.

Dress Code: Contestants are required to wear pressed and neatly presented traditionally acceptable golf attire while participating in this championship. If a contestant is found to be wearing clothing contrary to this code, or is wearing acceptable clothing in a non-traditional manner, they will be asked to make the necessary corrections or risk the penalty of disqualification.

Conditions of Competition and Local Rules: Listed below are several important Conditions of Competition and Local Rules for this competition.

- **Notice to Competitors:** Please check your cart for the Notice to Players and NYSGA Hard Card.
- **Conforming Clubs and Balls:** Visit the USGA website (www.usga.com) for a list of approved golf balls and drivers for the competition.
- **Distance Measuring Devices:** Are permitted as long as they measure distance only.
- **One Ball Rule:** The "One Ball Rule" will **not** be in effect.
- **Pace of Play:** As a shotgun tournament, it is important that players keep in position for the duration of this tournament. Any group that falls out of position will be asked to catch up. Any subsequent warnings may result in a penalty.

Withdrawals: If your team must withdraw from the championship please contact the NYSGA offices immediately at (315) 471-6979 so that we can refund your entry and add a team from the wait list into the tournament.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Otherwise I look forward to seeing you in Cooperstown!

Best,



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