



Information for the Jess's / Not Just Bogeys Golf League 2017 Season

Jess's Monday Night Mixed Golf League is joining together with the **Not Just Bogeys Golf League** for the 2017 season. There's a season-long competition for points in flights, and prizes available each week in a fun event. Players of **all** abilities are welcomed in the league to join in the fun. Here are some details for the league for this season:

Where and When: Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, Mondays – tee times from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Dates: the season is 18 weeks, split into two halves

April 17 and April 24, 2017 – practice nights. Note: if you are new to the league this year, please be sure to play on these two nights to establish your league handicap.

May 1, 2017 to June 26, 2017 – 1st half of season.

July 3, 2017 to August 28, 2017 – 2nd half of season.

Special: May 29 – Memorial Day – we'll play that day or you can turn in a golf-out score.

Special: July 9, 2017 (Sunday) – Mid-Season Outing/Field Day – at Tam O'Shanter

Special: Sept. 17, 2017 (Sunday) – Year-End Outing/Field Day – at Green Meadows G.C.

Tees:

Women play from the Red tee markers; Men aged 61 years and younger play from the White tee markers; Men aged 62 years and older play from the Yellow tee markers.

Rules:

- A) Maximum score on each hole is **3 TIMES PAR! Count all your strokes!**
- B) **NO** fluffing or setting up the ball in the rough or around the green!!! You may improve your lie in your **OWN FAIRWAY ONLY!** In other words, we play Winter Rules in our own fairway.
- C) **PLEASE** remember to sign your name in the league book that sits on the counter at the golf course, when you pay for your round. **Tam O'Shanter gives us \$1.00 Pro Shop credit for everyone who signs the book, so we can have lots of prizes for the year-end outing!!!!**
- D) If you cannot make league night-please **GOLF OUT**. To count for a particular week, golf-outs must be turned in by the **Sunday** following the league night that was missed. Leave your scorecard in Tam O'Shanter's golf-out box. Be sure to play the correct nine (front or back) and to **sign the league book**. You may also bank golf-out scores anytime. Mark the card "Golf-out – Jess's / NJB" and put the date on it. But if you play on a Monday, that score counts for that week – you **CANNOT** choose to not count the score and then golf-out.
- E) Death Valley rule: in order to speed up play, if you hit into Death Valley **TWICE** from the tee, you **MUST** pick up your ball and take it to the green, placing it on the farthest point of the green from the hole. You are lying 5, putting for 6.
- F) Gimmie putts are not allowed, **EXCEPT:** to speed-up play, if a ball ends up "within the leather" (8 inches or less from the hole), the putt may be given to the player if all the other players in the group agree. But no gimmies longer than 8 inches!! Putt out on every hole!!
- G) No Mulligans are allowed, **EXCEPT** as noted in the next rule. Mulligans are not fair to the rest of the players in the league. Whiffs count as a stroke.

- H) Warm-up Tee Shot on First Hole of the Round: on your FIRST hole of your round (ONLY on the first hole!), you may play two shots from the tee and choose the better of the two balls. From that point on, you must play each shot from where it ends up. You cannot "save" the "mulligan" to be used anywhere on the course -- it only applies to the first shot of the round. If you like your first tee ball, you don't have to hit a second one.
- I) Out-of-bounds or Lost Ball: to speed play, we'll play out-of-bounds or lost balls like a lateral water hazard. Drop a ball as near as possible to the spot where the ball was lost or went out of bounds, and add one penalty stroke to your score. Search limit: 5 minutes.

League Dues:

There will be two levels of league membership for the 2017 season:

- **Basic membership level: \$45 for the season.** This entitles the member to compete in the weekly match play in flights, and will cover the costs of the two outings during the season.
- **Plus membership level: \$55 for the season.** This entitles the member to all of the benefits of the Basic membership, as well as enters the member in the weekly fun games that will be offered for Tam O'Shanter Gift Certificates.

Weekly League Play in Flights (for all League Members):

Each league member will be placed into a flight with other players of a similar handicap. Each week, you play a MATCH PLAY match against all of the other players in your flight. For each match, your net score on each hole is compared to the net score of your opponent. The player who wins the most holes wins the match. Net scores for each hole are calculated by deducting handicap strokes from each hole's gross score according to Tam O'Shanter's handicap designation for that hole. One point is earned for winning a match, and if a match is halved, each player earns ½ point. Standings in flights will be determined by total points earned during each half of the season. The league web site has an explanation and illustrations of match scoring.

Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each flight in each half of the season. Prize amounts will be determined by league officers when we see how much money we have left after paying for the outings.

Weekly Fun Events (for Plus Members only):

With the help of league sponsors, we'll offer a weekly contest for great prizes for members who pay the extra \$10 in dues for the season – each week, a \$12 Tam O'Shanter gift certificate will be given to the winner of that week's Fun Event, and an \$8 certificate is available for 2nd place! You will play your normal game each week for league points; the fun event is an extra game that will be worked out from net scores after the round is completed. Here are some ideas for the weekly events (dates may change):

May 1: Fewest Putts	July 3: Playing a match vs. Captain Bogey
May 8: Most Drives in Fairway	July 10: Fewest Putts
May 15: Throw out 2 worst net scores	July 17: The Elimination Challenge
May 22: Best Poker Hand – net scores	July 24: Closest net score to 24 after 7 holes
May 29: Everyone in a sudden-death playoff	July 31: 33-24-15 Tournament
June 5: Most Gross and Net 5's	Aug 7: Fewest drives in Fairway
June 12: Most one-putt greens	Aug 14: Modified Stableford Tournament
June 19: Old Man Par as your partner	Aug 21: Drop-out with a net bogey or worse
June 26: Each hole counts more than the last	Aug 28: Saving your Best for Last

Ties in Weekly Fun Events will be broken by league handicap – higher handicap player wins. Some of these events favor the lower handicappers, while others favor higher handicappers; everyone is in on the fun. Note: golf-out scores may **NOT** be used to in the Weekly Fun Events – you must play on league night to win in this competition. The league web site has explanations of the fun game formats.

Optional Weekly Competition: Separate Gross and Net Skins Games:

There will be a weekly Gross Skins Game with separate prize pools for men and women, and also a weekly Net Skins Game with separate pools for men and women. It costs \$2 per week to be in the Gross Skins Game, and \$2 per week to be in the Net Skins Game – you can play Gross only, Net only or both if you pay the proper amount for that week. You put your \$2 or \$4 into the skins box each week you wish to be part of the Skins Game(s). Golf-out scores may **NOT** be used in the Skins Games – you must play on league night to compete for Skins. Winnings are calculated after the round, and payouts are made the week after league play, in an envelope with the player's name in the skins box.

For convenience, some players choose to pay for the full season of skins in advance (\$36 for gross, \$36 for net, \$72 for both). If you pay in advance, you will automatically be put on the skins sheet every week; if paying weekly, please sign the Skins Game sheet in the league display area each week you play Skins. If paying Skins in advance, just add \$36 (or \$72 for both gross and net games) to your normal league dues. Skins are optional – there is no requirement to be in the Skins Game(s).

Optional Season-Long Competition: Eagles Club:

To participate in this optional league competition, you must pay an additional \$18 along with your dues money at the beginning of the season (that's \$1 per week). If someone in the Eagles Club makes an eagle (gross score), that person will win cash! We'll keep track of all gross eagles made by members of the Eagles Club throughout the season, and at the end of the year, the Eagles' Club pot will be split as many ways as there were eagles made by members of the Eagles Club. Golf-out rounds are **NOT** eligible for the Eagles Club. Only gross eagles made on league day count for winning in the Eagles Club. This game is optional – there is no requirement to be in the Eagles Club.

League Web Site:

<http://www.blaseweb.com/jess-njb/> league results and flight standings updated weekly

To join our golf league for the 2017 season, please send a check for your dues level and any optional games you wish to prepay to the address below. Checks should be made payable to **Jess's Monday Night Golf League**. Dues are payable by the second day of league play (May 8, 2017). Weekly Fun Prize Game winnings will not be given to players who have not paid their dues by the deadline. Here are the amounts for league dues and other optional activities:

League Dues: **\$45.00 for the Basic Membership Level; or \$55.00 for the Plus Membership**

Prepaid Skins: **\$36.00 for gross game only; \$36 for net game only; \$72 for both games**

Eagles Club: **\$18.00**

If you have any questions or concerns, please send us an e-mail message. Hope you'll join us for the most fun in the Shenango Valley golf scene! We think that merging our two leagues together this season will make things more fun for everyone. Please send your check, made payable to **Jess's Monday Night Golf League**, to our league treasurer:

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We're looking for new members. If you know of anyone who is looking for a golf league to join, spread the word! Beginners are welcome – the more the merrier!