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Gentlemen:

Our first interclub tournament at Raleigh Country Club takes place a week from tomorrow, so I thought it would be good to remind you all of some important new rules for this year's events.

- Maintaining a reasonable pace of play (4 1/2 hrs max) was the most significant concern expressed at the club representatives' kickoff meeting for the 2009 season, and a new procedure was put in place for managing pace of play at this year's events. Host clubs will have a Ranger circulating to move slower groups along. This Ranger will warn any group that has an entire hole open in front of them to pick up their pace and close the gap with the team immediately in front. If a warned team does not close the gap in timely fashion, the Ranger will advise this team to pick up, skip the hole they are playing, record "net pars" for that hole, and move directly to the next tee.
- The cost of all events will be \$50.00 this year, up \$5.00 from last year, but still a remarkable deal, considering that you get a continental breakfast, golf w/cart, and an excellent full-course lunch including beer and dessert.
- If you have signed up to play in an interclub event and then need to cancel out, remember to do so by crossing your name off the sign-up sheet in the men's locker room a minimum of 72 hours (3 days) prior to the 9:00 am start for the event in question. Otherwise, you will be billed the \$50 entry fee; no exceptions. Keep in mind that several Interclubs are scheduled to take place on Thursdays, so you will need to cancel 96 hours in advance (the preceding Sunday) to avoid being charged for these. In the event that you have to cancel with less than 72 hours notice, please notify the Pro shop as soon as possible to free up your reserved spot so someone else can play.
- Finally, a brief word about the posting of sign-up sheets. In an effort to be as fair as possible to all SGA members, some of whom do not play regularly on Tuesdays, I will do my best to post the interclub sign-up sheets by 10:00 am on the day exactly 4 weeks prior to each event.

I look forward to great 2009 SGA season with all of you.

Tom Starr