

April 28, 2010

To: Contestants

From: Malcolm McLachlan

Re: 7th Russell C. Palmer Cup
Rolling Hills Country Club
May 24-25, 2010

Gentlemen:

Welcome to the 7th Russell C. Palmer Cup. This letter will acknowledge receipt and acceptance of your application. Your starting time & pairings are enclosed. The format has been changed, so please read carefully.

The following are items of information concerning this tournament and are part of the Conditions of Competition:

FORMAT: 54 hole stroke play Championship. All contestants will play 18 holes on Monday May 24th. The low 36 scores including ties will advance to play 36 holes on Tuesday May 25th, starting at 7:30am. Tuesday's pairings will be based on first round scores. The player with the lowest 54-hole score will be the Champion. In the case of a tie for the Championship, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff immediately following the last stipulated round on Tuesday.

PRIZES: At a reception immediately following play, the winner & runner-up will receive trophies. In addition, the winner will have his name engraved on the permanent, Russell C. Palmer Cup, which has been donated by the late Russ Palmer. Also, the low 7 scores will receive credit for merchandise at the Rolling Hills Golf Shop.

REGISTRATION: When you arrive at the Club, please check in at the reception table located behind the clubhouse.

LOCKER ROOM: The locker room, which is located in the clubhouse, will be available for your use at 6:30 AM.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: These devices are permitted. See The CSGA Local Rules for limitations.

CADDIES & TRANSPORTATION: Contestants & caddies must walk at all times. You may carry your own bag or bring your own caddie. There are a limited amount of club caddies available. To reserve a caddie, call Jim Ferruzzi at (203)-762-4612. The cost will be \$75.00 per round, including tip. Contestants may use non- motorized pull carts, **BUT** they **MUST** be rented from Rolling Hills CC at a cost of \$15.00 for the day.

SCORING: This year we'll be using live scoring for the Palmer Cup. All players will be given a second score card on the 1st tee to be kept for his score on that nine holes. On the 10th tee an official will collect that card in order to post it on line. The scores for those nine holes **are unofficial**. No penalty if you make a mistake on that card. The **ONLY** scores that will be official, will be on the scorecard you & your maker sign at the end of the round. Please help us by having that card ready at the end of your first nine holes. Thank you.

FOOTWEAR: It is a condition of this competition that shoes with traditionally-designed spikes(regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal(if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION.**

PRACTICE ROUNDS: A practice round will be available on May 12, 13, & 20 between 2 & 3PM. Please call the Golf Shop for arrangements (203)-762-4636. Golf carts for practice round only, if wanted, cost \$25.00 per person. Greens fees are the courtesy of Rolling Hills Country Club.

PRACTICE RANGE: The range will be open at 6:30AM. Cost of range balls are courtesy of The CSGA. **IRONS ONLY**

CELLULAR PHONES: Use of a cellular phone or similar device by a contestant or caddie during the stipulated round is strictly **PROHIBITED.** Your host club further restricts the use of such devices to the locker room or parking lot. Please honor your host's request.

FOOD & BEVERAGES: Each day, The CSGA will provide a lunch. On Monday it will be available between 11:00Am & 4:00PM. If you're going out late, please eat before you play. On Tuesday, lunch will be available between Noon & 2PM. Non contestants & caddies may pay cash. Also, the snack bar, located near the 10th tee will be open for you on a cash basis.

DRESS CODE: Contestants & caddies are required to adhere to the following:

- Shorts must be Bermuda length
- Shirts must have a collar & be tucked in at all times
- Jeans are not allowed
- Hats are to be worn in a traditional manner

We look forward to seeing you on May 24th .

Best regards,

Malcolm McLachlan
Director, Rules & Competitions

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SEE ATTACHED FOR PACE OF PLAY GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIONS

Connecticut State Golf Association Policies and Procedures

Policy #8 Pace of Play

The CSGA Pace of Play policy has been implemented to make contestants aware of their position on the golf course. The objective of this policy is to eliminate groups playing five-hour rounds. Players understanding the policy will become aware of their groups position on the course and over time begin to fix their own problems without an official putting the group on the clock.

TIME OF STARTING

The CSGA directs that players should report to the starter five minutes prior to their starting time to receive competition and course information. Rule 6-3a provides: “The player must start at the time established by the Committee.” The penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a is disqualification. However, as a condition of the competition, the Committee has adopted the Note to Rule 6-3a, which states: “ If the player arrives at his starting point ready to play within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty of failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.”

ALLOTTED TIME

Allotted time is the amount of time a group has to complete a measured number of holes. All CSGA scorecards will have the pace of play identified on them. The time to complete 18 holes will be approximately 4 hours & 24 minutes for threesomes, but will vary for each course and group size. The Official In Charge (OIC) for each event will be responsible for determining and communicating any need for change in the basic pace of play schedule.

OUT OF POSITION

FIRST GROUP ONLY: If you are behind your allotted time at the completion of any hole.

ALL OTHER GROUPS: Subsequent groups will not be considered “out of position” if any previous group has caused the field to fall behind their allotted time. Any subsequent groups must remain within 14 minutes of the group in front of them. This is measured by your having the flagstick in the hole within 14 minutes of the group in front of you.

TIMING

All CSGA officials will be given a spreadsheet with every pairing group’s expected time of completion for each hole. In the event that an official notices a group out of position or behind time they will inform the roving rules official and/or OIC of that group’s status. At this time the roving rules official and/or OIC will inform the group of their position and that the group needs to speed up their pace. This group is also subject to be put on the clock without further notice.

In match play events players will be allotted 12.5 minutes per hole.

ON THE CLOCK

A group may be monitored or timed for compliance with this pace of play guideline if it is “out of position”, and “behind time”. When a group is “on the clock” a player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 40 seconds.

The timing of a player’s stroke will begin when he has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction.

Except on the putting green, if a player has reached his ball, it is his turn to play and there are no distractions, timing will begin after he has reasonable time to select his club. Time spent walking backward or forward for determining yardages will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An extra 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole.
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole.
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole.
- d) The first player to play a stroke around the putting green.
- e) The first player to play a stroke on the putting green.

PENALTIES

Once a group has received a red card and/or been put on the clock, the following policy will go into effect for each player:

- 1st Bad Time - Warning from the official
- 2nd Bad Time - 1 Stroke Penalty
- 3rd Bad Time - 2 Additional Strokes Penalty
- 4th Bad Time - Disqualification

Players are responsible for knowing their position on the golf course relative to their allotted time as well as the groups around them. Players should monitor and speak to individuals causing slow play. Players may ask for the group to be monitored without identifying an individual causing slow play.

Directions
Rolling Hills Country Club
333 Hurlbutt Street
Wilton, CT 06897

From Connecticut Turnpike: (95)

(Exit 17 - Westport, Saugatuck)

At foot of ramp, make LEFT turn (north) onto Rt. 33. Travel on Rt. 33 4.7 miles and turn RIGHT at the 6th traffic light onto Rt. 53. Proceed on Rt. 53 for 1.3 miles, bearing LEFT at fork to Rt. 106. Continue straight on Hurlbutt Street, DO NOT turn left where Rt. 106 turns left. Rolling Hills Country Club is 1.7 miles from the fork of Rts. 53 and 106, on the left side.

From Merritt Parkway: (15) Southbound

(Exit 41 Wilton)

At foot of ramp, make LEFT turn onto Rt. 33. Travel 1.3 miles on Rt. 33 to the second (2nd) traffic light. Turn RIGHT at traffic light onto Rt. 53. Proceed on Rt. 53 for 1.3 miles, bearing LEFT at fork to Rt. 106. Continue straight on Hurlbutt Street, DO NOT turn left where Rt. 106 turns left. Rolling Hills Country Club is 1.7 miles from the fork of Rts. 53 and 106, on the left side.

From Merritt Parkway: (15) Northbound

(Exit 41 Wilton)

At foot of ramp, make RIGHT turn onto Rt. 33. Travel 1.6 miles on Rt. 33 to the third (3rd) traffic light. Turn RIGHT at traffic light onto Rt. 53. Proceed on Rt. 53 for 1.3 miles, bearing LEFT at fork to Rt. 106. Continue straight on Hurlbutt Street, DO NOT turn left where Rt. 106 turns left. Rolling Hills Country Club is 1.7 miles from the fork of Rts. 53 and 106, on the left side.

From Danbury

Take Route 84 to Exit 3 (Norwalk - 7 South). Follow 7 South for approx. 11.5 miles to Seeley Road (Vallins Galleries on Left just before Seeley Road). Take LEFT on Seeley Road to stop sign. Take LEFT onto Cannon Road, bear RIGHT before stop sign onto Hurlbutt Street. Continue straight for ¼ mile Rolling Hills Country Club is on the right.

From Norwalk (Route 7 North)

Pass intersection of 33 and 106 (Citgo station on left) continue straight. Take your first RIGHT onto Pinnewaug Road, go straight for ¼ and take your first RIGHT onto Skunk Lane. Go to the end of Skunk Lane and turn LEFT onto Hurlbutt Street. Continue straight for ½ mile Rolling Hills Country Club is on the left.