

TIPS FOR ORGANIZING A SUCCESSFUL OUTING

While meant to be enjoyable, outings can be a bit hectic, so we've compiled some ideas to make your day at Terry Hills run more smoothly for everyone. The key words are **EARLY** and **COMMUNICATION**.

By planning ahead and with frequent communication the few things you need to do can be accomplished. Basically, you need to: 1) Return deposit and confirmation; 2) Figure out what options your group would like; 3) Give us a solid attendance number 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE; 5) Make sure that all of your people are aware of our group outing policies.

Your needs fit nicely with our needs. We have to order food and schedule other groups many days before your outing. We want all of our golfers to enjoy their day. We will do as much as we can to make your outing successful, but we need a little help from you.

CONTACT YOUR PEOPLE EARLY. If you ask each golfer for a deposit when you announce the outing, you are much more likely to get a firm *yes* or *no* reply quickly.

RETURN YOUR DEPOSIT EARLY. Then we can better schedule other groups around you and vice versa. We will be happy to hold your date and times once we have received your deposit.

CONTACT US WITH A 'HEAD COUNT'. Since your group is responsible for the number confirmed 10 days in advance it is best for you to have an early and solid count.

COLLECT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT FROM EACH PERSON AS SOON AS YOU CAN. Set a cut-off date. Be firm--it can be aggravating. Unfortunately, the coordinator often winds up paying for no-shows and those who promise that they'll pay later.

GO AHEAD AND PICK A LUNCH AND/OR DINNER PACKAGE. You can't please everyone, but don't panic: all of our dinners are delicious. Questions or special requests concerning food packages can be discussed with Casey Brown or Danielle Rotondo at (585)343-0860.

PREPARE A LIST OF CART PAIRINGS AND FOURSOMES IN ADVANCE. This list should be given to the pro shop at least 45 minutes before your first tee time. This is another way to get a handle on attendance and let people know that they are expected. In addition, your group members and our starters know who to look for on the tee, so that everything runs smoothly. Cart keys will be distributed at the discretion of the pro-shop & starter (to avoid mass confusion) generally only a few minutes prior to your scheduled starting times.

LET US KNOW OF ANY SPECIAL REQUESTS. Do you need a table for sign-ups or prizes? Would you like contest stakes? (*Longest drive, Closest to the pin*) Any special meals? etc.

IF YOU HAVE BEGINNERS in your group, we do have rental clubs. Be nice though. It really isn't fair or fun to throw someone out there with no introduction to golf. Try to pair any beginners you may have with some of your more knowledgeable golfers. You must avoid putting 4 beginners in the same foursome.

WE DO PROMOTE FASTER PLAY AND GOOD ETIQUETTE--for all golfers. One practice we recommend for everyone is the seven shot rule. If someone hasn't reached the green in seven strokes (including whiffs), just have them pick up their ball, place it on the green--within two club lengths of the hole, and putt. This is faster, reduces beginners' frustration, and is a way to actually finish up at each hole. A scramble format for your outing is also an excellent way to promote faster play.

GET TO THE COURSE EARLY. On the day of your outing we need you here 45 minutes in advance of the first tee time to confirm everything one last time. Be sure everyone else in your group knows to be here well in advance of their tee time, too.

VISIT OUR GOLF SHOP. Our fully stocked pro shop can help with score sheets, prizes or anything else your golfers might need to make their day at Terry Hills more enjoyable.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH ANY CHANGES OR QUESTIONS ALONG THE WAY. We'd rather straighten things out as soon as possible than be unpleasantly surprised at the last minute.

With any questions or confusion...call **Casey Brown** at (585)343-0860.