



## **INFORMATION FOR NEW OR POTENTIAL MEMBERS**

If you have recently joined the Chicago Lithuanian Golf Club (CLGK) or have expressed an interest in knowing more about our Golf Club, the following will give you an overview of its operation. This will enable you to become familiar with the club and fully enjoy your membership.

The CLGK has been in existence for more than 47 years. It is a non-profit social club with the purpose of promoting golfing competition among golfers of Lithuanian Heritage residing in the area. Membership is open to men, women and juniors who have Lithuanian Heritage through birth or marriage. Presently, we have approximately 80 members, 18 of whom are women. Annual membership dues are \$40 for adults and \$10 for juniors ages 15 yr. to 18 yr. and are free for those juniors under 15 yr. The Dues are a one-time annual payment and includes all tournament fees and prizes. Dues must be paid prior to June 1st, and entitles the member to a membership card, club mailings, and a USGA golf index, which you can use to determine your golf course handicap.

CLGK presently schedules eight golf tournaments a year, beginning in April and ending in early October. Tournaments will be either one or two day events and are mostly scheduled for Sundays, starting between 9:00am and 11:00am, on courses throughout the area. One of the tournaments we hold is a two day get-a-way Memorial Day Weekend tournament in the South-western Michigan area. On this and any two day tournament you can play either one or both days.

Members are not required to golf in any specific number of tournaments. It is hoped that members will participate frequently, but participation in tournaments is not a requirement for club membership. If you plan on participating in a tournament, you must register no later than 8 days prior to the tournament by calling or emailing a tournament director, or you can register at a tournament for the next upcoming tournament. This will enable us to reserve sufficient tee times since participation at tournaments ranges from 40 to 56 golfers and the golf courses require we give them an accurate count as to the number of tee times we are reserving. If you know what foursome you want to play in, tell us when you register and if possible, we will attempt to accommodate you. If you register as a single or a couple, we will set up a foursome for you. This is a great way to meet other club members. There is a tournament fee of \$5 for guests, which is collected before each tournament and entitles the guest to participate in the golf speciality holes.

The formats of the tournaments CLGK conducts will vary, although stroke play net competition by class is the most popular. In addition, two person best ball, four person

best ball, low team net, pro-am and designator yellow ball are some of the tournament formats we may play during the year. When competition is by class the grouping by handicap, size of class and prizes awarded may vary depending on the number of golfers and their handicaps in order to make the competition as fair as possible.

Communication is done primarily through email and all members will receive an email reminder announcement before a scheduled tournament. Our Club's Web Page will have the foursomes and tee times listed at least two days prior to the tournament as well as current golf indexes/handicaps. This will enable you to plan your arrival at the course since there can be a 1 and 1/2 hour spread in the tee times. Our web page address is [www.clgk.org](http://www.clgk.org) which has current CLGK information.

After attending one tournament, the new member will receive a modified golf index/handicap and after 5 rounds are posted, the index/handicap issued will be in accordance with USGA computation. Our Club handicaps can range up to 36 for men and up to 54 for women. New handicaps will be produced every 3 weeks during the golfing season. We will post your tournament golf scores for handicapping, but you are required to post all other golf scores of 18 holes played elsewhere. Not to do so is a violation of handicapping rules. You can post these scores by recording the adjusted score, course rating and slope, in the book we keep at the Silver Lake Pro Shop, by phone, or preferably by email to "ArunasD@sbcglobal.net," or by bringing the card to the next tournament. Any club member can explain to you how scores are adjusted for posting. Our web page also explains this adjusting. If you already have a golf handicap please give this information to Arunas Dagys.

While we are a golf club we are also a social organization. There some excellent golfers in the club but if you will look at our web page and note the handicaps of the men and women golfers, you will see that there is a wide range of golfing skills among the members. The social aspect of golf and the comradeship among the members is a big reason the club has prospered. We say this so that potential members won't be reluctant to join the club because of their perceived golfing skills.

For those who wish to participate, the club conducts a yearly match play tournament. After paying a nominal entry fee, a match play pairing is published for head to head net match play competition. The winner receives the total of the entry fees.

In addition, there is also an annual North American Lithuanian Golf Tournament, commonly referred to as "SALFAS," which is held over the Labor Day weekend. Locations alternate annually between the 4 host cities of Chicago, Toronto, Cleveland and Detroit. There is team and individual competition by class and all of our club members are invited and eligible to attend. Details for registration are communicated as soon as the host city advises us.

Our golf year comes to an end with our annual awards dinner, which presently is held immediately after our last golf tournament of the year. The cost is reasonable and awards are given to our Club's individual class winners, match play champion, most improved golfer and golfer of the year.

This explanation should give new and prospective members an insight into CLGK. Please peruse our web site for a further insight into our club. We would like all members to

become as active as they can, thereby making the club more viable. We would also hope that in time, all club members will assume a leadership role by becoming a club officer, which has a term of two years.

If you are not yet a member and qualify to join, please send your check along with a completed registration form (on our web page) which contains your name, address, phone number and email address to:

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Chester Baksys  
8111 Wheeler Dr.  
Orland Park, Ill 60462

Please make the check payable to “CLGK”

And remember, head down and hit them straight.