

**COURSE CHAMPIONSHIPS
& GCAC QUALIFYING**

**JULY 25TH & 26TH
SLEEPY HOLLOW
SHAWNEE HILLS
MANAKIKI
BIG MET**



CHAMPIONSHIP

**54 HOLE STROKE PLAY
AT SLEEPY HOLLOW**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 7
SATURDAY AUGUST 8
SUNDAY AUGUST 9**

Enter the 2009 Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship, to be played at Sleepy Hollow, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 7th, 8th, and 9th. This 54-hole stroke play tournament will be contested at scratch, and is open for qualifying to amateur golfers of any age, gender, or residence. Contestants are expected to have a current handicap index of 7.4 or less in order to reasonably compete for a qualifying spot. USGA rules govern play.

Course Championships/GCAC Qualifying

Entry into the Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship is through earning an exemption (see reverse side) or by qualifying through the course championships at Sleepy Hollow, Manakiki, Shawnee Hills and Big Met golf courses. The 36-hole Course Championships will be conducted on Saturday July 25th and Sunday July 26th. Each Championship is limited to the first 84 players entered. With full or near full fields, the top 15 players and ties will advance to the GCAC. The committee reserves the right to adjust the numbers of qualifying position (up or down) based on the field size at each course.

The field at each Course Championship will be cut after the first round to the low 50% of the field plus all players within 15 shots of the last qualifying position.

Championship Schedule

The GCAC will be contested over 54 holes at stroke play. All players will play Friday afternoon teeing off between 12:30 and 2:30, and Saturday morning teeing off between 8:00 and 10:00. A cut will be made after the second round of The Championship to the low 50% of the field and ties, plus all additional players within ten shots of the lead. Sunday's final round will begin teeing off at 8:00 with the leaders in the last group

Fees

All players, including those who are exempt, shall enter using an official entry form. Entry fees for the Course Championships are \$70 or \$80 depending upon location, which includes the green fees. All players who earn their entry into the Championship through one of the qualifiers will pay no further entry fees. For exempt players, the entry for the Championship proper is \$80, which includes all green fees. Carts are optional and not included in the entry fee. Caddies and spectators are welcome. In all rounds, male contestants will play from the back tees, females will play from forward tees.

Entry

To enter one of the Course Championships, or to enter as an exempt player, please mail or deliver the entry form below. Entries may be delivered at any of the four qualifying sites, or mailed to: 2009 GCAC, c/o Cleveland Metroparks Golf, 4811 Valley Parkway, Fairview Park, OH 44126. Deadline to enter a qualifier is July 19th or when the field is full, exempt player entry deadline is July 24th.

Additional Information

Please read the back of this form for additional tournament information. Questions? Contact Mike Raby at 440-333-0305.

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Please enter me in the 2009 Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship. I have enclosed the appropriate payment to enter the Course Championship at the site checked below, or I am an exempt player, with my exempt status described below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

Handicap Index: _____ Age as of August 7, 2009: _____

**I wish to enter the Course
Championship & GCAC Qualifier at:**

- Sleepy Hollow.....\$80 tegc1
- Manakiki..... \$80 tegc2
- Shawnee Hills.....\$70 tegc3
- Big Met.....\$70 tegc4
- I am exempt via:

_____ \$80 tegc5

Please charge this entry fee to this credit card (circle one) – M/C, Visa or Discover

Card # _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp Date _____ CVV2 # _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Make checks payable to Cleveland Metroparks.

Eligibility

Contestants are expected to have a current handicap index of 7.4 or less, in order to reasonably compete for a qualifying spot. A USGA handicap index is not required for entry to this event.

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship and Qualifying) by the Tournament Committee. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

Rules of Golf; Close of Competition

Play will be governed by the Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Questions will be resolved by the Tournament Committee, whose decision will be final. The competition shall be deemed to have closed when the Championship trophy has been presented.

Golf Balls; Driver Heads

Only brands of golf balls on the current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. This list may be found on the USGA website at www.usga.org. The so-called "One-Ball Rule", the optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf, shall **not** be in effect.

Distance Measuring Devices

During a stipulated round of this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to measure other conditions that might affect his play (gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

The distance between any two objects on the course is considered public information and not advice.

Tee Times/Time of Starting

Players should contact the course starting the Wednesday before play to obtain tee times. The optional condition for time of starting prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf shall be in effect.

Caddies

Competitors may provide their own caddie. No caddies are available at the course. Caddies may rent a golf cart; however only two carts will be permitted on the course with each group. Players have priority on using a cart. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship.

Manakiki Golf Course

Tom Kochensparger, PGA
35501 Eddy Rd
Willoughby Hills OH 44094
(440) 942-2500

Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

John Fiander, PGA
9445 Brecksville Rd
Brecksville OH 44141
(440) 526-4285

Weather

In the event of inclement weather the Course Championships/Qualifiers may be shortened to 18 holes and The Greater Cleveland Amateur Championship to 36 holes.

Transportation

Rental carts are available for use during the tournament. Only two carts are permitted for each group. Players within a group must decide the users of any carts. A caddie or spectator may pay to ride in a cart if the players are not using it.

Spectators

During the tournament spectators are welcome. Spectators are responsible for their own safety while on the golf course.

Exemptions from Qualifying

Players in the following categories will be eligible for exemption from qualifying:

- 1) Past Champions, and the top ten finishers from the 2009 Championship. Past Senior Champions, and the top five finishers from the 2009 Senior Championship.
- 2) Event winners during the 2009 calendar year from the Northern Ohio Golf Association, the Akron District Golf Association, and the Championship Golf Association.
- 3) 2009 Northern Ohio Golf Association club/course champions. (2009 champion eligible if the 2009 champion has not been determined by July 21ST, 2009)
- 4) The 2009 & 2009 winners and runners-up of the Northeast Ohio Amateur, the Ohio Amateur, and the Summit County Amateur.
- 5) Players ranked in the Top 5 as of July 15th, from the Player of the Year points list of the Northern Ohio Golf Association, the Akron District Golf Association, and the Championship Golf Association who are not otherwise exempt.
- 6) The Tournament Committee may issue additional exemptions to golf associations and tournaments, as it deems appropriate.

Prizes

The GCAC champion and runner-up will be awarded trophies. The top ten finishers plus ties will be awarded merchandise prizes in the following amounts: 1st Place - \$750, 2nd - \$600, 3rd - \$500, 4th - \$400, 5th - \$300, 6th - \$250, 7th - \$200, 8th - \$150, 9th - \$100, 10th - \$50. In the event of ties, a sudden death playoff will be held to determine the Champion; all other prize amounts will be split among the ties.

Shawnee Hills Golf Course

18753 Egbert Rd
Bedford OH 44146
(440) 232-7184

Big Met Golf Course

Mike Raby, PGA
4811 Valley Parkway
Fairview Park OH 44126
(440) 331-1070