

# 50 PLUS NEWS

From: Brent Butler, Tournament Director

As some of you may have heard, 2022 will be the final year for the 50+ golf association events. The board decided that due to the effects of COVID-19 and the numerous competing options for senior golfers to play countless events (both scrambles and other formats), attendance levels have dropped to the point that a phase-out of the program is warranted. The association has a surplus in the account developed over time which has remained fairly constant over the past 10 years, with membership fees covering most of the expenses of the organization. The board decided to spend down this surplus and returning it to active members by 1) eliminating annual dues for any player who was a standing member in 2019, 2020 or 2021; 2) reducing entry fees a bit for the events; and 3) providing slightly higher prizes at the events. This plan should all but eliminate the surplus, but any remainder will be donated to an appropriate charity selected by the board. Please complete the attached membership renewal form (without any annual fee) and send it to me if you plan to play in any event, so that I have current information to help me make pairings.

Hole-in-one Pool – At each event, any player who chooses to pay \$1 to the pool is eligible to win the pool by getting a hole-in-one on any hole that day. The pool grows with each event without a hole-in-one. The end of the year pool is currently \$158. In the unlikely event more than one member scores one at the same event, the pool is split. The pool will end with the Tanglewood event and if there is not a winner there, the pool funds will be divided via random drawing in \$50 increments from players at that event who paid the \$1 fee.

Maximum driving distance/pairings – On the lower left corner of the renewal or new membership form you will need to enter you maximum driving distance (disregard accuracy). This is intended to reflect how far your two or three best drives in a round might go without any wind on a flat fairway and will only be used as a guide to help establish which set of tees you use in a tournament. Also, every attempt will be made to try and mix up pairings so members are not always seemed to be with the same teammates in successive events. Many of our members are grouped around the same handicap (17-22), so if you are in this “middle” one time you might be the D player on an A flight team and next time you could be the A player on a C flight team. Also, some tournaments may be A-B-C-D events, with each team having players of different playing levels on the same team competing against other like teams. Events are more enjoyable when you meet and play with different golfers and I believe this thought is shared by most members.

Rules – The web site contains a set of tournament rules which are available to be read by all members. Of note, any scoring discrepancy between the two group scorecards turned in will be resolved by using the higher score – our scoring assistants will not track down the players to figure out what the team scored on a hole. If you have any questions, please ask the tournament director (me) at any event.

Web Site – You can use our web site ([www.mo50plus.org](http://www.mo50plus.org)) to obtain information and print off entry forms. We will attempt to update the web site by mid-March. Otherwise, you can use the enclosed forms to enter events.

Guests – Members can invite guests to play in an event for the same entry fee as the member; however, each guest may play only once unless they submit the \$25 non-member fee.

