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MGA Dues - 2016

The New Year always brings with it winds of change and 2016 is set up to be a great year at Hunter's Green. The MGA is excited about the coming year and we hope the entire membership is looking forward to a great year as well.

The MGA Board of Directors voted unanimously at the November board meeting to increase the yearly dues for MGA membership to \$50, which will be billed in January. The decision to increase dues was made with the understanding that it's never a popular thing to increase fees. So allow us in the space below to justify the reasons for this moderate increase.

As everything in life has become more expensive, running a Golf Association for 200+ members is not immune to that reality. The costs for food, beverages, awards, promotion etc., all have increased and providing the MGA with high quality events is something we do not want to skimp on. The modest increase in dues will allow the MGA to operate the events we conduct without raising the rates of the tournaments throughout the year, providing more social opportunities for participants and providing higher quality food and drink.

In 2015, the MGA sought to bring a fresh look to some of the events. In an effort to increase the buzz surrounding MGA events, we plan to increase on course amenities (more drink tickets), additional prizes, and the occasional surprise. All of this comes with additional cost.

The MGA website was completely overhauled and while the small increase in dues last year covered the costs of the creation of the site, ongoing maintenance and updates will be more costly moving forward.

Based on member feedback, some MGA events may offer additional flights across the tournaments to accommodate players with a wide range of skill levels. As we hope to increase participation across the club, this also means higher expenses to run events.

In short the MGA Board has voted to raise the dues all the while raising the level of expectations from our members. As a Board of Directors, we look forward to serving our members and providing a great golfing experience for you throughout 2016.

Membership in the MGA is voluntary, no one is forced to join. That said, only MGA members can participate in MGA sponsored events. We encourage all golf members to join the MGA, play in the events, and get involved in the MGA in general.

Hunters Cup

The 2015 Hunters Cup season is in the books. The race came down to the last tournament, and several folks moved in and out of the top 24 with a few missing by as few as one point. The season ending Ryder Cup style event is all that is left.

Now, it's time to get ready for 2016. We are planning on adding even more excitement this year, including the possibility of a Fedex Cup style playoff to determine the overall champion.

Additionally, we are trying to finalize a deal with one of our sister clubs to have our top 24 play their top 24 in a Ryder Cup event to fight for club pride and add to the Hunters Cup trophy case.

The MGA wants to encourage everyone to sign up in 2016. It does not matter your skill level since points are allocated based on net results only. The Race for the Cup is designed to include everyone, and the format has proven to be successful the last two years. It has helped increase the participation in the MGA events. Points are assigned based on overall tournament results with bonus points given to flight winners. Each tournament brings a change to the leaderboard. The only way to get your name on that board... is to participate!

If you did not join last year, don't miss out in 2016. If you were a part of the event last year, we look forward to seeing you again. Remember, you do not have to play in every MGA event to make the top 24. There are 8 events that have point implications and only the top 6 events are counted. This gives you the opportunity to miss a couple of events if an event falls on a date that does not work for you.

We encourage everyone to join. There were several people who chose not to play last year that would have been in the top 10, don't let that be you. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact anyone of the MGA board members or the pro shop. Don't miss out on the best year ever, sign up today.

Cost is \$80 to participate in the Hunters Cup and will be billed on your statement in February. Fees cover end of the year top 10 payouts, cost assistance for the Pinehurst qualifying team, end of year party, trophies and winning Ryder Cup team payouts.

Join today...the only way to win it is to be in it!

***** MGA ANNUAL MEETING *****

The MGA Annual meeting will be Friday, February 5, 2016 immediately prior to the draft party for the Super Bowl Tournament. **Your MGA needs your input, please plan to attend.**

UP NEXT →

Hunters Cup – Dec. 5 • Winter Classic – Jan 16-18

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