

RULES & GREENS



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“Why would I play the red tees... I thought this is a men’s club!”

Well guess what ... there is no such thing as the “Ladies Tee”. They are the “Forward Tees” and they are really just a way of shortening the game while still using the handicap system. Historically the forward tees have been mislabeled the “Ladies Tee”, but women golfers can golf from whatever tee box they want, as well as men. When you play the forward tees at Twin Oaks your course handicap is adjusted approximately 5 or 6 strokes depending on your index.

Your board is trying to get us to be a social club, as well as competitive. On the competitive side we break the events down to flights so everyone has a chance at the money. Concerning the social end – we try to mix up the foursomes. This sometimes causes a difference in pace of play within the foursome.

Some answers to this could be to pick up after a net bogie when we are playing Stableford and always be aware at all times that you are up with the group in front of you. Yes, even if there is no one behind you. Always be ready to hit – don’t wait for “honors”.

One more thing we can consider is to play the red tees. This will speed things up right off and there are other benefits.

So I present to you the **TOP 5 REASONS TO PLAY THE FORWARD TEES**

- 1) MORE BIRDIES! Makes sense if you are closer your chances at scoring go up.
- 2) MORE MONEY! If you play the forward tees YOU ARE STILL ELIGIBLE for Skins and Closest To Pin! (Also you play faster so you get more punches on your pace of play card)
- 3) MORE IRONS. You will make more approach shots with irons instead of always using the long clubs to get there.
- 4) MORE LOOKS! We all know when you play the blues you get different angles – same thing from the forward tees. It makes your round different with new targets.
- 5) MORE FUN! Let’s face it – the less frustrated you are on the course – the more fun the day is. It’s axiomatic.
(I threw the big word in for Rick Hiscox)

So, if you feel you need something new in your game ... maybe you should try the forward tees sometime. All you have to do is send a message to the tournament director when you sign up. If you forget you can write “Red Tees” on your scorecard the day you play. Be sure and circle it, then have fun!

Pleasant days and long nights.

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