

### Operation and Governance

LDSMGA is governed by its members through and Annual Meeting:

1. An annual meeting will be convened in December or January.
2. The meeting will determine the format for play for the upcoming year.
3. The number of home-and-away matches to be played against other clubs will be determined.
4. Modifications to USGA Rules (if any) that will affect play the upcoming year.
5. Motions made by members that have to do with the organization or operations.
6. Treasurer's report for the past year.
7. Setting of dues for the next year.
8. Election of Officers and one Board Member for the upcoming year.

### Board of Directors and Officers

The Board of Directors consists of eight (8) members:

1. The four elected officers include the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. (one year terms).
2. Three elected Board Members (three year terms). These terms are staggered so that only one leaves the Board each year.
3. Past President

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**Handbook  
&  
By-Laws  
(Summarized)**



## Mission

LDSMGA is organized to provide its members an enjoyable atmosphere for golf and fellowship at London Downs Golf Course.

## Membership

The following are requirements for membership:

1. Male, aged 55 or older.
2. Paid-up member of London Downs Golf Course (5 or 7-day membership).
3. Completed and signed LDSMGA application.
4. Payment of first year dues and handicap fee.
5. All members must use riding carts while playing in a LDSMGA match.

## Dues

Dues are \$45 for membership in the LDSMGA and \$30 for USGA handicap per year. Dues will be adjusted annually by experience of the previous year's expenditures and subject to change. Any needed change will be discussed at the Annual Meeting and the amount agreed upon by the membership. The treasurer will be responsible for collecting dues on or before March 1 of each calendar year.



## Golf Days and Play

**Tuesday and Thursday** are the "official" golf days for LDSMGA. They are characterized by shotgun starts of all participating members. Tuesday has traditionally been "points" day using a system where a par round results in 54 points. Teams are determined by current handicap. Foursomes may be grouped by current handicap or randomly by the pro. The format for Thursdays has varied over the years, often changing as a result of suggestions adopted at the Annual Meeting. Closest-to-the-Pin on two par three greens is played on Tuesday and Thursday and is handled by a committee. Any left over funds from the Closest-to-the-Pin are generally used for a fall tournament.

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday** are "unofficial" LDSMGA golf days. Early morning tee times (starting with three groups) will be made available by the pro on these days. However, the starter will work in other groups as necessary to accommodate LDSMGA members. Tee times might not be available on days with large sponsored tournaments. Monday tee times may vary from week-to-week.

**Saturday, Sunday and Holidays** are not scheduled days for LDSMGA events as most Seniors' memberships do not allow play on those days without paying greens fees.

## Home and Away Tournaments

Home and Away tournaments are played with surrounding golf clubs during the year. Usually, more members sign up for these events than can be accommodated by the host clubs. Although the Home and Away Tournament Director (s) have final authority as to who plays in these events, the following guidelines have been provided by the Board. Preference should be given to players who will play in both the home and the away match and who are active participants in LDSMGA regular golf days. There should also be a good mix of handicaps represented. The desire to outplay the opposition club is subordinate to getting all members who sign up a reasonable chance of playing in one or more of the matches.

**Home Tournaments** include the following: Member/Member, Member/Guest, Senior Championship, Closest to Pin & Tough Turkey Tournament.

**Away Tournaments** are generally played with the following golf clubs:

Falling River, Ivy Hills, Mariners Landing, Vista Links and Botetourt

These matches are generally limited to 24 members from each club.

## Conduct of Members

Gentlemanly conduct is the norm for all LDSMGA members. The rules of golf will be adhered to. Golf is largely a self-policing game. LDSMGA members do not cheat and do not allow others to do so. Members comply with USGA rules and seek advice in situations that are not clear.