

## **CHANTICLAIR MEN'S CLUB CONSTITUTION**

### **Article I – NAME, PURPOSE and LOCATION**

- Section 1 This organization shall be named the **CHANTICLAIR MEN'S CLUB**, hereinafter referred to as the **Club**.
- Section 2 The purpose of the Club shall be to promote and encourage the game of golf and to organize and conduct related social functions for the benefit of the membership.
- Section 3 The home of the Club shall be the Chantclair Golf Course, located in Colchester, CT.

### **Article II – MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1 The membership of the Club shall not exceed 115 persons in any given season. This limit may be temporarily exceeded by formal action of the Executive Board under Article IV, Section 3. First preference for membership will be extended to members in good standing from the previous year. A member in good standing is one who has paid his dues and is not under suspension or censure and has participated in 25% of the past years tournaments.
- Section 2 Vacancies will be filled from list of new applicants in the order in which the Membership Chairman receives the applications. Applicants must be male, 18 years of age or older. A member's guest must also be a male, 18 years or older.
- Section 3 Persons applying for membership must fill out and sign an application form supplied by the Membership Chairman. Said form shall be returned to the Membership Chairman.
- Section 4 Members in good standing shall have the right to vote at all Club meetings, participate in all Club activities, hold elected office and serve on committees.
- Section 5 If any member shall, in writing addressed to any Executive Board member, be charged with conduct injurious to the best interest, good order or peace of the Club, shall be notified in writing of such charge and be given a five day notice to appear before the Executive Board to answer such charges. If the member fails to appear on the date specified or after hearing that the Executive Board is satisfied with the truth of such charges, it may censure, suspend or terminate his membership. A two-thirds vote of the members of the Executive Board present is required for these actions. The Secretary shall in writing notify the member of the action of the Executive Board. The Tournament Director shall be notified of the action. U.S.G.A. or local rule violations must be made orally to a Rules Committee member, and will be acted on at once. These rulings may, if not agreed to, be appealed to the Executive Board for a

- final decision. This type of violation, unless continued by a member after being ruled against, is a major infraction that requires consideration for termination.
- Section 6 Failure to participate in twenty-five percent of the Clubs tournaments may be considered cause for termination of membership. Each member failing to meet this requirement may be given the opportunity to explain why. Each violation will be considered separately and the Executive Board may chose to terminate or continue the membership based on facts presented.
- Section 7 The termination of membership for any reason shall operate as a release of any rights, title and interest in or of the assets of the Club. Any former member, who wishes to re-enter the Club, must comply with Section 1 through 4 of this article, as any new applicant.
- Section 8 Honorary Member, any person adjudged worthy of the honor shall be elected as an Honorary Member of the Club by a two-thirds vote of the convened Executive Board. He shall be entitled to all privileges of the Club except participation in the Club Championship, and the Presidents Cup tournaments. Such membership may be terminated by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board.
- Section 9 Former members who are visiting the area may participate in Club tournaments and be eligible to win prizes, except in designated major events provided he was a member in good standing when leaving the Club.

### **Article III – DUES**

- Section 1 The annual dues of the Club shall be established at the kick-off meeting schedule in February or early March. Failure to call and cancel a schedule tee time may result in the member paying the established greens fee..
- Section 2 Annual dues shall be payable on or before April 15<sup>th</sup>. Failure to have the dues paid in full by such date may cause membership termination by action of the Executive Board.
- Section 3 The Tournament Director shall hold any prizes won by members whose dues are not paid in full until said dues are paid in full. If a member leaves the Club for any reason except heath before, dues are paid, the value of the prizes won will be returned to the Club's general fund.

### **Article IV – Executive Board**

- Section 1 The Executive Board will consist of the following Club Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Membership Chairman, Assistant Membership Chairman, Constitution Chairman,

Handicap Chairman, Rules Chairman, Assistant Rules Chairman, Greens Chairman and the Executive Board of Governors.

- Section 2 Vacancies on the Executive Board of Governor will be considered as follows:  
A. A temporary basis, The last member to have retired, until the present President ascends to the Executive Board  
B. Leave the position vacant  
The Executive Board will decide upon the above considerations.
- Section 3 Should it become necessary to replace one of the elected officers of the Club, the President shall select such replacement from the Club membership. The appointment is subject to the approval of the remaining Executive Board by a simple majority vote, except Article II, Section 5, which requires a two-thirds vote.
- Section 4 A quorum at any meeting shall consist of six Executive Board members. Any matter before the Executive Board can be carried by a simple majority vote, except Article II, Section 5 and 7, which requires a two thirds vote.
- Section 5 The Executive Board shall have general charge and control of the affairs, funds and property of the Club. It shall have the power to:  
A. Make, alter or amend the rules of the Club.  
B. Make such other rules and regulations that are not inconsistent with the constitution.  
C. Suspend, censure or expel a member as provided.  
D. Hear appeals from members who are dissatisfied with decisions reached by the Tournament or Rules committees, regarding tournament grievances.  
E. Hear and act upon major grievances received from any member in writing, concerning Article II Section 5, The Executive Board will fully investigate the charges and present a ruling within seven days of the hearing, the Secretary will immediately notify the member or members in writing of the action taken by the Executive Board.
- Section 6 A special meeting of the Executive Board may be called by the order of the President or at the request of any three members of the board. The Secretary shall notify the Executive Board members by telephone or in writing with as much advance notice as possible.
- Section 7 The Executive Board may call a special general meeting of the Club at any time. The notice of this meeting shall be posted along side of the tournament sign-up sheet at least one week prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Section 8 The Executive Board shall not incur any indebtedness on the part of the Club in excess of the monies in the Clubs treasury, taking into account the amount of the

present indebtedness of the Club plus any money due such as uncollected dues or any other receipts due and unpaid.

- Section 9 Any member of the Executive Board who is unable to fulfill his duties on the Executive Board or who has not complied with this constitutions objective may be asked to forfeit his position without prejudice. Such position will be filled as provided by Section 3 of the Article.
- Section 10 The order of business at the meetings shall be as follows:  
A. Roll call of the Executive Board  
B. Reading of the minutes and action thereon  
C. Reading of the Treasurers report and action thereon  
D. Report of the President and/or Vice President  
E. Reports from all committee chairmen  
F. Unfinished business  
G. New business  
H. Adjournment
- Section 11 The Board of Governors in addition to the Executive Board duties shall act as the sole judicative body in bestowing all honors.

#### **Article V – Club Officers**

- Section 1 The Executive Board will consist of the following Club Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Director, Assistant Tournament Director, Membership Chairman, Assistant Membership Chairman, Constitutive Chairman, Handicap Chairman, Rules Chairman, Assistant Rules Chairman, Greens Chairman and the last two still active past Presidents.
- Section 2 The President shall preside at all general meetings of the Club and the Executive Board. He shall have general supervision over Club sponsored activities. He shall have a term lasting no longer than two consecutive years. It shall be his duty to appoint all special committees.
- Section 3 The Vice President shall exercise the presidential powers of the President during his absence. If both the President and Vice President are absent from any meeting, the board of governors shall select a presiding officer from among the present members. The Vice President shall have the responsibility of running all social events connected with the Club including the annual banquet, certain aspects of the Member Guest tournament and all refreshment made available to the Club during weekly tournaments and publicity.
- Section 4 The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Club meetings. He shall maintain a complete list of the membership. He shall telephone or mail notices of Executive Board meetings to all Executive Board members. He shall post notices and or

correspondence of interest to Club members near the weekly tournament sign-up sheets. He shall also perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Executive Board.

- Section 5 The Treasurer shall collect all money due to the Club and disburse as may be directed by the Executive Board. He shall keep account of the Club in books belonging to the Club which at all times will be open for inspection by the Executive Board. He shall make a monthly report of the year-to-date financial condition of the Club and post monthly statements for the membership or as may be requested by the President. He shall manage all financial affairs of the Club including weekly tournament entry fees and keeping a complete record thereof. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to approve and distribute all awards as identified by the Tournament Director. The Treasurer may be required to be bonded if so directed by the Executive Board. The President or Treasurer may spend up to \$200 without consulting the Executive Board.
- Section 6 The Tournament Director and the Assistant Tournament Director shall be responsible to the Executive Board for planning and conduction all competitions of the Club. They shall prepare a schedule of events for the season, present it to the Executive Board for approval and distribute it in printed form for all members at the first schedule tournament. They may also arrange for supervision of all competitions and sudden death playoffs. Also, they will be responsible for the conditions of play as to place, time and method of entry, entry fees if necessary and who is or is not eligible to compete. Starting times, pairing method to be used for match play, flight in which competitions are to be conducted and which tees are to be used, manner in which ties are to be decided, time and place of playoff if required and prizes to be awarded and on what basis, are also the responsibility of the Tournament Director. Any format change will be posted one week in advance.
- Section 7 The Membership Chairman's duties are as follows:
- A. Maintain an accurate list of all members.
  - B. Mail out applications for membership renewal in early March.
  - C. Keep a record of all dues paid by members.
  - D. Keep an up-to-date list of member's addresses.
  - E. Keep track of individual tournament participation with input from the Tournament Director.
- Section 8 The Constitution Chairman shall work with the committee selected by the President to review, amend and update the constitution as deemed necessary. Gather and present all suggested changes for consideration and to be voted on.
- Section 9 The Handicap Chairman shall correct all members' scores weekly using the most recent handicapping method as approved by the U.S.G.A. He shall also submit the corrected scores to the secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut State Golf Association at least bimonthly to receive an official U.S.G.A. handicap card for each club member. For new members, he will be responsible for establishing a temporary

handicap until such time as an official U.S.G.A. handicap can be established. He shall also have the responsibility of establishing and/or approving handicaps for visitors prior to any Club invitational event.

- Section 10 The Rules Chairman and the Assistant Rules Chairman are to keep the Club up to date on current U.S.G.A. rules and yearly changes. They also provide the Club members with copies of the Club's Local Rules. They will entertain oral request from any member to interpret a suspected rule infraction and provide a decision immediately. If such decision is unsatisfactory to the member or members, they may appeal to the Executive Board as provided under Article VI, Section 5D. The Rules Chairman will also purchase four (4) new U.S.G.A. rulebooks yearly for use by the committee and a copy for the clubhouse bulletin board.
- Section 11 The Greens Chairman is to evaluate the conditions of the fairways and greens, inform the Tournament Director of any potential playing problems in time for his to make playing corrections for that day's tournament and also inform course management for corrective action.

#### **Article VI – Meetings and Elections**

- Section 1 The annual election shall be held in conjunction with the Club banquet, normally scheduled in mid October. Club members may bring guest(s) to the banquet. Additional guest will require a ticket to be purchased at a fair price, to be decided by the Vice President and his banquet committee.
- Section 2 In early August the President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of two members of the Executive Board and two from the general membership. The duties of this committee shall be to canvass the membership and provide the Membership Chairman a slate of candidates for the elective offices of the Club for the following year. This slate of candidates shall be ready for posting by the Membership Chairman by the last tournament date in September. A copy of this list will be given to the Secretary who shall notify each candidate to again determine his willingness to accept an elective post. The only qualification for candidates is that they be a member in good standing with the exception of the post of President, who must have been a member in good standing for three years, having held a prior elected office or have held a prior appointed position. In addition, candidates may be nominated from the floor during the annual election.
- Section 3 It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to have the official ballot ready for the banquet meeting. Such ballot shall have spaces provided for write-in votes for each office.
- Section 4 A quorum necessary to vote at the Banquet/General meeting shall consist of one-third of the Club membership. If there is not a quorum, the President will set a date for a special meeting. The President will post the location and date.

- Section 5 The President will appoint three members not on the ballot, to count the votes and provide the results to the President. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each position shall be declared elected and assumes office at the close of the meeting. Ties will be resolved by a re-election immediately. All outgoing officers will be available for the first meeting of the newly elected board in an advisory capacity to assist in resolving any unfinished business.
- Section 6 The President may call any other general meetings necessary or his official stand-in as provided in Article V Section 3.

### **Article VII – Tournament Regulations**

- Section 1 All tournaments will be under the direction of the Tournament Director and/or his assistants. The Tournament Director, Rules Chairman and President or their designated assistants will agree upon procedural problems of any scheduled or non-scheduled tournament under auspices of the Club.
- Section 2 Prior to all Tournaments, members are required to have an official U.S.G.A. handicap to eligible for Net prizes.
- Section 3 Prior to all Major Tournaments, except the Member/Guest, the required number of previous scheduled tournaments played in will be posted with a list of members that are eligible or ineligible to play in these events. These members are required to have played in forty percent of the present year's tournaments.
- Section 4 With exception of the Member Guest tournament, all major tournament ties shall be decided by a sudden death play-off starting at the tenth tee or at an agreed hole prior to the start of the tournament using medal play scoring whenever possible. All scorecards must be signed dated and attested prior to turning them in. If they are not, they will be rejected.
- Section 5 The following list of tournaments is to be considered major Club events of the year and will be played from year to year on the day set forth. Any qualifications set forth below which are not met will mean automatic disqualification from that tournament.

**MEMBER GUEST** - This tournament will consist of eighteen holes utilizing a shotgun start and will be played on the fourth Sunday in June. This tournament will be played as a two man best ball in both Gross and Net categories. One Member of the Club will be teamed with a non-member. Following the tournament, the Chantclair Men's Club will host a reception at the Club.

**Qualifications** – The club member must be a member in good standing and both players must have a State or Club handicap and/or approved handicap by the club

Tournament Director or Handicap Chairman prior to start of play. (Three 18 hole attested cards by the guest may be used for adjusted handicap).

**PRESIDENTS CUP** - This tournament will consist of 18 holes and will be played on the second Sunday in July weather permitting. The tournament will be played as all net play.

**Qualifications** – The club member must be a member in good standing with the Club Treasurer. He shall have played in a minimum of forty percent of the Clubs previous tournaments for that year.

**SENIORS TOURNAMENT** - This tournament will consist of 18 holes and will be played on the third Sunday in August weather permitting. This tournament will be played as a gross and net tournament, the winner be designated as the senior's champion for that year. Concurrent with this tournament, a Super Seniors tournament will also be played with gross and net prizes.

**Qualifications** – The club member must be a member in good standing with the Club Treasurer. He shall have played in a minimum of forty percent of the Clubs previous tournaments for that year. The players who have celebrated their fiftieth birthday prior to or on the start date of a tournament to be played qualify for the seniors division. The players who have celebrated their sixty-second birthday prior to or on the start date of a tournament to be played qualify for the Super Seniors division.

**MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** - This tournament will consist of eighteen holes of play to be played during the last weekend of July. This tournament will be played as all gross play. Flights will be set up as per stated handicaps in equal divisions between Open, A, B, C and D Championship flights. Any player wishing to do so may advance to any flight he wishes. All ties to be played off as per Section 2 of this article.

**Qualifications** – The club member must be a member in good standing with the Club Treasurer. He shall have played in a minimum of forty percent of the Clubs previous tournaments for that year.

**MID-HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP** - This tournament will consist of 18 holes of play and shall be scheduled in September weather permitting. Those Club members with handicaps of 12 through 18 are eligible to participate in this tournament. There will be gross and net winners.

**Qualifications** – The club member must be a member in good standing with the Club Treasurer. He shall have played in a minimum of forty percent of the Clubs previous tournaments for that year.

**THE STOLLMAN CUP** - This tournament will be a match play tournament format that lasts throughout the regular golf season. It will start with a qualification tournament. The



**15 top qualifiers plus alternates** as well as the previous year's champion and the namesake of the cup have automatic entry. After the 8 pairings have been randomly selected, seeding does not matter, the entrants will have a certain period of time to play their match. Players not completing their match by the specified date are subject to disqualification or forfeit. This will continue throughout the season until a champion is crowned. All matches must be played as head-to-head matches, no matching cards. Each member will use his current U.S.G.A. handicap at the time of the current match play.

**Qualifications** – The Club member must be a member in good standing with the Club Treasurer. They shall have played in a minimum of forty percent of the Clubs previous tournaments for that year.

### **Article VIII – SCORE CARDS**

Section 1 Properly signed, attested, dated, and legible score cards must be placed in the scorecard box. Scores must be entered into the computer, as well. Any of the above requirements that are not met will be cause of all scores on that card being disqualified for that tournament.

### **Article IX – AMENDMENTS**

Section 1 This constitution may be modified, altered or amended by the membership of the Club at its annual meeting, or at any special meeting, which may be called to consider such changes, The Executive Board shall prepare a statement for the proposed change and a copy posted on the bulletin board by the Secretary at least two (2) weeks before the meeting. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership present at an official Club meeting is necessary for a constitutional change or amendment.