



Awesome Spectator Event! Hawk's Landing has been selected to host the first of nine qualifiers of the Golf Channel's 2019 Volvik World Long Drive Championship. Mark your calendar and bring your friends and family out to watch this unique competition among golf's longest hitters on March 22 & 23. The Long Drive qualifiers will take place throughout North America with the finals on September 3 & 4 on the Texas/Oklahoma border. Keep in touch with the Pro Shop for additional details, and let us know if you are interested in helping as a volunteer on one or both days of the competition.

More on long drives: The driver swing speed of an average lady golfer is 62mph; 94mph for an average LPGA professional; 84mph for an average male golfer; 108mph for an average PGA Tour player; 123 mph for Bubba Watson; 148-152mph for national long drive champions.

Hawk's Landing Players Association – If you aren't already a member, consider joining the Hawk's Landing Players Association, open to golfers of all ability levels. In addition to significant local benefits, your \$68 annual dues includes SCGA membership and benefits, such as regularly updated handicapping and discounts on golf outings at hundreds of locations. HLPAA members are eligible to compete in the monthly Ace of the Month competition, annual President's Cup match play tournament in the Spring and the annual two-day Club Championship in the Fall, as well as weekly Association play dates and other activities. Information and membership applications are available at the Pro Shop and online at www.hawkslandingpa.com.

Hawk's Landing Junior Golf – Get the young golfers in the family off to a solid start in learning the game and developing their golf skills as part of the Hawk's Landing Junior Golf program, a structured yet flexible approach to learning swing fundamentals, the rules of golf, etiquette and course management. Three sessions of 15 practices each will culminate in October with qualifying players participating in the Annual WJB Classic. Registration is currently open; sign-ups will also be taken at the Golf Channel long drive qualifier on Saturday, March 23rd. The first session of organized practices will begin on March 30th. If you are interested in helping out by joining the Junior Golf coaches' pool, please see Scot McKone or leave your contact information in the Pro Shop.

Ace of Aces Playoff. The Players' Association meets up for 18 holes on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Low net each month becomes the Ace of the Month. In January, the 12 monthly Ace winners will compete in a playoff for the 2019 Ace of Aces title, the first of the HLPAA "majors" each year.

Fundraising Tournaments. Support local non-profit organizations and other worthy causes in our community by entering a team in their 2019 golf tournaments. Lots of fun competition; mostly team scramble formats with long drive, closest-to-the-pin, and hole-in-one competitions. Door prizes, sponsor giveaways, and more. Pick up tournament flyers in the pro shop. Remaining fundraising tournaments this year include:

- Friday, March 29 – Basin Wide Foundation Golfing for Charities
- Saturday, April 6 – Onaga Elementary / Yucca Elementary Science Camps
- Saturday, April 27 – Morongo Basin Sheriff's Explorers
- Saturday, May 4 – Copper Mountain College Athletic Boosters
- Saturday, May 11 – Yucca Valley Baseball Boosters
- Saturday, May 18 – Yucca Valley Airport Supporters
- Friday, May 24 – Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce/Grubstakes
- Saturday, June 1 – Hi Desert Pregnancy Clinic
- Friday, August 2 – Desert Contractors' Association

President's Cup. April 3rd is the deadline for HPLA members to sign up for this year's President's Cup match play championship. Matches will be played beginning April 6th with the finals for all flights on Saturday, April 27th. Tournament flyers and registration forms are available in the Pro Shop.

Sunday Skins – Open to everyone with the desire to compete, Skins competition begins at 12:30 PM every Sunday.
More information and weekly sign-ups are available in the pro shop.

Range Card Re-load Bonus! Add \$25 to your card and get \$30 in range credit; pay \$50 and get \$60 in range credit; \$100 ' gets you \$120 in practice balls.
Wow! What a good deal!

Pace of Play reminder. A round of golf is not a race, but common courtesy requires everyone to be considerate and not cause unnecessary delays. Everyone can do their part by understanding the new rules, observing golf etiquette, and being aware and respectful of other golfers. Some obvious considerations are to let faster groups play through, and to be ready to play when it is your turn. On busy days, an 18-hole round of golf at Hawk's Landing should take no more than 4 hours and 15 minutes, and faster rounds are generally the norm.

Fundraisers! Some prime dates are still available for fundraising tournaments at Hawk's Landing. Let us help you raise funds for your organization. We make it easy for your group to have a fun and profitable fundraiser. Hawk's Landing offers lots of options to customize your golf event. Inquire early and get your tournament date locked in. Call Jim at 760-218-5124 for information.

Hole in One Report. Let us know about your Ace! Fill out the card in the Pro Shop so we can document your hole-in-one along with other aces at Hawk's Landing.

Tying the Knot in 2019? What a beautiful place for an outdoor wedding and delightful reception! Reserve the date for your event at Hawk's Landing!

Mark your calendar...

- Hawk's Landing Junior Golf Session 1 begins March 30, 2019
- The WJB Classic, Hawk's Landing's version of the FedEx Cup on October 5, 2019. Watch for more details in future issues of Hawk Talk.



President's Cup FAQ's

Do I have to be a HPLA member to participate?

Yes, the tournament is an event for members of the Hawk's Landing Players' Association. All interested golfers are welcome to join the Association.

What is match-play? Instead of winning the match by recording fewer total strokes during the round, a player wins by scoring lower on more holes than his/her opponent. Each hole is recorded as a win, a loss, or a halve (draw) for each player.

What is a "single-elimination" tournament? The President's Cup is a match-play event, where players go head to head and the winner advances. When a player loses a match, they are eliminated. There is no consolation bracket.

What is meant by "Flights"? Flights are simply divisions based on verified handicaps and/or some other factors. The President's Cup is set up with Open flights where lower handicap players compete in the "A" Flight and higher handicappers in the "B" Flight. Placement in each flight depends on the range of handicaps of registered players. A "C" Flight will be added if participation numbers require it. Ladies will compete in the Ladies Flight unless they would prefer to compete in the Open flights.

What if I sign up by the deadline but all the flights are already full? All members who register by April 3rd will be included; early registration is encouraged to assist the committee in verifying handicaps and preparing the flight brackets prior to the pairings party. If bracket adjustments become necessary to accommodate all players, earlier sign-ups will receive priority but all will be included.

Will I have to play against a better golfer than me? Since all participants are at different levels in their game skills, we rely on the handicap system to equalize the competition, i.e., if a 20 handicapper is paired with a player with a 25 handicap, the former player would have to give a stroke to his/her opponent on five pre-determined holes during the match. Those strokes, called "bumps", will equalize that hole so that the latter player's bogey would equal the former player's par.

Are the rules of play different? Except for the different scoring method, the rules will be consistent with current USGA rules with some modifications to adjust for local course features and conditions. All players will receive a copy of the President's Cup tournament rules at the Pairings Party on April 4th.