

**Welcome to the Twenty-Fifth Annual
Northern Virginia Senior Four-Ball Championship
*Defending Champions: Ron Clatterbuck and Rich Buckner***

- Play will be from the Blue tees for the Senior/Open Division approximately 6400 yds, and from the White tees for the Super-Senior and Legends Divisions approximately 5900 yds.
- USGA Rules Apply
 - If you have a doubt as to how to proceed play a second ball (Rule 3-3). Before proceeding under this rule announce to your fellow competitors your intention to do so and select which ball you wish to count if the rules permit. Report to the committee that you played a second ball and the details *before certifying your score with the official scorer.*
 - COVID-19 Special Rules:
 - Do not touch or remove the flagstick. A player's right to remove the flagstick making a stroke is suspended for this event. All players must leave the flagstick in the hole for all shots – including putts. (General Penalty)
 - Sand bunkers will be maintained by the forecaddies --- no special rules are in effect.
 - The holes have foam pieces added which raise the bottom of the hole to a couple of inches below the surface. The ball is considered holed only if it remains within the hole (a ball that bounces out after hitting the foam insert is not considered holed).
- Format is Two-Man Team Best Ball.
- Official scoring procedure:
 - Scorecards will not be traded between sides for signatures (covid-19 precaution). The marker for a player or side will verbally announce the hole-by-hole scores for that player or side, which will be recorded by the official scorer.
 - The official scorer will repeat the hole-by-hole scores, as well as the 9 and 18-hole totals, which will then be verbally certified by the player or side and marker.
- Pace of Play: Keep up with the group in front of you. Your cooperation is appreciated.
- Measuring Devices (including GPS devices) are allowed if the device measures only distance
- Trophies will be awarded to the Champions in the Senior/Open Division only
 - Gift certificates for the RTJ Club pro-shop will be awarded
 - Ties breakers for gift certificates: Back 9 score, last 6, last 3, last 1, etc.
- In the event of dangerous or severe weather, the tournament committee may adjust the competition to less than 18 holes. **Discontinuance of Play:** When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, players **must discontinue play immediately**. Players must not resume play until the Committee has ordered resumption of play. All practice areas shall be closed until the Committee has declared them open. Penalty for breach of rule – *Disqualification*. **NOTE: A player has the right to stop play if they think lightning threatens them, even though the Committee may not have authorized it specifically by signal.**

Special thanks to the RTJ Club Director of Golf, Matt Freitag, PGA and his staff for their hospitality and support. We would also like to thank Scott Furlong, Course Superintendent for the excellent conditions of the golf course.