



Tournament Fees Update

Effective January 1, 2025

BMGC Members,

It's been quite a while since our Club raised its Tournament Buy-In fees. During our December meeting the Board unanimously approved the following increases. Please note: The buy-in fee increases outlined below all go directly back to the prize pool for each tournament to sweeten the tournament payouts.

1. Monthly Tournaments –

- a. Tournament fees will increase from \$20 to \$25. Of the \$25 fee increase, \$20 goes toward the tournament payout and \$5 goes toward the closest to the pin (#s 6,12 & 14)
- b. In addition, we will be adding an optional closest-to-the-pin for holes 7 & 17 @ \$10 (which will cover both holes). Payouts will be the two closest on each hole - with no flights

2. Major Tournaments –

- a. Tournament fees will increase from \$25 to \$35. Of the \$35, \$30 goes toward the tournament payout and \$5 goes toward the Day 2 closest to the pin (#s 6, 12 & 14)

3. Club Tournament Contributions – as it has always been, the Club contributes additional money to the tournament prize fund for both Monthlies and Major Tournaments. These contributions will remain the same as in the past, but below is the breakdown in case you are interested:

- a. Monthly Tournaments – An additional \$350 is added to the prize fund
- b. Major Tournaments – An additional \$200 is added to the prize fund

Additional Notes:

1. We will continue to pay approximately one-third of the field (up to one-half if ties are involved) for both monthly and major tournaments - except for the gross flights of the Tournament of Champions and Club Championship, which will pay out approximately the top 4 players (and ties).
2. With the increased tournament fees, we would expect to boost the prize pool by approximately 18% for monthly tournaments, or by around \$250 (depending on the size of the field) - and by 33% for major tournaments.
3. As a point of reference, the prize pool for the December tournament was \$230 for the closest to the pin (56 x \$5) and \$1,190 for the tournament payout ((56 x \$15) + \$350)). The December tournament was our largest turnout of the year (as it was in 2023). We are typically getting 40-48 players for monthly tournaments and 24-32 for major tournaments. It's been that way for last couple of years.

--BMGC Board of Directors