



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article I - NAME

The name of this golf club shall be The Linksmen Golf Club.

Article II - PURPOSE

FIRST: To stimulate interest in golf by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golfing organization.

SECOND: To promote and foster among the members a closer bond and fraternity for their joint and mutual benefit, and to promote and conserve the best interests and true spirit of the game of golf as embodied in its ancient and honorable traditions.

THIRD: To encourage conformance to the USGA Rules of Golf by creating a representative authority.

FOURTH: To maintain a uniform system of handicapping as set forth in the USGA Handicap System and issue USGA Handicap Indexes to the members.

FIFTH: To provide an authoritative body to govern the club's business and conduct club competitions.

Article III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership shall be available to persons 18 years of age or older. There shall be at least 12 members with no maximum limitation.

Section 2. Memberships in the club are individual and non-transferable.

Section 3. Membership confers no voice in the operation of any golf courses, clubhouses nor any facilities of the courses.

Section 4. Membership confers no special privileges in connection with any golf course.

Section 5. Club membership is for a one year period, commencing on November 1st, and expiring on October 31st.

Section 6. The fiscal year for the club will be November 1st through October 31st.

Section 7. Candidates for membership must attend at least one club tournament as a guest and be recommended by an active member in good standing. Acceptance is contingent upon timely receipt of initiation fees. Initiation fees shall not be prorated.

Section 8. In the event that any member of the club shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the club or the duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after 10 days written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of the membership at any regular meeting or special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 9. The Annual Meeting of the Linksmen shall be held during the month of October. The officers of the club shall provide for the holding of such other meetings as may be deemed necessary or desirable.

Section 10. A legal quorum at any meeting shall be a majority of the membership present. Each member present, in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote.

Section 11. Annual membership dues in the amount of \$125.00 have been established to operate and maintain the club. Annual membership dues are due by November 30th each year. If a member fails to pay annual dues by January 31st of the club year, he will be sent a final notice and given the opportunity to provide the club with a written explanation for his reason for default of payment. After a review by the officers of the club, a decision will be made to allow or deny the member special dispensation. If no response is received within 30 days the member will be dropped from the active roster. Membership dues shall not be prorated.

Section 12. Any member who has resigned from the club or has been dropped due to failure to pay annual membership dues may submit a written request for reinstatement. All requests for reinstatement will be reviewed by the officers of the club and acted upon accordingly.

Article IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall consist of members in good standing of the Linksmen Golf Club and they shall exercise all powers of management of the club not specifically excepted by these By-Laws.

Section 2. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Director and Special Skills Administrator. Their duties shall be such as their titles would indicate or such as may be assigned to them respectively from time to time.

Section 3. Election of officers shall be held at the Annual Meeting in October. Terms of office are for one year. Officers may be re-elected to successive terms.

Section 4. Voting shall be by written ballot or voice. Candidates receiving the greatest number of votes cast shall be declared as elected.

Section 5. The officers shall meet at such time and places as they may select and a majority of the officers shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Section 6. In case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification or other cause, the remaining officers, even though less than a quorum, shall elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the remaining term of the officer whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor.

Article V - AMMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

Section 1. The officers of the club shall have the power to repeal or amend any of these By-Laws provided that such action shall not be effective until approved by a majority vote of the members of The Linksmen Golf Club at a meeting held in accordance with the provisions contained herein.

Section 2. Members shall make a reasonable effort to play with other members in their geographical area on a regular basis and to attend and participate in outings and tournaments sponsored by the club. Members must submit a minimum of ten scores per year prior to any club event to be eligible for awards. Scores must be received at least two weeks prior to an event to be included in calculating a members handicap for that event.

Section 3. From time to time, in light of our aging membership, the Linksmen Club Officers will enact their executive powers to declare a *member in good standing* as an "Honorary Member" because of a known illness or debilitating condition. As such those members will remain on the Membership Roster, but will NOT be required to pay the annual dues. Their status will continue

as "Honorary Members" until they ask to be reassigned as a member in good standing with all rights and privileges associated with the Linksmen Golf Club. These "Honorary Members" will be listed on the Membership Roster with a designation of (H.M.) after their name.

Article VI - DISSOLUTION

In the unlikely event of dissolution of the Linksmen Golf Club, all monies will be distributed to a designated charity.