

## GOLF EVENT - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the Scoliosis Research Society

On this important SRS anniversary, arrangements have been made for members, spouses, significant others and guests attending the SRS meeting to play golf on four separate days, on four FINE golf courses in Minneapolis - one a former US Open course - all four important golf courses in Minneapolis!!!

The golf is scheduled to occur on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. The golf does not conflict with any meeting-related professional activities. Each day will be a separate event and the competition will be arranged before play begins and prizes will be awarded on a daily basis - not for all four days - since different members will have different schedules.

**Woodhill Country Club** is scheduled for noon on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. Opened in 1915, it hosted the Trans-Mississippi tournament won by Jack Nicklaus in 1957. It is an elegant private country club of one of our members. Their website is <http://www.woodhillcc.com/>.

**The University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course** is scheduled at noon on Sunday, September, 27<sup>th</sup>. The course is a fine layout, with a great website. Tom Lehmann, winner of the British Open and Player of the Year on the PGA tour in 1996 and Charles Schwab Cup winner on the Champions Tour in 2011 and 2012, was the golf professional at Le Bolstad, before he began his professional career. Their website is accessible through the University of Minnesota website at <http://recwell.umn.edu/golf/>.

**Interlachen** - opened in 1909 and host of the 1930 US Open (the US Open site of Bobby Jones' Grand Slam) and 5 more International Championships since then) is our site for Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. It is as famous as any course in the United States. It is also the home course for Patty Berg, one of the founding members of the LPGA. Their website is <https://www.interlachencc.org/>.

On Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> we will play the **Tournament Player's Club**, the site of a Champions Tour event each year and the season-ending Champions Tour Championship in 2014. Their website is <http://www.tpc.com/tpc-twin-cities>.

A shot-gun start around noon will allow us to all finish by supper time. Dinner plans for our group will be created once the final number of participants is known for each day.

Golfers wishing to participate may play as much or as little as they wish.

The type of competition for each day is still "in development" and suggestions from members/players attending will be strongly considered before each round.

Dr. Gaines has agreed to facilitate the event(s) and make sure that the event is enjoyable and the golf is as good as a group of active spine surgeons and their family and friends can provide!

To prepare the courses for the number of players, prompt sign-up will help each course be ready for us.

Once we know the level of interest for each day, local travel arrangements will be made. Individuals may also make their own arrangements and plan to arrive at the course in time for the round.

The SRS office will accumulate responses regarding participation. However, they will not handle the expenses for the event. Those will be handled onsite with the individual courses.

FINAL arrangements and confirmation of the courses, tee times and transportation arrangements will be completed as soon as we have a better idea of how many players will participate each day. While we can certainly add a few players close to the time of the event, please plan as far ahead as possible, and try to let us know your FINAL plans by **Friday, June 26**.

Players can play from any of the tees which are available at the course, so everyone has a great time. This outing is NOT intended to be a grind for anyone or bitterly competitive.

However, beginners may not want this to be their first golfing experience.

Experienced "high-handicappers" are welcome.

Since two of the courses we are playing are "elite, private country clubs" (and might be a little expensive), and are not generally "open to the public," bringing your own equipment is appropriate, since rentals will probably be scarce at these courses.

Reminder - all payments for these golfing events will be made ON-SITE - not through the SRS office. The SRS office will only collect indications of willingness to participate in the various days the event(s) will occur.

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Please email [meetings@srs.org](mailto:meetings@srs.org) to sign up for the event.