



## Summer's Here and So Is Championship Season

It's time to register for the biggest golf event of our year: the Chapter Championship. Also for your consideration: a plea for Symetra Tour housing, a report on our members' characteristics and attitudes, and a slew of upcoming events.

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### Come one, come all, to play in the Chapter Championship

This year's Chapter Championship takes place Saturday, July 14, at [McGregor Links](#) in Wilton. [Read all about it at this link](#). We've been able to hold fees to reasonable levels--\$65 for walkers, \$85 with cart--thanks in part to this year's sponsor, the **Guardian Network's Wealth Advisory Group**.



Remember, we're all champions here--the event has a full range of flights by handicap level, as well as a scramble-team flight. You don't have to be a scratch player!

Indeed, the biggest news this year is a change in flight index levels:

- Championship Flight: 0.0-10.0 (was 0.0-12.0)
- First Flight: 10.1-17.0 (was 12.1-19.0)
- Second Flight: 17.1-24.0 (was 19.1-25.0)
- Third Flight: 24.1-32.0 (was 25.1-32.0)
- Fourth Flight remains the same, 32.1-40.4

The new scale also applies to scramble team handicap calculation.

To register, use [this link to our chapter's event page on the national site](#). New software this year should make the process smoother, but you may also want to first [read the directions](#). Don't delay: **Registration deadline is June 27**.

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### Symetra Tour seeks housing help

Want to get to know a pro tour player? Open your home to one of the participants in this year's [Fucillo Kia Classic of NY](#) during the week of July 23 (competition runs July 27-29). For more information about player housing, visit the tournament's [FAQ and host signup page](#). Many Chapter members have enjoyed hosting, and now that we and the Symetra Tour are under the same LPGA roof, it makes more sense than ever.



## Member Survey: *You like us! You really like us!* But there's always room for improvement.

We've posted the [Summary of Findings](#) from the Chapter member survey conducted last year by nationally recognized market research firm Fact Finders. Here's a few highlights from the 63-page report, which you can download at [this link](#):

- The bulk of our members (60%) play golf once or twice a week, with another 31% playing three to four times weekly. There are a handful who play nearly every day, and some who don't at all.
- A little over half of our members work full-time. More than one-third are retired. The rest are part-timers, students, or "other."
- Nearly 90% of members are satisfied or very satisfied with the local Chapter. Roughly a third feel the same way about the national organization.

Survey findings have prompted your Chapter Board to make several programming improvements already this year, including offering more daytime leagues and establishing a centralized league-subbing system on our website. We'll continue to study the results, and we welcome further ideas as members do the same.

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### Events, events, and more events

Summer's here (at least, meteorologically speaking) and we're dancing on the greens. Sign up or save the dates for these upcoming golf events:

Friday evening, June 22, [Three-Club Challenge](#) at Town of Colonie Golf Course.

Saturday, June 30, [PlayARound](#) at [Amsterdam Municipal Golf Course](#). Signup info coming in a couple of weeks, with more PARs to be scheduled in July and August.

Saturday, July 28, [Thruway Challenge](#) at [Pine Hills Golf Course](#), Frankfort, NY.

