

Atsugi Golf Course

March/April 2020

**Important COVID-19
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Up-Coming Events

*All Tournaments
and Clinics are
Cancelled until
further notice:*

- Date TBA (April Tournament):
 - ◊ Atsugi Masters - Format TBA
- Date TBA (Scheduled to start in April):
 - ◊ Clinics - TBA
- Date TBA (May Tournament):
 - ◊ PGA Championship - Individual Modified Stableford

2019-2020 ATSUGI CUP POINTS RACE TOP 10

Deforest Pittman	2400
Will Guion	2285
Heath Logan	2250
Leon Hatcher	2085
Ivan Balanza	1952
Jason Booker	1925
Bobby Campbell	1775
Randy Lowry	1697
Chris Silva	1685
Ames Singley	1675

Atsugi Players Championship 5th Atsugi Cup Event - March 21, 2020

It wouldn't be an Atsugi Cup Event without some weather rolling in! Following a full week of beautiful, warm, sunny days we held our 5th Atsugi Cup Event in 40 degree rain and wind! A day that started with light rain in the morning, the players had confidence and fire in their eyes. However, the rain had other ideas. As the day progressed the rain grew stronger and more steady. With standing water on all of the greens, the event was shorted down to only 9 holes.

The Atsugi Players Championship format was a Low Gross / Low Net Format that provided a great competition. Randy Lowry was able to edge out both Mike Feldhues and Rick Stone in a match-of-cards playoff shooting a 6-over, 43, to cap-

ture 3rd place NET. Securing 2nd place with a NET 3-over, 40, was Ivan Balanza; which propelled him from 6th place in the Overall Atsugi Cup Points Race to closing out the Top 5 overall. In first place



NET Leon Hatcher posted an impressive 1-under, 36, and added 800 Cup Points to his yearly total.

The Gross Score section of the tournament was equally exciting with Jason Booker locking up 3rd place with a Gross

Score of 48. Miles Hockman jump tremendously in the overall points race from tied at 29 to 18th overall with his second place gross score of 42. Heath Logan went on to shoot the round-of-the-day posting an even par, 37 gross. This marks his third "podium" appearance and his second win of the season following his victory in the Stingy Santa Tournament held in December.

Although the VERY TOUGH conditions may have made Deforest Pittman slide down the leaderboard for the Atsugi Players Championship; he continues to be leading the pack and the one everyone is chasing by remaining the overall leader with 2,400 Atsugi Cup Points for the 2019-2020 season.

ATSUGI MASTERS

6th Atsugi Cup Event - Format TBA - Date TBA

In the words of the famous classic rock group Aerosmith, "There's something wrong with the world today, I don't know what it is". NAF Atsugi Golf Course has cancelled all Tournaments until further notice due to the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19 (more information on this on page 2). As for the golf world: for the first time in history The

Masters has been postponed, or possibly cancelled, for a reason other than WWII. COVID-19 is taking its toll on countries, economies, and all of us. Sports are not exempt from its influence. Our scheduled format for The Masters was an individual "Pick-your-Pro" format in which players each pick a Professional Golfer playing in the Mas-

ters. The players score gets added to the Professional's score and recorded as the score for our tournament. Upon further information we may be able to compete with this format, or decide on a new format upon re-scheduling the event.

More information to follow.

COVID-19 News



Atsugi Golf Course
NAF Atsugi, Japan
Bldg 1452
046-63-3709 / DSN 264-3709

19th Hole
NAF Atsugi, Japan
Bldg 1452
0467-63-3572 / DSN 264-3572

The Coronavirus, COVID-19, is on the forefront of everyone's mind, and NAF Atsugi Golf Course is no exception. We want to keep the Golf Course open to ensure authorized patrons are able to come out, enjoy the fresh air, get exercise, and to take their mind away from troubles; if at least for just a moment. In effort to keep the golf course safe for all players we have instituted several new regulations and policies. Several of these policies are in place to limit frequently touched items.

1. There will no longer be water coolers provided on the golf course, please ensure you have necessary water with you prior to your round.
2. There will no longer be bunker rakes provided on the golf course. Local rule in place described in "A Word on the Course" Section.
3. All free-standing ball washers have been removed from the golf course.
4. All sand bottles have been removed from the golf course and golf carts.
5. A foam spacer has been placed in each cup to prevent the ball from going deep into the hole. DO NOT REMOVE THE FLAGSTICK FROM THE HOLE.
6. Please limit time spent in the Pro Shop.
7. Only the group currently teeing off should be present on the 1st tee, all other groups please wait to avoid crowds.
8. All golf carts are disinfected after each round.
9. All rental clubs are disinfected after each round.

As of March 26, 2020 escorted guests as well as Honorary Members (Golf Pass Holders) will be restricted from accessing NAF Atsugi. Please reference NAF Atsugi Base Facebook Page for gate access information

Thank you all VERY MUCH for your understanding through this difficult time and we look forward to continued operation with your support.

A Word on the Course

With warmer weather on the horizon we are starting our Spring efforts to stay in front of the growing season. We have completed our aeration for both the front and back nine as of March 27th and our greens will continue to be the talk of the town! We also have already applied our Spring fertilizer and weed/herbicide treatment to ensure great conditions from Tee to Green!

Starting March 1st we pushed our twilight rate back to 1500 and this will remain our twilight time through September.

With regard to not providing bunker rakes on the golf course (mentioned in the "COVID-19 News" Section) we are asking everyone to do their best to smooth the sand with their foot after hitting a shot. We all know this is less than ideal and we have instituted a local rule allowing for "rake and place" in all bunkers. If your ball goes into the bunker you may lift your ball, smooth the sand with your foot, then place your ball on the smooth sand. This will help with not only difficult lies due to footprints or pitch marks but also guarantee no fried eggs!

We thank you for all of the continued support from our Atsugi Family and we look forward to a beautiful golf season! As always we welcome all input, questions, and concerns!

St. Patrick's Day Night Golf

Our Spring Night Golf Event was focused around St. Patrick's Day and was a great success! We had our biggest night golf turn out yet with over 50 players! The format was a 4-person scramble. The event started with 9 holes were played during the day light. A delicious Irish Beef Stew was served after the first nine and then continued with 9 holes played at night with LED golf balls and glow sticks lighting up the course! We invited all players to a costume contest to show their festive spirit. Winning the contest was John Benningfield and his little leprechaun (pictured). Winning the golf tournament was Big Hatch, Heath, Stoney, and Singley with a mind blowing 8-under par!!! Congrats to our winners and we hope to see you all again in the fall for our Annual Halloween Night Golf!

