

SCOTCHBALL, What's that?

Scotchball is one of the most fun golf / social events here at Ellington Ridge, and it will happen almost every Friday evening during the golf season, **beginning May 8th.**

Scotchball is a **mixed event** played by couples (or paired singles), and is usually played in 4-somes (some formats accommodate 3-somes or 5-somes). You play 9 holes, and partners alternate hitting shots using different formats each week.

The entry fee is \$5 per team and both gross and net prizes are awarded. Special prizes (and recognition) are awarded for birdies / eagles. Handicaps are used for net scoring.

Scotchball allows you to meet new friends, and enjoy a night out with your existing (old) friends. It also allows you to enjoy our outstanding dining facility.

There will be 3 Scotchball Invitationals this season. This is a great time for you to invite friends to enjoy our golf course as well as our club facilities. The only cost is the \$5 entry fee (per team) plus the cost of the meal(s) and/or optional carts. There are no greens fees for your guests.

Scotchball IS NOT A LEAGUE. There is no commitment to participating every week. You play the weeks you can play. Some people like to schedule their playing partners ahead of time. Others prefer to sign up at the pro shop, and get paired up with somebody. All we ask is that you contact the pro shop to tell them you plan on playing, and to make reservations in the dining room.

Scotchball is NOT one of the more competitive events, but is fun for everyone regardless of ability. People who have tried Scotchball keep on coming back for more. To add to the fun, there are trivia contests every week, a few raffles during the course of the year, and the ever-popular games of "IGOLF" (similar to BINGO) and ERCC Jeopardy.

As usual, we will be throwing in a few more tricks to make Scotchball even more exciting and fun!

If anyone has any questions, or would like a little extra help in meeting people or scheduling some partners (in particular, singles looking for partners!!!), please feel free to contact us, or any of our helpful Pros. We would love to see you some Friday!!!

So there is no excuse to miss out on the fun!!! And remember, "FRIDAYS TILL FALL, LET'S PLAY SCOTCHBALL"

Steve & Brenda Basson (Scotchball Chairs)

FAQs about Scotchball

Scotchball sounds interesting, but I travel at work, and can't commit to being there every Friday. What can I do for the weeks I can't make it?

Scotchball is not a league. Every Friday stands on its own. There is no requirement to show up every Friday. Show up the Fridays you are available.

My Husband is fairly new to golf, and is still a little insecure about his game. Will Scotchball put too much pressure on him while he is still learning the game?

In Scotchball we give out Mulligans, let people move the ball on "string night", and in one event will give people 1 free throw of the golf ball. The one thing Scotchball isn't, is a serious golf event. Scotchball is a very forgiving way for beginners to play golf, yet still provide a challenge for those more proficient. It appeals to a wide array of people, especially those new to the game. Your husband will love it!

We are new to ERCC and haven't met a lot of people yet. How can we hook up with some partners to play Scotchball?

Among other things, Scotchball is a great way to meet new people. If you know who you would like to golf with, you are free to contact them ahead of time, and arrange a time to meet them on Friday. Couples are also encouraged to sign up as two-somes. The pro shop will collect the names, and you will get paired up with another two-some. As just stated, this is a fantastic way to meet people and enjoy your membership at ERCC.

I work on the other side of Hartford, and sometimes there is traffic congestion. Do I need a tee time? What if I'm late?

No, you do not need a tee time. Scotchball tee off is between 4 and 6 PM. If you think you'll be arriving after 6, there are many options. For example, your spouse along with your golf partners can start play as a three-some, until you arrive. One member of the other couple can "pinch hit" for you until you arrive. Essentially, that person would play 2 balls, one as their own, and one in place of you. At Scotchball, we always find a way to make tough situations work. If you show up, we'll find a way to accommodate you!

We have some friends we would love to entertain as guests. Are there any "Member Guest" events at Scotchball?

There will be 3 Scotchball Invitationals (Member Guests) this year. These are usually well attended events, so I would encourage you to sign up on the early side to be assured a spot. This is a great way to show our course off to your friends. There are no "greens fees" per se. There is a \$5 per couple tournament fee, and of course a buffet to follow that always gets rave reviews.

I know you hold Invitationals during the year, but I don't have a lot of "non member" friends that golf. Do I need to golf with Guests on those evenings?

Even though we advertise those nights as invitationals, we also have a flight for Member – Member groups. So you do not need to bring guest to play on those evenings.

I have a Single membership at ERCC. Am I entitled to play Scotchball?

There are several ways Scotchball can work in your situation.

You can find another single member and team up with him/her and sign up as a two-some. As a two-some, you can pair up with another two-some, or have the pro shop pair you up with another two-some.

A single golfer is also entitled to bring 3 guests on an Invitational night.

On other Friday nights (not invitationals), a Single member is entitled to bring a "significant other" a maximum of 3 times, and pay an additional (\$10) fee. We would to see more "singles" at Scotchball!

My membership at ERCC is Married Single. Is my spouse entitled to play Scotchball?

Absolutely, yes. We would like nothing more than for you to have your spouse join you at Scotchball. He/she can play on any Friday, and there is no additional cost. The formats are all posted ahead of time, so if you would like to start off with a Scramble format, you will know which week(s) to choose.

Sometimes my schedule frees up at the last minute. How late can I sign up for Scotchball?

While it is important to sign up ahead of time as it facilitates a more orderly process in the dining room as well as the pro shop, we would still encourage you to attend in this situation. Call the pro shop if you think you can play, and they will do everything possible to find you partners (if you need them), and see you have fun evening. The important thing is to show up, and enjoy your membership!