



# 2020

*Idaho Falls  
Junior Golf Program*

*Informational  
Booklet*



*Sand Creek (612-8115)*



*Pinecrest (612-8485)*



*Sage Lakes (612-8535)*

*“The secret to getting ahead  
is getting started”*

*Mark Twain*

## ***New and Important Reminders for the 2020 Season***

- ✓ **COVID-19**-With the pandemic in mind, we are planning on having kids participate in the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association as in the past but with a few changes. Should golf be banned at some point, we will either refund participants or give a credit towards next years' membership.
- ✓ **Junior Association Members can play for FREE on FAMILY GOLF DAYS**-It is a great opportunity to play our courses with the whole family at a leisurely pace. Read about all the details later in this booklet.
- ✓ **Junior Lessons**- see the last section on a large selection of lesson programs. These programs may or may not happen depending on the COVID-19 issue.
- ✓ **Register Online**- We are set up for online registration through [www.idahofallsidaho.gov/JGA](http://www.idahofallsidaho.gov/JGA) and the cost is \$40. If you would like to pay with check or cash, you can still do so via mail or in-person at Pinecrest Golf Course and the cost is \$35.
- ✓ **Online Etiquette Class**- Due to social distancing policies, there will be no group etiquette classes. We ask that all participants in the junior program watch the etiquette video which will be assessable online. Instructions to access the video are listed in the mandatory must section of this booklet.
- ✓ **Make Tee Times Over the Phone**- Make a tee time for the upcoming Monday Junior Day by simply calling the course any time after the previous Junior Day.

## ***What the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association is all about***

The program provides children 17 and under the chance to:

- × Play 9-holes of golf at Pinecrest, Sand Creek, and Sage Lakes on scheduled Junior Days reserved for the kids. The schedule for these Junior Days is included later in this booklet.
- × Unlimited play on the 6-hole short course at Sand Creek.
- × The opportunity to play, within their age division, in the annual club championship tournament and attend the year end banquet. where tournament trophies and other awards are presented. **(this year's banquet may be cancelled depending on social distancing requirements)**
- × In order to become a member a junior must fulfill certain requirements:

## **MANDATORY MUSTS**

### **1. Etiquette & Rules Clinic**

*In past years, all juniors of the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association have been required to attend a required Etiquette & Rules Clinic before they are allowed to play golf on Junior Days or use the Short Course at Sand Creek. The purpose of the clinic is to teach & remind kids about the basic rules of the game, safety, consideration for other players, pace of play, and care of the course. However, due to current circumstances, **this year we will not be doing our clinics live**. Instead we have prepared a short video that highlights all the etiquette and rules that are important to know. This video can only be accessed online by visiting our website at [golfif.com](http://golfif.com). Once on the website go to "leagues" and then go to "Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association" where you will find a link to the video. Once you have watched the video and really soaked it in, you can pick up your membership card!! Membership cards will be available at all pro shops. You can pick them up the first time you play on either a Junior Day or at the short course. (If a junior was a member last year, and still has their card, their membership cards will simply be re-activated.*

### **2. Everyone must have their own set of clubs**

*In order to help with the pace of play, we do require every junior who participates in the program to have their own golf bag and clubs. For those without clubs, the local course golf shops do offer clubs for sale at reasonable prices. We also offer sets which can be rented for the entire season for \$25. Please contact any of the local golf shops for more information.*

### **3. Dress Code**

*Proper golf attire (neat and clean) is required. Shirts (t-shirts, etc.) & shoes (tennis shoes, golf shoes, etc.) must be worn at all times.*

### **4. Kids under age 14 must have Adult Supervision**

- *If your child is under the age of 14, they will not be allowed to play on Junior Day unless accompanied by an adult (age 18 and older).*
- *At least one adult must be present regardless of whether or not the other junior golfers in the group are 14 or older.*
- *The purpose of this rule is to eliminate problems we've incurred on junior day in the past (acts of vandalism on the course) and to help keep the kids to move along at a reasonable pace, etc.*

## 5. HOW TO SIGN UP

(1) **MAIL or IN-PERSON REGISTRATION:** Cost is \$35.00. Fill out the registration form provided in this booklet and bring it in or mail it to **Pinecrest Golf Course / 701 E Elva Street / Idaho Falls, ID 83401 / ATTN: "JR GOLF"**. (Juniors with a City of Idaho Falls season golf pass pay \$25.00. You must have purchased the season pass before registering)

Registration forms can also be printed off of at [golfif.com](http://golfif.com). Go to "leagues" and then click "Idaho Falls Junior Association".

(2) **ONLINE REGISTRATION:** Cost is \$40.00. Go online to [www.idahofallsidaho.gov/JGA](http://www.idahofallsidaho.gov/JGA) create a profile, register and pay!

### ***How to make a tee time for Junior Day***

In order for kids to play golf on Junior Day, **you must make a tee time**. This year, make a tee time for the upcoming Junior Day by simply calling the course any time after the previous Junior Day. **OUR FIRST JUNIOR DAY IS JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>**. To make a tee time for that day call Pinecrest any time after May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each tee time will only accommodate 4 golfers. Please sign up for only ONE tee time. Juniors may make a tee time for either the front nine or the back nine. We will allow juniors to play an extra 9 holes on junior day if there is space available. Inquire with the Junior Golf personnel after your first round. Some other reminders:

- Tee times are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- We request all juniors to show up at least 15 minutes prior to their tee time in order to allow for check-in and warm-up.
- If you are unable to make your tee-time, please call the golf shop and cancel your time.

### ***Parents can now play on some Junior Days?***

Parents are usually not allowed to play on Junior Days but this year parents can play on these dates!!!

- Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> @ Sand Creek
- Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> @ Sage Lakes
- Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> @ Pinecrest

On these special Monday's, we will allow non-Junior Association members (parents, family members and friends) the opportunity to play 9-holes of golf with Junior Association Members. Non-members who want to play will be required to pay a

reduced green fee price of \$9.99 per person (those with a season pass are exempt). There **MUST** be at least **ONE** Junior Association member in the group or they will not be allowed to play. Groups will be limited to four players.

### ***How to Check in on Junior Day***

1. Arrive at the golf course at least 15 minutes prior to your tee time.
2. Bring and show your Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Membership card to the Junior Golf Personnel and pick up a scorecard and pencil.
3. The Junior golf personnel will instruct the juniors on where and when to tee off.

### ***Earning Prizes by collecting Junior Participation Points!!***

As we did last year, we will require each junior to **track their own points**. This is a very serious task that requires great integrity. Enclosed in this booklet is a form to track of participation points which can be earned by completing activities. (Alternate forms can be printed off of [golfif.com](http://golfif.com)) Each activity must be dated and the form must be signed by a parent/guardian and the junior prior to turning it in. The form **MUST** be turned into the golf shop at Pinecrest **NO LATER than WEDNESDAY August 5, 2020**. Late forms will **NOT** be accepted. Points will be given based on the following:

- Play on Junior Day (one point)
- Play in the Club Championship (one point)
- Take a lesson (one point for every lesson)
- Play 9 or 18 holes not on Jr Day at any course (one point per day)
- Play the Short Course (one point per day)
- Hit a bucket of Balls (one point per day)

Points can only be accumulated starting on Monday, June 1st and ending on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### ***Annual Club Championship Details***

The annual Club Championship is held at the end of the season. The tournament is divided into age groups for both boys and girls. Important details are:

- The junior's actual **age as of July 20, 2020** will determine which age group they will compete for in this tournament.
- Boys ages 12 and up (18 holes) AND Girls ages 13 & over (18 holes) will play on **Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> at Sage Lakes**.
- Boys ages 9-11 (9 holes- Back 9); Girls ages 9-12 (9 holes-Front 9) will

play on **Monday July 20<sup>th</sup> at Sand Creek.**

- Boys & Girls 8 & under (6 holes) will play on **Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at the 6-Hole Short Course at Sand Creek.** (Age 6-8 play 6 holes; Age 5-under play 3 holes (1, 2, & 3))
- **HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:** Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the first day juniors can sign up for the club championship. The sign-up book will be available during Junior Days at the course where Jr Day is held. If you fail to sign up that day you can call Pinecrest Tuesday through Sunday. Juniors can pick the time they want to play and who they play with. Juniors must play on the day and course they are assigned. Tee times will be available on a first come, first served basis and only 4 players per tee time.
- Participants are required to show up at least 15 minutes prior to their tee time.
- **WE NEED VOLUNTEER SCOREKEEPERS.** For the tournament, we'll need volunteer scorekeepers to ensure its success. If your child plans on participating in the tournament, please make a commitment to keep score for a group. Provide your name on the tournament signup sheet (same sheet where juniors sign up for this event) if you can help.
- Trophies will be awarded based on the number of kids in each age group.

### **End of the year Banquet & Awards Party**

Depending on the status of the COVID-19 issue, we may or may not have our annual awards party. If we do not have the annual party, we will simply have winners pick up their prizes at Pinecrest any time after August 13<sup>th</sup>. If we do have the annual party, here are the details of this fun event: We will present awards for the Club Championship tournament, recognize other special awards for those juniors who participated in our program during the summer.

**The banquet is open to your entire family.** We ask that you bring a **dessert or salad** and the association will provide the chicken, pop, water, and eating utensils. We also recommend that you bring lawn chairs and your camera. This year's banquet will be held on **Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm** at the Short-Range at Pinecrest.

## **Short Course Privileges at Sand Creek**

The 6-hole short course was designed to help novice players gain confidence in their game before taking on the regulation size courses. Playing the short course will help the novice golfer become familiar with how the game is played, etc. Junior course green fees are FREE 7 days a week to all Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Members. Information on the 6-hole short course at Sand Creek is as follows:

- The course is open to the public, adults as well as juniors.
- The estimated time to play 6 holes is approximately 1 hour.
- Junior course green fees are FREE to all Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association Members. You must present your Idaho Falls Jr. Association membership card to the Golf Shop personnel in the clubhouse at Sand Creek (approximately 250 yards from the short course) before you play. Non-IF Junior Association members and Parents green fees are \$4.00 for each 6-hole round played. Season golf passes for the regular courses are **NOT** valid on the Short course
- Each group of golfers should have an ADULT (someone 18 years of age or older) along with them in order to play.
- Individuals over the age of 9 must play with IRONS ONLY - NO WOODS.
- The short course is open to the public seven days a week, 8am to dusk. NOTE: These hours are subject to change without notice due to time needed for course maintenance, etc. We recommend that you contact the Sand Creek Golf Shop at 612-8115 to confirm the short course hours of operation before you go out to play!
- The short course does not take tee times except for on Junior Day. Play is on a first come, first serve basis.

## **General play Season Pass Prices**

Prices for junior golfers to play Pinecrest, Sand Creek, & Sage Lakes are listed below. These prices are for general play at the regulation sized golf courses and do not include Junior Day.

Season Passes for juniors (Must be born in 2002 or later and those who are 18 who are still in high school):

\$260.00 Pass - Good at all 3 courses, Valid in Year 2019, 7 days a week.

\$190.00 Pass - Good at all 3 courses, Valid in Year 2019, Weekdays only prior to 4pm, not valid on Weekends or Holidays.

Green fees - \$10.00 7 days a week for all kids 17 and under (and those who are 18 who are still in high school).

### ***Have Questions? Need more information?***

The Idaho Falls Junior Golf Association is organized and conducted by the Idaho Falls Junior Golf Board. The Board is comprised of four people (Tim Reinke PGA Professional @ Pinecrest, Jack Anderson, Fred Sica, and Kim Berrett). If you ever have any questions or suggestions on the program, please feel free to contact any of them @ ifjrgolf@gmail.com. Also, if you know of a junior who may have financial difficulty in joining this association please let us know as the Idaho Falls Elks Lodge does provide funding for this program.

### ***Want to help with the program?***

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with our junior golf program. If you are interested, please call Tim Reinke at Pinecrest @ 612-8485. Thank you in advance for being a volunteer!

### ***Family Golf Day***

Every Saturday Afternoon **STARTING at 3pm** during June, July, and August, your family can Come play 9 holes on a fun, no pressure atmosphere that allows your group to play at a leisurely pace. **PRICES for 9 Holes:** \$9.99 Adults; \$6.99 for kids under 12 and **JUNIOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS ARE FREE!!** \*All kids 13 and under must have Adult Supervision

Please Call to make a Tee Time!

### **Family Day Schedule 2020 (subject to change-please call course to confirm)**

**Saturday, June 13 Sand Creek**

**Saturday, June 20 Pinecrest**

**Saturday, June 27 Sage Lakes**

**Saturday, July 11 Pinecrest**

**Saturday, July 18 Sage Lakes**

**Saturday, July 25 Sand Creek**

**Saturday, August 1 Pinecrest**

**Saturday, August 8 Sand Creek**

**Saturday, August 15 Sage Lakes**

**Saturday, August 22 Sand Creek**

**Saturday, August 29 Sage Lakes**



## ***Fun Events for Families***

**Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Sand Creek Short Course Parent-Junior Golf Tournament.** *To be eligible to play, a junior must be 17 or under on or before August 1, 2020 or have been enrolled as a senior in high school in the spring of 2020. We will use the junior's age on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> for this event*

*\*Entry fee is \$15 per team which will pay for green fees and prizes.*

*\*We will have several divisions: Father-Son; Father-Daughter; Mother-Son; Mother-Daughter; Grandfather-Grandson; Grandfather-Granddaughter; Grandmother-Grandson; Grandmother-Granddaughter.*

*\*We will award prizes for the top teams at the annual Junior Golf Banquet.*

*\*We will have the results posted by midweek after the event at Pinecrest.*

*\*To play, just show up @ Sand Creek on Saturday, Aug 1<sup>st</sup> anytime during the day. No need to pre-register.*

*\*Players may play any time during the day and with any other team that enters or by themselves.*

*\*Format of event: 6 holes, Chapman Format (both players tee off each hole; players alternate 2nd shots; after the 2nd shots, team picks the best location and rotates hitting shots until the ball is holed for one team score.*

*\*Can play one round with Dad, then next round with Grandma, etc.*

## ***The Idaho State Junior Golf Association***

*The Idaho State Junior Golf Association is a state-wide association for junior golfers. They provide competitive junior tournaments throughout the summer followed by a yearend State Championship tournament for juniors who qualified via the weekly tournaments. To register for this program, please go online to **[www.idahoga.org](http://www.idahoga.org)**.*

# LESSON PROGRAMS

## 1. Private Golf Lessons for Juniors

Cost: \$30.00 for 30 minutes Or a Series of 5 Private Lessons for \$135.00. Call the course of your choice to get set up lessons.

## 2. Golf Camp @ Sage Lakes

\*Cost: \$100 per student

\*Boys & Girls Ages 5 to 17

\*Instructors: Sean Thomsen, PGA and Sean Cline, PGAA

A fun social environment with a maximum student to instructor ratio of 8:1, Golf Camp is a program designed to take a student's ability and develop their full potential. Students will be separated into 1 of 3 groups depending on their ability. Learning with students of like ability, will allow them to start learning what they need to in order to develop faster and achieve their goals. Call Pinecrest or Sage Lakes to sign-up!

### **Camp Dates:**

Group A: July 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 10:30am

July 8-14-15-21-22 (9:00am to 10:00am)

Group B: July 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 10:30am

July 8-14-15-21-22 (10:30 to 11:30am)

Group C: July 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00am to 10:30am

July 8-14-15-21-22 (12:00pm to 1:00pm)

## 3. Operation Break 36

\*Cost: varies depending on

\*Boys & Girls Ages 7-18

\*Instructors: Kevin Kavran, PGA and Tyson Bowen, PGA

Operation 36 provides beginners with the most effective model and technology to learn to play golf. Become a skilled golfer by following a motivating roadmap to shooting Par (36) or better for 9 holes! For more information about Operation 36, go online and visit [operation36.golf/](http://operation36.golf/). Simply click 'Find A Program' and search Idaho Falls. From there, select the course you want to participate at and submit a player form.

## 4. PGA JUNIOR LEAGUE

\*Cost: \$225

\*Boys and Girls Ages 7-13

This league is designed to bring a "little league" atmosphere to the game of golf. With teams of boys and girls, ages 7-13, the PGA Jr. League provides a structured league environment for young golfers to compete and have fun! Kids will receive instruction on course management and some basic fundamentals. Most of the instruction will be group based and will help kids learn the game. We will start lessons and league play in June and go to the end of July. **Cost is \$225** which includes 6 one-hour practices with a PGA Professional, free range balls during league season, and six 9-hole matches at area golf courses. To sign up you **MUST** log on to the PGA Junior League Website at [PGAJLG.com/register](http://PGAJLG.com/register). **Registration Deadline is Thursday, May 28th.** For more information please call Sage Lakes at 612-8535 and ask for Tyson Bowen, PGA or Sean Cline, PGAA