



THE KEEPERS

2017

This marks the 10th year The Keepers at Woodmont will promote a program for the purpose of honoring, promoting and enjoying the great traditions of the game of golf. Our season long program provides an opportunity to participate in more than 20 special events, club advocacy programs, and community service initiatives. We foster a culture of fraternity and dedication to the tradition of the game through core principles of respect and promotion of the rules of the game, championing proper etiquette and care of our golf facilities, participation and support of Woodmont golf activities, creation of unique golf events for our members, and a commitment to community service.

Community Service

In 2017 The Keepers will participate in an array of community service programs which include direct donations to military and social service organizations as well as sponsorship of fund raising events at our club.

The Keepers run an outing at Woodmont with 36 kids from the *First Tee Program of Greater Washington* and raise money to support their programs in our area. The first tee event is a day of mentoring and fun at Woodmont where the kids experience clinics, skills competitions, and some on-course time with our members.

A number of years ago we started our Folds of Honor/SMGA/IDF Players Pools at our Keepers Events. This is a separate, voluntary cash competition at each Keeper event where half of the money collected goes to support our year-long drive to raise money for three organizations. They include *Dan Rooney's "Folds of Honor Foundation"* that provides post secondary educational scholarships for children and spouses of service men and women who were killed or disabled while serving in the military, the Salute Military Golfers Association (SMGA) that provide clinics, equipment, and golfing opportunities for returning veterans and their families who are part of the Wounded Veterans Program, and the Friends of Israeli Defense Force Veterans. The Keepers are committed to a connection to our military through the fine work of this and other groups that support the families of our military service men and women.

We have added to our community service menu a Golf & Grounds/Golf Staff Appreciation Kook-Out which was well received last year. The Keepers will underwrite a picnic lunch for 100 staff members from Golf and Grounds and the Golf operations area to thank them for all they do to maintain and present our golf course and golf program through the year.

Lastly, The Keepers will make a donation once again this year to Woodmont's Employee Assistance program. This is a special fund supported by the employees of Woodmont and our members which provides emergency support to employee families in need because of a personal or family crisis. We are proud to be the lead group at Woodmont supporting this worthy program.

Keepers Events

The Keepers schedule lists over 20 Keepers and Woodmont golf events that make up our schedule for 2017. The list presents a wide variety of opportunities throughout the golf season to accommodate your personal schedules as much as possible. In all of our Keepers events there are Keepers Sweeps available to the top three finishers beside the Keepers Kup points. Last year we doled out over \$5,200 in Keepers Kash Sweeps to 36 different members as prizes for high finishes in Keepers events. Our competitions are played with your

handicap so it is a level playing field for all participants. In addition we run a number of our Keeper and Woodmont Competitions as flighted events where the Keepers with handicap indexes of 14 or below and those with handicap indexes of 14.1 and above compete for two sets of prizes in parallel competitions. We have found this help's spread the wealth of winning Keepers Kup Points and Keepers Kash Sweeps among more of our members.

The Keepers Kash Sweeps payouts per Keeper event will be:

1st Place- \$100 per man 2nd Place- \$50 per man 3rd Place- \$25 per man

These prizes will be featured at Saturday Keepers, Tuesday Pick Up Games, as well as some of our special events.

Saturday/Sunday Keepers:

Keep an eye out for e-mail announcements of postings on our Keepers website (KeepersGolf.com) for these events where you can sign up on line. Typically these are 24 to 36 of our members competing in a fun competitive formats like the All Star Nine (your best nine holes of the eighteen you play), the Electoral College, Two-Man Odds and Evens, and our Two-Man Ham and Egg competition. You never know the next innovative format the competition committee is going to conjure up.

Keepers Pick-up Games:

We will do three "ah hoc" Tuesday night pick-up games during the year. These are usually 9 hole events pulled together on short notice that give us an opportunity to try competitive formats you don't see at Woodmont. These events have brought us the infamous 4-Club competition (play nine holes with your four favorite clubs), the IHOP 2-Man Scramble, 3-man Flapjacks, and others.

Keepers Tuesday 2-Ball Alternate Shot Series:

This was a recent addition, a new event series for the Keepers that took alternate shot to a new level. There are three Tuesday night's on the schedule for an alternate shot match play format. Those who want to participate will designate a Keeper partner at the beginning of the year for these three alternate shot match play evening events. A team handicap of 50% of the team members total course handicaps will be used in each match. The actual matches will be assigned the weekend before each scheduled Tuesday 2-Ball Evening based on which teams are available for play that night.

Each alternate shot match is played for individual Keepers Kup Points-100 to each team partner for winning the match. There is a separate standing that will be kept and posted on the Keepers Bulletin Board to determine the final four teams who get to the Alternate Shot Series Championship Playoff. Each Tuesday match will give standing points to a team based on the 18-hole match played for 18 points-one point for each hole won ½ a point for each hole tied. After the three Tuesday 2-Ball Evenings are done the two best Tuesday standing points garnered for each team will be counted for the standings to get into the final championship playoff. This way if any team can only play in two of the three scheduled Tuesday 2-Ball Evenings they still have a solid chance to make the final championship playoff. The top four teams in the standings will advance to a one-day playoff format yet to be determined.

The winner of the final championship will get the Tuesday 2-Ball Match Play trophy and all four teams participating in the final championship will get additional Keepers Kup Points and Kash Sweeps based upon their finish in the championship playoff.

Keepers Year-Long Match Play:

The Keepers Year-Long Match Play is our version of March Madness that starts in April. All Keepers are set up in a 96-man match play format, 3 32-man brackets based on their finish in the final Keepers Kup standings from last year. It is a single elimination mano-a-mano match play competition through the entire golf season. Players get 90% of their current handicap at the time of the match. Matches are set by the competitors at a convenient time to both players, starting in April, with the final match being played in early September. The brackets are set up so the first two round matches are played against players of a similar handicap index.

This is an endurance test, but the rewards are there. A “Major” in the Keepers Kup competition, there are Keepers points for every match you win along the way. If you survive as the winner of your bracket the final stage is a Battle Royale of 18 holes between the three bracket winners. The sweeps are substantial for these three finishers and the winner takes home the coveted Keepers Match Play Plaque.

Note: Full grids will be posted on the Keepers bulletin board with all the matches. It is your responsibility to schedule your matches with your opponent and get them played by the deadline for each match. First round matches must be completed by mid-May.

The Keepers Kup:

The Keepers Kup Competition is the competitive centerpiece of our program. It singles out the Keepers who accumulate the most Keepers Kup points for participation and high finishes in both Keepers and Woodmont Events over the year. Saturday Keepers, Pick Up Games, Tuesday 2-Ball Matches, Twilight Matches, and other Woodmont Events are categorized as “regular” events. The “major” events, the Woodmont Match Play Championship, the Senior Club Championship, the Two-Man Team Match Play, and the Keepers Year Long Match Play, are worth extra points and often result in quantum leaps up the Keepers Kup Points Standings. The Keepers Kup Finale, played in September, is a “Super Major” and the Keepers Kup points are reset before the final event to give the top eight players in the standings a chance to walk home with the Kopper Kup in hand. There are 20 plus event opportunities for our members to earn points toward their final Keepers Kup standing.



This year we will continue with our version of the Tour de France “Yellow Jersey”, *the Keepers Kup Lead Dog Head Cover*. This yellow head cover will covet the driver of the monthly leader in the Keepers Kup standings through the year. The lead dog going into the Keepers Kup Finale will get the Lead Dog Trophy for the year.

When the dust settles after the Keepers Kup Finale one man will hoist the Keepers Kopper Kup while the top eight finishers will stash Keepers Kash Sweeps for their season long effort.

Payouts for the final standings are:

1 st Place- \$500	5 th Place- \$125
2 nd Place- \$350	6 th Place- \$100
3 rd Place- \$250	7 th Place- \$75
4 th Place- \$175	8 th Place- \$50

The three top finishers in the Keepers Kup Finale event get Kash Sweeps of \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively and the 1st place finisher in this event gets the Keepers Silver Kup as well.

Keeper of the Month:

The “Keeper of the Month” Kash Sweeps are awarded to the two guys who garner the most Keepers Kup points each month-from April through August. The sweeps prizes are \$50 for first and \$25 for second each month.

Keepers Silly Season:

In support of the Woodmont golf program The Keepers have adopted sponsorship of a number of golf events after the end of our official season with the Keepers Kup Finale. We have a strong Keepers presence at the Tri-Club Event with Suburban and Woodholme Country Clubs-this year it will be at Woodmont in mid-October. The entertaining Cross Country and Superintendent Revenge events are held in late October as well.

New Member Recruitment:

We are always looking to attract new guys to The Keepers to fortify our group of 90 plus members. With Woodmont’s continuing program for attracting new members, we see this as fertile ground for attracting new Keepers who want to get to know fellow golfers at the club. We need your help to identify guys who would be interested in joining our program.

Anyone who would like information about joining The Keepers should contact Konnor (301) 824-8496 or cfarrell@woodmontcc.com in the pro shop or call or e-mail Moe Dweck at (301) 379-1533 or moedweck@comcast.net for more details.