



Buffalo Run Men's Club  
End of year survey

56 participants (53% of membership)

# Response Summary

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1. Is the Buffalo Run Men's Club your first golf men's club?



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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		46.3%	25
No		53.7%	29
		answered question	54
		skipped question	2

2. On a scale of 1 to 4, with 4, being best, how well run was the men's club compared to your other men's club? (if this was your first men's club, just rate based on our club) [Create Chart](#) [Download](#)

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Response Count
Organization	42.9% (24)	50.0% (28)	5.4% (3)	1.8% (1)	56
Number of Events	44.6% (25)	50.0% (28)	3.6% (2)	1.8% (1)	56
Quality of Events	33.9% (19)	50.0% (28)	12.5% (7)	3.6% (2)	56
Cost of Events	26.8% (15)	37.5% (21)	25.0% (14)	10.7% (6)	56
Prize Funds	32.1% (18)	39.3% (22)	21.4% (12)	7.1% (4)	56
			answered question		56
			skipped question		0

### 3. How often did you attend tournaments this year?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
0-5		26.8%	15
5-10		55.4%	31
More than 10		12.5%	7
None at all		5.4%	3

answered question 56

skipped question 0

4. If you did not attend many tournaments, why not? (you can choose more than one answer)

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Intimidated		0.0%	0
Had something to do that day		62.5%	20
Didn't like the format		6.3%	2
Cost factor		25.0%	8
Other		21.9%	7
		Other (please specify) <a href="#">Show Responses</a>	9
		answered question	32
		skipped question	24

Question 4 – why didn't you play in the tourneys?

I don't play on Sunday, so I miss half the events

Cost & Course vs other courses. Poor Organization, Pace of play, Players lack of honesty

I was on injury restrictions, no golf at all

Having Shoulder surgery


weekends are hard for me to play. Played skins alot on Wednesdays

I attended every tournament that I was in town for

Out of town travel for work caused conflicts with some tournaments

6 hour rounds

Seemed to be very expensive. Other clubs ive been in had discounts for the golf to offset all the fees the league had.

5. Buffalo Run Golf Course has basically 3 types of tournaments, individual stroke, 2 man  [Download](#) team, and 4 man team events. If you didn't like the format, what type of tournaments would you like to see implemented?

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answered question

27

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## Question 5|(what type of tourneys?)

four man scramble one man scramble 6 hole medley (alt shot best ball scramble)

I like those formats

more calcutta events.

A broader mixture of events would be nice more different formats. There seemd to be a lot of individual stroke play which to me can be boring.

Prefer individual stroke play

Like them all

More individual games stableford? Big skins? Another match play event, maybe a losers bracket for match play

What ever you wouldnt charge 80 dollars a round fot

2 day individual stroke play

Like the present tournaments but would like one or two scrambles included. Great fun!

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Some type of scramble (hot ball?) would be fun for the first tourney of the year rather than four-man best ball.

Perhaps a scramble or wooden club (driver, 3-wood, etc.) event.

A "best ball" format would be a change

Personally not completely familiar with other formats, but am open to any others.

Stroke Play or Best Ball ONLY

more team events.

a stableford event would be fun

I liked them all

Like individual stroke the best.

Maybe alternate shot or best ball tournaments.

I like that there are more play your own ball events here and its 'real' golf. A few 2 man events is good too, I thought three or so was good for that.

I prefer individual stroke rounds

It would be nice to have one scramble event, either 2 man or 4 man.

Only individual and 2 man teams.

Good as is!

2 man Best ball, 2 man alternate shot, 2 man scramble

I like them all.

## 6. If the Men's Club offered a weekday tournament, would you play?



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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		30.4%	17
No		28.6%	16
Maybe, If I could get off work		39.3%	22
Absolutely Not, I can't play during the week		1.8%	1

If answered Yes, what day of the week would you like?

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19

answered question

56

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Question 6 (weekday tourney?)

Mon 3

Tuesday 3

Wed 6

Thursday 4

Friday 7

Any day but Fridays 1

I'm retired, any day 3

Any but would have to be late tee times 4:30 -5pm

7. If you had to pay a little more each tournament, would you like to have a prize fund for closest to the pin/long drive?



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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		32.7%	18
No		67.3%	37

If answered yes, how much would you be willing to spend?

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16

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55

skipped question

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Question 7 - \$\$ for extra things (long drive, closest to hole)

Do it like skins 1

\$10.00 8

\$5.00 (closest to hole only) 1

\$5.00 6

\$20.00 2

Make it optional 1

Long putt as well \$10 a tourney| 1

## 8. Are you planning on being in the Buffalo Run Men's Club next year?

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		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		64.3%	36
No		12.5%	7
Maybe		23.2%	13
		If you answered no, could you tell us why? <a href="#">Show Responses</a>	7
		answered question	56
		skipped question	0

Question 8 Will you be back?

Will probably move. Also Sunday events make it less worthwhile than last year.

Other men's program are more efficient and cost effective

Its just hard to play on weekends. I will still join to get Ghin and play when I can.

I plan to join a country club

slow play

Joining a club like CNGC gets you \$35 golf with a cart just for being a mens club member. The initial cost is a little higher but by the time you pay for golf and a cart at Buffalo Run your \$70 in the hole before you pay tourney fees.

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No fun playing from 7000 yards. plus I disagree with your format for Club Champion

9. Slow play is a real problem in tournaments, We now have 1 stroke penalty if you are 20 [Download](#) min behind the group in front of you on #18. What would you suggest to eliminate slow play? The golf course probably won't block of tee times before the tourney, as its a cost factor, so try to come up with other ideas.

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## Question 9 – slow play

change the course rule for the tall grass. Play it as a lateral hazard. That will speed up play. keep every thing else the same.

If the first group is slow, we are all slow. More time between tee times is the only way to allow later groups to play on pace. Maybe award early tee times to groups that have been shown to be fast in the past.

Have the power shop / Marshall actually in force pace of play!!!! Buffalo run is notorious for 6 hour rounds regardless if it's an event. Simply poor structure and management!!

space out tee times a few more additional minutes?

Not sure what would work better than a penalty

lateral hazard drops instead of provisional balls hit.

I'm for having players behind hit up on all par 3's current rule and hitting up on all par 5's if a group is waiting to hit their second shot.

Better pairings slow groups last. better time info per tee or every other tee to meet 4 1/2 hour rounds. Move to lost ball is just a stoke not that and distance would help.

Cutting times down to 4 and a half hours is must. - take the first tee times that morning is a good start. - we need more rangers on the course - can slow play be monitored with gps on golf carts? Can the pro shop send messages?

I truly don't believe Buffalo run is a 4 hour course on the weekends with money on the line. The two options that come to mind are 1) play balls lost in the native as lateral hazzards. 2) require carts for the tournaments. Being someone that likes to walk I think option 2 will hurt the membership. I'm not sure what the other options are. I don't think that allowing the group behind to hit on for par 3's helped much.

Go in 3 somes and shorten the course

As I'm sure you know, slow play is a hard problem because it's pretty hard to specifically target the problem individuals (the whole foresome takes the blame). I think searching the rough for balls plays a big role in the slow play but of course cutting the rough dramatically changes the personality of the golf course. I would suggest maybe cutting the first cut shorter. I also liked the rule that Haymaker had when we played in Steamboat. I believe they implemented a local rule where shots into real deep stuff was considered lost in hazard and you could continue to play without finding the ball just invoking the stroke and distance penalty.

Play the native grass as a lateral hazard, as opposed to hitting a provisional.

Other clubs (i.e. The Dunes, Haymaker) play lost balls hit into the native as a lateral with just a stroke penalty, rather than stroke and distance. Don't necessarily agree that is right, but it did speed things up in tournaments at their courses.

Limit people to triple bogeys and then pick up. Make the middle area on 11 a hazard. Make tall grass play as a lateral hazard, rather than stroke and distance. Too much time looking for balls because the penalty is so severe.

everyone take lessons - lol. there isn't much you can do except get on groups about playing slow.

Unfortunately, I've played in a group that was slow. I played at pace, but the other two I was with didn't. Is it appropriate for me to "give up" on my playing partners and keep going so I don't get penalized? I mentioned a couple times in a round that we needed to pick up the pace but it fell on deaf ears.

Just a ranger with a thick skin.

3 man or 2 man groups

I revise the idea you sent last time to say that instead of throwing the group off the course, the group gets ESC + 2 score for the entire group, and moves forward, the group behind must catch them in 1.5 holes.

Marshall the course, one warning, next time force the group to pick up and take ESC, then remove them from the course. They won't do it again. The 4 some should be equal handicap.

Play the native as a lateral hazard. Most courses are doing this now

IT'S A DAMN TOURNAMENT AND WER'E NOT PRO GOLFERS. I DON'T LIKE FEELING LIKE I HAVE TO PUNCH A TIMECLOCK. IT IS WHAT IT IS! WE DO THE BEST WE CAN BUT RUSHING SHOTS AND BEING PUT UNDER PRESSURE CREATES MORE BAD SHOTS, HENCE MORE SLOW PLAY. WHEN I PLAY RIVERDALE THEY THANK YOU AFTER YOUR ROUND FOR PLAYING. I DON'T GET THAT HERE WHEN YOU GUYS THINK WER'E PLAYING TOO SLOW. THAT IS REALLY MY ONLY COMPLAINT

Million dollar question.

make it two strikes. better to piss off one guy than 30-40. The one time I encountered slow play was from non-tourn players and the course would do nothing. But this is sop for them. I have encountered this on non-tourn days.

I don't believe we are playing slow in the least. I have been playing for 40 years and our tournaments are played in a shorter period of time here in Denver than any state I've played in. Weekend play @Buffalo run is much slower then our tournaments. I really don't understand how anyone thinks we are playing slow. Number 4 tee is backed up with 2 sometimes 3 groups on weekends and would be 6 hour rounds.

1 stroke seems too lenient; don't know if it's possible to make the penalty stronger than I would

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I thought the threesomes worked well. I also think lateral drops from the rough for a errant tee shot for C&D flights would help (think they do this at Riverdale).

One thing may be to allow faster lower handicap players off first to set the pace of play. Also, perhaps briefing players (especially guests) of the ready golf rule before each event as well as discouraging players from over evaluating every shot or putt and to just play the shot.

As much as you charge we should have the course to ourselves

Wave up on Par 3's

Play Ready Golf; Send High handicap out first so no one in front of them, the low handicap spend a lot of time checking their lay, etc and holding up play

give a penalty to the group that is causing the slow play. some people walk and some ride it is not fair to give a penalty to the ones that walk because they have to try and keep up with the riders in front.

Play OB as a lateral hazard.

Play the rough as a lateral hazard with a one stroke penalty rather than play a provisional ball. Send lower handicap players out first to set the pace. Require carts for any double digit handicap players.

This was my biggest issue, our tournaments went way too long! Better marshalling from the course in general would help, a clear penalty at the turn and finish may help.

Play all tall native grass as a lateral hazard. This would eliminate second and sometimes third shots off the tee box, and help eliminate time looking for lost balls.

### 3 somes

Do whats best for the Golf Course. It has to make Money and not turn any other golfers away.

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Make the fescue or anything ob a lateral hazard. Send off the good players first as they typically take less strokes. Early start times, 7am, most people playing before that are serious folders and shouldn't take up much time. 3somes work better than the 4somes too.

10. Is there anything you'd like to add to make the Men's Club a better experience!?

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keep doing the inter club matches

clarify how the prize money vs pro shop certificates is allocated.

No

do not double the points for the first tournament of the year.

Making the Member Guest the big event of the year. Three day event starting Friday afternoon maybe.

All is good

Not at this time, met a lot of great people.

Free appetizers after each round? Or Breakfast buffet? Or a free beer! Men's club t-shirt (everyone has enough hats). Get more lower handicap players. Have a pro-am tournament with local pros around the area. Overall a great job though!

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Encourage members to get their friends and relatives to sign up. Lower the price of beer for Men's Club members on the course from the cart girls during a tournament.

Eliminate the stroke and distance on balls hit into native. If the player can't find ball in 5 minutes, simply drop where it entered with 1 stroke penalty. Riverdale does this. Would also speed up play.

None. great year!

I think handicaps should be adjusted in matchplay. I was the beneficiary of having a handicap that was higher at the beginning, and don't really think that it was fair that I was 3 strokes better than my original handicap as I got further in the bracket. I know the variances were even greater with others. Don't know if the idea would fly, but it would be cool if one of the tournaments benefited charity (maybe the first tourney). BRMC could make a donation to a charity of the winning team's choosing. If you didn't want to do that, you could also choose a neutral charity ahead of time (no religious or political groups), and have their representatives at the tourney to accept the check, be hole sitters, etc. The board could choose five charities and send an email to the club to vote on which charity will be the beneficiary. I would be happy to help with this if you guys are interested. Not sure if this survey is confidential, but this is Matt Ingram

Overall, I had a great experience - had a lot of fun and met some great people.

smiles, different format for member guest, we cannot allow others to impact outcome, only the team, sandbagging one day and having others giving up the next is unacceptable to all that spent a few hundred dollars, really pissed myself and my partner off.

The interclub events should be based on points. We need our best guys out there to stand a chance. Also naming the teams earlier than a couple days before would be nice. Also the member guest DEFINITELY needs some

## CASH PRIZES

Thanks Mr. Pinseeker!! The club is getting better....just need to solve the slow play and I really don't have the answer to that one.

Anyone should be eligible to win the club champ-regardless of tee boxes. Isn't that what a handicap is established for? The champ is going to come from the same 4-5 guys any way but at least this way everyone is eligible. Also, consideration for age should be given regarding tee box- regardless of handicap. More interaction between the board and players during the year. Overall, it was a good experience.

nope - I like it the way it is

This is just a personal thing, I had to miss the last couple tournaments due to having season tickets to a home college football game (CU). Not sure if you look at those things, but just a thought. All in all, it's a pretty good club. I need to decide if I want to continue to drive out to Buffalo Run from where I live or try another club to see if there are any noticeable differences.

No. Overall, very good job done by the staff.

Some of the individual tourneys from the blue tees for guys 55 say, and over instead of playing from gold. Gold is too long.

This isn't a complaint, but the reason I'm not completely on-board with next year is the approach to holding all the men's club events on the weekends. I just can't give up my weekends and attend all the tournaments. My previous men's club had their recurring events as 9 hole events each week (rotating between the front and back nine) that could be played during anytime on Thursday with members selected by you. They supplement these events with 3 or so specially 2-day weekend tournaments (similar to BR's member/guest and of course the club championship). The reason that I haven't given up on BR (despite the issues with weekends) is that cost of membership and the payouts are exceptional and I really like the people. I'm just deciding what I want to do.

The only thing I would add is that I think we need to keep the Foster Cup event as that was one of the best events in my mind. The only thing I would change is for the evite and team be set at least a month out, to allow the golfers going to Steamboat to make accomodations.

Make the match play more of a round robin style, perhaps not single elimination. Match play was fun and good way to get to know other guys, but one bad outing and it was over.

I want to see more people playing in the CGA Team Interclub events. The CGA may change the handicap requirements to participate.

More social events, to get to know more of the players!

Overall I think it's a pretty fair club. I enjoy playing there but it's quite a hike from where I live. Next year I'm debating playing somewhere closer to home, but I love the course.