

BALL STRIKER SHIPPEN CUP FOR 2011

The 2011 Shippen Cup competition provides for a point system instead of an elimination/bracket system. Every Ball Striker event (except matches with other clubs) will include a Shippen Cup match play and stroke play competition. Every Ball Striker member attending the event will participate in both the match play and the stroke play competitions with the opportunity to collect Shippen Cup points. All Shippen Cup competitions (match and stroke play) will be handicapped, giving all members an equal chance to win points. Members can not participate in the Shippen Cup competition without a valid USGA handicap.

MATCH PLAY: At each event the match play competition will be either individual match play (one member plays against another member), or two member team match play (team best ball / fourball). About 50% of the events will be individual match play and 50% team match play. The winner of an individual match will collect 10 Shippen Cup points. For team match play both players on the winning team will collect 10 Shippen Cup points.

If the number of players in an event is not even, one player will be selected to participate in an "**odd player match**". That player will be matched against a player who is playing his primary individual match against a third player. If the "odd player" wins his match, he will collect the winner's point share (10 Shippen Cup points). His opponent cannot collect points in the "odd player match" even if he wins. The opponent can only collect points in his primary match.

STROKE PLAY: For all Shippen Cup events (individual and team) the stroke play competition will be based on your **individual** total net score. Shippen Cup points will be awarded as follows:

Individual Low Net Champion	30 points
Individual Low Net 2nd Place	20 points
Individual Low Net 3rd Place	15 points
Individual Low Net 4th thru 10th Place	10 points
Individual Low Net 11th and higher*	5 points

The Ball Striker club championship will not include Shippen Cup match play, but Shippen Cup stroke play points for this **major event** will be awarded as follows:

ROUND 1

Individual Low Net Champion	40 points
Individual Low Net 2nd Place	30 points
Individual Low Net 3rd Place	25 points
Individual Low Net 4th thru 10th Place	20 points
Individual Low Net 11th and higher*	10 points

ROUND 2

Individual Low Net Champion	40 points
Individual Low Net 2nd Place	30 points
Individual Low Net 3rd Place	25 points

Individual Low Net 4th thru 10th Place	20 points
Individual Low Net 11th and higher*	10 points

* Note that participants get points for just showing up for an event.

TIES: Match play matches that end in a tie will result in the players evenly splitting the points. In an individual match play match where the winner would get 10 points, each player would get 5 points if the match ended in a tie. Likewise, if a team match play match ends in a tie the winner's points is split evenly between the four players. In stroke play points will be evenly split between all players with the same score. If three players tie with the lowest net score they would evenly split the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points. The next player would get 4th place points.

GIMMIES: Because of the stroke play component of the Shippen Cup competition there are absolutely positively **no gimmie puts** under any circumstances. Your hole scoring ends when your ball is in the hole. If you mistakenly pick up your ball you must replace it with a one stroke penalty or record the maximum score for the hole.

MAXIMUM SCORES: To make the maximum score provision fair for all handicaps use the following procedure. Everyone's maximum net score will be par for the hole being played plus 4. If you are receiving any handicap strokes on the hole those strokes must be added to your maximum net score to get your maximum gross score.

Examples:

- If you are a 12 handicap your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 1 through 12 will be par for the hole plus 4 plus 1 (for the handicap stroke you receive for the hole). Your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 13 through 18 will be par for the hole plus 4. If you pick up on a par 3 and it is the number 12 handicap hole:

$$\text{gross} = 3 + 4 + 1 = 8$$

$$\text{net} = 3 + 4 = 7$$

record 8 on your score card for the hole

- If you are a 22 handicap your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 1 through 4 will be par for the hole plus 4 plus 2 (for the handicap strokes you receive for the hole). Your maximum gross score on holes with handicap numbers 5 through 18 will be par for the hole plus 4 plus 1 (for the handicap stroke you receive for the hole). If you pick up on a par 5 and it is the number 4 handicap hole:

$$\text{gross} = 5 + 4 + 2 = 11$$

$$\text{net} = 5 + 4 = 9$$

record 11 on your score card for the hole

There is no difference between a player who "picks up" on a hole and records his/her maximum gross score and a player who completes the same hole recording his/her maximum gross score.

If these two players were involved in an individual match, their net scores for the hole would be equal and the hole would be halved.

SPORTSMANSHIP: A good sport helps opponents search for lost balls. Do not use your superior knowledge of the rules of golf to intimidate opponents, or call violations after the fact on purpose, to your advantage. If someone is about to break a rule warn them in advance, if you can. **Always remember we are here to have FUN.**

SCHEDULING: The Ball Strikers 2010 schedule had 11 events (including the 2 round club championship) that were not matches with other clubs. Assuming a similar 2011 schedule, there will be 5 individual match play events, 4 team match play events and the 2 rounds of the club championship on the 2011 Shippen Cup competition schedule. For at least one team match members will have the option to select their team partner. Team pairings should not be duplicated in the same season. Individual opponents should not be duplicated in the same season. Guests can participate in Shippen Cup team competitions (especially to provide a team mate for a member). Guests must have a valid USGA handicap to participate. Guests cannot be awarded Shippen Cup points. Pairings will be posted on the website (www.njballstrikers.com) and communicated to members via email two days before the event. Posted pairings are final.

SUMMARY: Current member Shippen Cup Point totals will be maintained on the Ball Striker website (www.njballstrikers.com). At the end of the season the top three Shippen Cup point holders will be awarded prizes. This competition is designed to encourage participation in club events, encourage competition within the club and sharpen member match play and stroke play skills. Most importantly, it's designed to make Ball Striker events more fun.