SOUTH CAROLINA COASTAL SENIORS FLIGHT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

There are often questions on how Flights are developed and why there is a disparity in Quotas within a Flight.

FLIGHT DEVEOLPMENT PRINCIPLES

- 1. Players in each Flight play the same golf course. For SCCS, that means the same Tee Box.
- 2. Within a Flight, Handicaps (our Quota) should be as close as possible to enhance competition.
- 3. Balance the number of players in each Flight to keep the number of winners in each "Tee Box" Flight the about same.

FLIGHT DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGY:

- 1. Sort the entries by Tee Box (Back, Middle, Forward). Typically,
 - a. BACK Tee players are in the A or B Flights:
 - b. MIDDLE Tee Players in the C, D, E or F Flights:
 - c. FORWARD Tee Players in the G Flight
- 2. Rank the players by Quota (highest to lowest)
- 3. Populate each Flight from highest Quota to Lowest using a **20-player maximum** (which may be adjusted).
- 4. When two or more players have the same Quota and need to be split between two Flights, a random draw is performed using my *official* playing cards from the M Casino in Las Vegas to determine who is placed in which flight.

EXAMPLE:

The largest disparities occur in the first and last Flight of each Tee Box group. For the Forward Tee players there is typically one flight. For example, there were 117 players in the field for the Tournament at Old South, the following was the breakdown:

Flight	Players	Max.	Min	Difference
Α	14	47	38	9
В	14	38	20	18
С	19	44	38	6
D	19	36	33	3
Ε	19	33	28	5
F	19	28	17	11
G	13	41	19	22
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I hope that this provides the members useful information and answers the questions of the members.

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