**ASHRAE Northeast Golf Outing Agenda and Safety Plan**

Hello everyone and welcome to a new year of ASHRAE. This spring and Summer have been full of unprecedented times, and we hope that you and your families have been well and safe! Despite the times and situation, the Annual ASHRAE Golf Outing will go on: however, there will be many changes to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Below are the changes/details for this year’s golf outing.

- Shotgun start will not be an option this year, as it would be too large of a gathering... instead, we will have tee times starting at 9am.
  - There will be two groups at each tee time (each starting on hole one of a different “nine”).
  - Tee times will be scheduled every 8 minutes.
  - Sign in at the Proshop when you arrive.
- There are only enough golf carts to have 2 per foursome
  - Some options you can practice to ensure that everyone feels safe and can enjoy themselves:
    - Golfers sharing a cart can wear a mask whenever there are 2 people in a cart.
    - A twosome can share a cart for carrying their bags, and have only one person driving the cart at a time while the other is walking.
    - Since we are utilizing tee times, walking the course is an option if anyone is up for some exercise.
      - Walkers would be assigned the latest tee times, and cart users would go at the beginning in order to balance rate of play.
- Unfortunately, our annual tradition of Dinner and an Awards Ceremony following golfing would not be an option this year.
  - However, a Boxed Lunch at the turn will be included in everyone’s price of golf!
- There will not be any "registration" tables, as that could promote gathering of golfers.
  - Mulligans and 50/50 will be sold in advance only as a part of initial registration.
  - These funds go to support ASHRAE Research, and your generosity is much appreciated.
- Unfortunately, there will not be competitions like longest drive or closest to the pin this year.
- Scores and the winning teams will be posted online on our Chapter Website following the golf outing, instead of a giant poster at the course.
- We are not able to have Tee Flags around the course this year.

We know that this is not ideal, however we will try our best to make the best of the situations at hand. We hope that by following the above rules and guidelines that we can create an atmosphere where our golfers can feel safe, have a great time, and raise money for a good cause.

We decided to still proceed with holding the Golf Outing as a way to show our members that we are a community that is willing and able to adapt to any situation, and make the best of what we have available. Even though the gathering and camaraderie would not be a giant mingling of fraternization like normal, we would still get to spend time with a smaller portion of our peers, and see many others in passing throughout the day.

Sincerely,
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