

Tournament Bible 2025

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What is the Henry Wilson Cup?

The Henry Wilson Cup is a season long event unique to Farmington Country Club. To participate in the event you must be a member. For the 2025 season there are Cup series will include 86 events.

During the season every player will accumulate “points” in the Henry Wilson Events (See the event list for details). The “points” are equal to your shop credit winnings in the events you play in for the season (with a couple of exceptions as shown in the event list). At the end of the season the top 10 money winners and the returning champion will have a 9 Hole Shootout.

The Shootout starts on Hole #1 with all 11 players. This is handicapped by using your current GHIN, so your score on each hole is your “net” score.

On Hole #1, the highest 2 scoring players will be eliminated. If there is a tie, there will be a pre-determined “Shootout” tie breaker (a putt, a chip, a bunker shot, or some other skill challenge)

After Hole #1, 1 player is eliminated on each hole until we have a champion on the 9th green. All participants in the Henry Wilson Shootout will receive a portion of the Henry Wilson Shootout pot.

Why the Henry Wilson Cup?

As many of you already know, Henry Wilson was elected the 18th Vice President of the United States under President Ulysses S Grant in 1872. Henry was born in Farmington February 16, 1812 as Jeremiah Jones Colbath. His actual birth place was very close to our current Club House, perhaps across the street. His family was very poor and at the age of 10 he became an indentured worker for 10 years to a local farmer. At the age of 21 he decided he didn’t like his name so he partitioned to have it changed to Henry Wilson. Around that time he moved to Natick, Massachusetts to learn shoe making and became active in politics.

There is a monument in his honor near the entrance to the upper parking area at the club and many of his family members are buried in the cemetery off the left side of the 9th fairway.

Henry Wilson Events for 2025

Weekend Games

Men's League Pins & Putts

Men's League Quota Game

Men's League Fall games

Senior League Pins & Putts

Ladies League Pins & Putts

2-Person Tournament*

Husband & Wife*

Member / Member*

Presidents Cup*

Parent Child*

***These event payouts will be pro-rated for fields of less than 48 players**

Presidents Cup Tournament Details

The Presidents Cup (aka Sandbaggers Open!) is a single elimination handicapped tournament. Matches must be played by the deadlines posted. It is the responsibility of BOTH players to contact their opponent and decide on an acceptable date/ time to play and book a tee time. If you cannot find an acceptable date to play, both competitors must show up to play on the final day set for that round of play at 1PM and wait until you can get out to play. Any player that does not show up will be disqualified. If no tee times are available, and both competitors show up, BOTH competitors will be disqualified.

Eligibility:

You must be a member to participate – All members, Male and Female are encouraged to participate. A GHIN handicap is required.

Sign-Up Deadline: April 27th

Entry Fee: \$20

Prizes: Pro Shop credit will be paid out to the players making the Semi-Finals. Payouts will count towards the Henry Wilson Shootout.

Seeding:

The seeding of the bracket will be done through a random drawing, with the exception of 1st and 2nd seed which will be the winner and runner up from the prior season. If there is not a full bracket, there will be “byes” assigned to the last seed positions after the random seeding has been done.

This event is handicapped at 100% of your current playing handicap. The handicap for each round will be set on the first day of the round being played. If you play your match earlier than the first date of play for a given round, your handicap will be based on your handicap on the date you play.

Playing Tees: We will be allow some male players to play from the forward tees. We will be using the “Rule of 88” to determine who can play from the forward tees. If you are 65 or older, and the total of your age as of April 1st and your GHIN index is 88 or greater, you can play from the forward tees. For example, if you are 66 and your GHIN is 22, you may play from the Red/Gold tees ($66+22 = 88$). **YOU MUST DECLARE YOUR TEE AT THE TIME OF SIGNUP AND ONCE DECLARED YOU CANNOT CHANGE YOUR TEE SELECTION.**

Men's Tuesday Night League Rules

2025

Eligibility:

All male members over the age of 21 are eligible to play in the Tuesday League. The waiting list will give priority to "Full Members" over "Young Professional" members.

Cost: \$50

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday April 22nd

League Team Drawing: Tuesday April 29th @ 6 PM

Wait List:

There is a waiting list for the Tuesday night league. If you were in the league in 2024 you are automatically eligible to join for 2025, **HOWEVER** you still must sign-up by the deadline. After the deadline passes, we will add players from the waiting list to fill any available slots.

Payout:

The winning team will receive jackets and the runner up team will receive shirts. Entry fee also includes a year-end banquet and lots of prizes.

League Size:

The league is limited to a maximum of 88 players. (8 teams of 11 players). Should there not be enough players to fill the 88 man roster, the league will insert “bye” players to fill the roster, or reduce the league size at the discretion of the league president.

Play Format:

Each week two teams will play head to head, playing each position player against the other teams same position player. (#1 plays #1; #2 plays #2, etc). The league is “match” play, (hole play) with the winner of each hole receiving 1 point and the loser receiving 0 points. Halves receive $\frac{1}{2}$ point each. The total number of points per match is 9.

At the end of the match, sign your score cards, **total your scores and your points and make sure your last name and team number are on your card**. Pass your score card into the pro shop and it will be recorded. Please post all of your scores in the GHIN handicap system. For the sake of time, if your opponent has closed you out on a hole, pick up and move on. If you pick up, record the score you **probably would have made** (not necessarily just 1 stroke worse than your opponent) this will allow you to have a more accurate average which will be used for positioning in future league play, and will also allow you to post your score for your handicap.

Playing of Matches:

Matches are played on Tuesday nights. Unless other arrangements have been made directly with your opponent, you should be at the course ready to play no later than 6 PM every Tuesday night. **You** are responsible for contacting your opponent, **before 6PM on Tuesday**, if you cannot play your match on Tuesday night and arranging another mutually agreeable time to play. All matches must be played **NO LATER THAN** the following Tuesday night, except for Week 7 and Week 14 as noted below.

It is not acceptable to “play early and leave a card for your opponent to match cards” unless you and your opponent have spoken and have both agreed there is no other time for you to play your match head to head. If you must “play a match card” you must play with another league member and they MUST sign your card to verify your score.

If an emergency comes up the night of play, please call the pro shop **before 6 PM** and let them know you will not be able to make it. It is then **your responsibility** to contact your opponent and re-schedule the match.

If you do not show up and do not call, you will receive zero points which will likely put your team out of contention for the half. If your opponent does not show up or call, you must still play 9 holes that night and pass your card into the pro shop should a match of cards be required. The method of matching will be determined by the league president.

If a player misses 2 matches without calling, he will automatically be removed from the roster and be replaced without refund.

The team roster sheet has a list of all players, their phone number and the time they usually arrive at the course. Matches can be played ahead of schedule, but must be completed no later than 3 PM on the Tuesday following the night the match was scheduled to be played.

EXCEPTION: Matches for week 7 (the last match for the first half) and week 14 (the last match for the second half) MUST be played no later than the scheduled Tuesday night since possible roster position changes and / or playoffs need to be determined.

We will be posting the league schedule and results every week on the board in the clubhouse. All phone numbers will be removed from any files that are posted on-line.

Club Championship Tournaments **2025**

The club championship is the “official” championship of the Farmington Country Club. It is a non-handicapped, match play, single elimination event.

Eligibility: All members are welcome to participate

Entry Fee: None

Sign-Up Deadline: June 10th 2025

Event Dates: Approximately every 3 weeks from July 13th through Labor Day

Prizes: Trophy's and recognition – no cash or Pro Shop prizes

The event is setup up in multiple brackets (as long as there are at least 4 players wanting to play in each bracket). The brackets are as follows:

Men's Regular Division **All matches played from the White / Blue Tees**

Men's Championship Bracket: Handicap index 0 – 9.9

Men's First Flight Bracket: Handicaps index 10 - 19.9

Men's Second Flight Bracket: Handicaps index 20 and above

Men's Senior Division **All matches played from the Red / Gold Tees**

Men's Senior Championship Bracket: Age 62 – 69

Men's Senior First Flight Bracket: Age 70 – 74

Men's Super Senior Bracket: Age 75+

Ladies Division

All matches played from the Red / Gold Tees

Ladies Championship Flight Bracket:	Handicaps up to 33
Ladies First Flight Bracket:	Handicaps 34 and above
Ladies Senior Flight Bracket:	Age 62 and up

You're playing age for the senior division is based on the age you will turn during the calendar year.

All competitors are welcome to request playing in a higher bracket. This request will be reviewed by the tournament committee for a decision on a case by case basis.

You are welcome to sign-up for more than one group, if you are eligible. For example you could sign up for one Men's Regular Division bracket (based on your index) and one Men's Senior Division bracket. You may not sign up for two brackets within the same Division. (For example, you cannot sign up for Men's Regular First Flight bracket based on your handicap and then partition up to also play in the Championship bracket – chose one or the other!)

Seeding:

The seeding of the bracket will be done by using each players' handicap index as of the signup deadline, with the exception of 1st and 2nd seed which will be the winner and runner up from the prior season. Since a GHIN is not required to play in these tournaments, any player without a GHIN handicap will be seeded alphabetically by last name after all players with a GHIN have been seeded. If there is not a full bracket, there will be "byes" assigned to the last seed positions after the initial seeding has been done.

Senior Club Championships

2025

Eligibility:

You must be a member and over the age of 62 to play in this event.

Sign-Up Deadline: June 10th

Flights:

This event will be flighted by age and gender. Groups will be Age 62-69, Age 70-74 and super seniors ages 75+. A minimum of 4 players will be required for each group to hold the event. Your age for this event is the age you will turn in the calendar year.

You may petition to a lower age group.

Play:

This will be a single elimination non-handicapped tournament and all play will be from the Red / Gold tees. Seeding will be based on GHIN based handicap if you have a GHIN, or your Senior League average if you do not have a handicap. If you have neither, the tournament committee will determine your seeding position. The #1 and #2 seeds will be awarded to the winner and runner up from the prior season.

You will have approximately 3 weeks to play each match. (See published schedule) Each player is responsible for contacting their opponent and determining an acceptable time to play their match. If the match has not been played by the last Sunday for the round, both players are expected to show up at 1PM on the final day and wait until there is an open tee time available. If either (or both) do not show up on this last day, they will be disqualified.

The finals can be, but are not required to be played on Labor Day. They can be played prior to Labor Day, but not later.

Junior Club Championship

2025

The Junior Club Championship is a 1 day, 18-hole stroke play event. It is held in September each year on a Sunday afternoon. The competitor with the lowest score on the 18-hole round will be declared the Junior Club Champion.

Eligibility:

All junior members (Ages 12 thru 17) are eligible to compete in the Junior Club Championship.

Sign-Up Deadline:

Sunday September 9th

Event Date:

Sunday September 14th . Tee times starting at 1 PM

Entry Fee:

None.

Tees:

All males will play from the White / Blue tees. Females will play from the Red / Gold tees.

Scoring:

Each competitor will play their own ball from tee to green on each hole. There is no stroke limit. Every ball must be holed out. Competitors will swap cards within their group and each competitor will keep both their score and their opponents score. Any conflicts in scoring will revert to the higher score. Competitors need to verify the score right after finishing each hole to avoid any conflicts later.

The Men's Farmington Cup - 2025

The Men's Farmington Cup is the Farmington Country Club version of the "Ryder Cup". The captains will be the winner and runner up of the Club Championship from the prior season. If either is not available, the Tournament Committee will determine the captain(s).

Eligibility: The Farmington Cup is open to all male members age 21 and up.

Event Dates: July 12th and July 13th

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday June 10th

Team Selection: Friday June 13th @ 6PM

Entry Fee: \$65

**Entry Fee must be paid when signing up
No refunds after the signup deadline**

Prizes: All participants will receive a "Farmington Cup" golf shirt representing their team colors and a meal at the end of play on Sunday.

Details:

Teams are drawn by the captains approximately three weeks in advance to allow time to order shirts.

All play is Head to Head – no handicaps.

The teams are selected by the captains in a similar method as used in the Ryder Cup. Each captain submits a player and the opposing captain selects a player to play against them. This alternates until every player has been selected.

The first session is a 9-hole 2-man scramble format. The second session is a 2-man alternate shot format. The third session is a 2-man best ball format. And the last session is singles. Each match is worth 1 point. Halves will win ½ point for each team. The team with the most points on Sunday afternoon will be declared the winner.

We will allow some players to play from the forward tees. We will be using the "Rule of 88" to determine who can play from the forward tees. If you are 65 or older, and the total of your age plus GHIN index is 88 or greater, you can play from the forward tees. For example, if you are 66 and your GHIN is 22, you may play from the forward tees. This will allow many of our seniors to enjoy playing in this event. The captains will know who is eligible to play from the forward tees before the team drawing. If you do not have a GHIN, **you may request** that the tournament committee review your ability and determine if you can play forward.

2-Person Championship

2025

The 2-Person Championship is a single elimination handicapped tournament. The tournament is a 2-person NET best ball event. All players will play off the lowest handicap in the group and will receive 90% of the difference in handicaps. Matches must be played by the deadlines posted. It is the responsibility of BOTH teams to contact their opponents to arrange for an acceptable time to play and book a tee time. If you cannot / have not selected a date to play, both teams must show up at 1PM on the final day for the round and wait until a time is available to play. Any team that does not show up to play will be disqualified. If there are no available tee times on the final day, BOTH teams will be disqualified.

Event Dates: Each round will have approximately 3 weeks to play the match

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday May 20th

Eligibility: All players must be members to participate. GHIN handicap is required. Teams may consist of Men, Women, and Juniors or a mix of the groups. Senior men can play forward if they meet the requirements of the "Rule of 88". Seniors must declare your tee at the time of signup.

Entry Fee: \$40 per team

Prizes: Pro Shop credit will be paid out to all teams making the Semi-Finals. Payouts will count towards the Henry Wilson Shootout. (Pro-rated based on field size)

Seeding: The seeding of the bracket will be done by a random drawing, with the exception that the 1st and 2nd seed will be awarded to the winning and second place team from the prior season. If the bracket is not full, all remaining seeding positions will be byes.

Handicap: The handicap for each match will be set on the first day of play for any given round. The Pro Shop will have the official scorecards showing the stroke holes for each round of matches.

Ladies Farmington Cup- 2025

The Farmington Cup is the Farmington Country Club version of the “Ryder Cup”.

Event Date: Saturday August 16th

Eligibility: All female members and Ladies League members

Sign-Up Deadline: Wednesday July 16th

Team Selection: Saturday August 16th

Entry Fee: \$65 per member / \$95 per non-member

Prizes:

All participants will receive a “Farmington Cup” golf shirt representing their team colors and a meal at the end of play.

Details:

Teams are drawn by the captains approximately three weeks in advance to allow time to order shirts. For the ladies division we will have handicaps for each player which will be set prior to the team selection.

The pairings sheet is selected by the captains in a similar method as used in the Ryder Cup. Each captain submits a player and the opposing captain selects a player to play against them. This alternates until every player has been selected.

The first session is a 9-hole 2-person scramble format. The second 9-hole session will also be a 2-person scramble. Each match is worth 1 point. Halves will win $\frac{1}{2}$ point for each team. The team with the most points at the end of play will be declared the winner.

Medal Play Championship

2025

The Medal Play Championship is a 1-day stroke play event. Minimum number of players to hold this event will be 4 per division.

Eligibility: This is a members' only tournament. Every member is eligible.

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday August 19th

Event Date: Saturday August 23rd. The Men's Championship division will play 36 holes starting at 8AM with a second round at 1PM. All other divisions will follow the championship division after 1PM and play 18 holes.

Entry Fee: \$20

Format:

This event is a pure stroke play event, non-handicapped. There is no maximum number of strokes you can take on a hole in the Men's divisions – There is a 10 stroke limit in the Ladies divisions.

This event will be flighted by handicap. Men's Championship division will be handicaps 0 – 7. Men's first flight will be handicaps 8-15 and men's third flight will be 16+. Ladies Championship flight will be handicaps up to 33. First Flight will be handicaps 34 and higher. All Men will play from the White / Blue tees. All Ladies will play from the Red / Gold tees. Any player can partition up to a higher division, but you cannot go down.

The groups will be set by handicap index on the first round. For the second round (Championship Division only), groups will be by score from the first round.

The lowest total score will determine the Medal Play Champion. If there is a tie for 1st in any division, there will be a sudden death playoff starting on hole 1 immediately after the event.

Prizes: There will be Pro Shop credit awarded to the top competitors.

This event is part of the Henry Wilson Points season long contest.

Member – Member Tournament - 2025

The Member – Member is an 18-hole shotgun event held on a Saturday afternoon in July. This event is 6 holes of Best Ball, 6 holes of Scramble and 6 holes of Alternate Shot.

Event Date: Saturday July 19th @ 1PM

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday July 8th

Eligibility:

All players must be members to participate. GHIN Handicap is required to compete for NET prizes. If no GHIN, you play as a 0.

Entry Fee: \$85 / team – Entry fee includes prize pool and a catered meal after play.

Divisions: There will be a Ladies and Men's division. (No mixed team division)

Prizes:

Pro Shop credit will be paid out to the top teams in both divisions based on the size of the prize pool in each division. Payouts will count towards the Henry Wilson Shootout. Pins & Putts will be paid out in each division. An Optional skins side game in each division will be available at \$5 per player. (Cash prizes)

Handicap Calculation for NET competition:

For the Scramble – Holes 1 thru 6 you get 35% of the lower handicap plus 15% of the higher handicap. (Pro-rated to 6 holes)

For the Best Ball – Holes 7 thru 12 you 100% of each players handicap. (Pro-rated to 6 holes)

For Alternate Shot – Holes 13 thru 18 you get 50% of the combined handicaps. (Pro-rated to 6 holes)

The “Rule of 88” will apply to this tournament.

Husband & Wife Championship

2025

Eligibility:

Either the Husband or Wife must be a member. Couples other than Husband and Wife, and couples with just 1 member are welcome to play but will not be eligible to win the championship, but they will be eligible for pin & putt prizes.

Sign-Up Deadline: Monday July 28th –You must pay when you sign-up!
No refunds after the sign-up deadline

Event Date: Sunday August 3rd - 1PM Shotgun

Entry Fee:

\$80 per team - both members
\$110 per team for 1-Non-Member teams

Entry fee for all competitors includes a meal following play.

Format:

This event is an 18-hole handicapped event. You must have a GHIN or you will play with a handicap of 0. 6 holes will be a 2 person scramble, 6 holes will be 2 person alternate shot and 6 holes will be a 2 person Best Ball.

Ladies and Senior Men meeting the “Rule of 88” will play from the forward tees .

Prizes:

There will be Pro Shop credit awarded to the top competitors.

This event is part of the Henry Wilson Points season long contest. Winnings will be pro-rated based on the number of participants.

Member – Guest Tournament

2025

The Member – Guest is an 18-hole shotgun event held on a Saturday in September. This event is an 18 hole 2-man Best Ball, with both Gross and Net prizes.

Event Date: Saturday September 6th 9 AM Shotgun

Sign-up Deadline: Tuesday August 26th

You must pay when you sign-up.

No refunds will be issued after the deadline.

Eligibility:

All adult members are eligible to signup a team. There will be a Men's and a Ladies division. A GHIN Handicap is required to compete for NET prizes. If no GHIN, you play as a 0.

Divisions: There will be a Men's Division and a Ladies Division (No mixed Division)

Entry Fee: \$150 / team – Entry fee includes prize pool and a meal after play.

Prizes:

Pro Shop credit will be paid out to the top teams for Gross and Net in both divisions.. In addition there will be Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt prizes for each division. There will be an optional skins game for \$5 per player. Both Gross and Net Skins will be paid.

Handicap Calculation:

Each player will play with 100% of their current course handicap towards the Net prizes. Any player without a valid GHIN will play as a 0 handicap.

Tees:

All men will play from the White / Blue tees unless the competitor meets the "Rule of 88". You must be at least 65 years of age and your age plus GHIN must total 88 or more to be eligible to play from the forward tees. You must indicate you meet the Rule of 88 when signing up. All the Ladies will play the forward tees.

Parent / Child Championship

2025

The Parent / Child championship is a 1 day event held on a Saturday in August. For the Parent / Child you can play with your child, your grand-child, or your step child.

Eligibility: Either the Parent or the child / grandchild / stepchild must be a member.

Sign up Deadline: July 28th

Event Date: Saturday August 2nd – 1PM shotgun

Entry Fee: \$30 per team - Both Members
\$60 per team – Just 1 member
Entry fee includes a light meal after the competition.

Format:

This event is an 18 hole non-handicapped event. 6 Holes will be a 2 person scramble, 6 holes will be 2 person alternate shot and 6 holes will be a 2 person total score (both balls count). All junior competitors age 13 and younger and ladies will play from the forward tees. Junior boys age 14 and older will play from the back tees. Seniors may play from the forward tees if they meet the “Rule of 88”.

Divisions:

There will be 2 divisions in the Parent / Child. The divisions will be based on the child's age. The “Junior” division will be for child ages 17 and younger. The “Senior” division will be for “child” ages 18 and older. The official winner will come from the “Junior” division. The “Senior” division will be recognized by your name on a plaque.

Prizes:

There will be Pro Shop credit awarded to the top competitors in both divisions.

This event is part of the Henry Wilson Points season long contest.

The Battle of the Bars

2025

The “Battle of the Bars” is a “friendly” competition between 4-person teams sponsored by local bars. The winning team gets to bring home the trophy and proudly display it at their bar for the season. Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon.

Event Date: Monday June 9th - 1PM Shotgun Start

Sign-Up Deadline: Tuesday June 2nd

Entry Fee: \$400 per team

Entry fee includes Green / Cart fees, Catered meal and prize pool.

The “Battle of the Bars” is a 4-person scramble. Men will play from the White / Blue Tees. Ladies will play from the Red / Gold tees. Seniors over the age of 65 with a valid GHIN Handicap may be eligible to play from the Red / Gold tees if they meet the “Rule of 88”

For example, if you are 65 and your GHIN is 23 you would be eligible to play from the forward tees.

If you do not have a GHIN, the rules committee will make the determination if a player is eligible.

Pro Shop Credit Prizes will be paid out to the top teams. There will also be prizes for Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt.

Maximum score on any hole is double bogey.

The Farmington Ladies Tournament

Not scheduled for 2025