



HISTORY

The NASA Men's League started during the early nineties when a group of about twenty persons occasionally got together at various courses. In 1993, the concepts for the Tour were established: (a) no handicaps (b) low entry fees; and (c) equal flight prizes. The Tour Motto: "Good Golf and Good Fellowship".

About 30 to 35 participated in the first NASA events held in early September of 1993. Based on this modicum of success, an 18 event tournament schedule with a 60 player cap was launched in 1994. The flight prizes were Safeway Coupons.

During the 1995 season the 60 player cap was often wait listed so the cap was lifted for 1996. In order to accommodate the huge player increase and have a more meaningful commitment from them while maintaining the pace of play, some changes were introduced during the late nineties/early 2000's: i.e. the increase in the season registration fees, the three minute rule for lost ball, the modified Out of Bounds rule, a 220 member cap and the cross-over tee time format. To accommodate the overflow from the morning cross-over, afternoon tee times were introduced.

In the 2005 season "E-Golf" became the official sponsor for the NASA Tour. This sponsorship continued until 2014. Today, NASA's membership is capped at 350 and there is a waiting list to join.

There was a growing demand from NASA wives for a league like the men's and in 2011 Art Switner, the NASA Tour Coordinator, sent out an invitation to the wives to contact Ruth Benbow if they were interested in joining such a league. The response was overwhelming and the NASA Ladies League was born.

Art contacted all the courses used by the men to see if they were interested in hosting the women and would give them the same (or similar) rates. Almost all the courses were very supportive and a schedule for 2012 was established. 125 ladies registered in the league and enjoyed a very successful season of golf. In 2013, the league grew to 170 members and a waiting list was started.

The ladies league functions separately from the men's with their own organizing committee and governance but continues to rely on the men for mentoring.