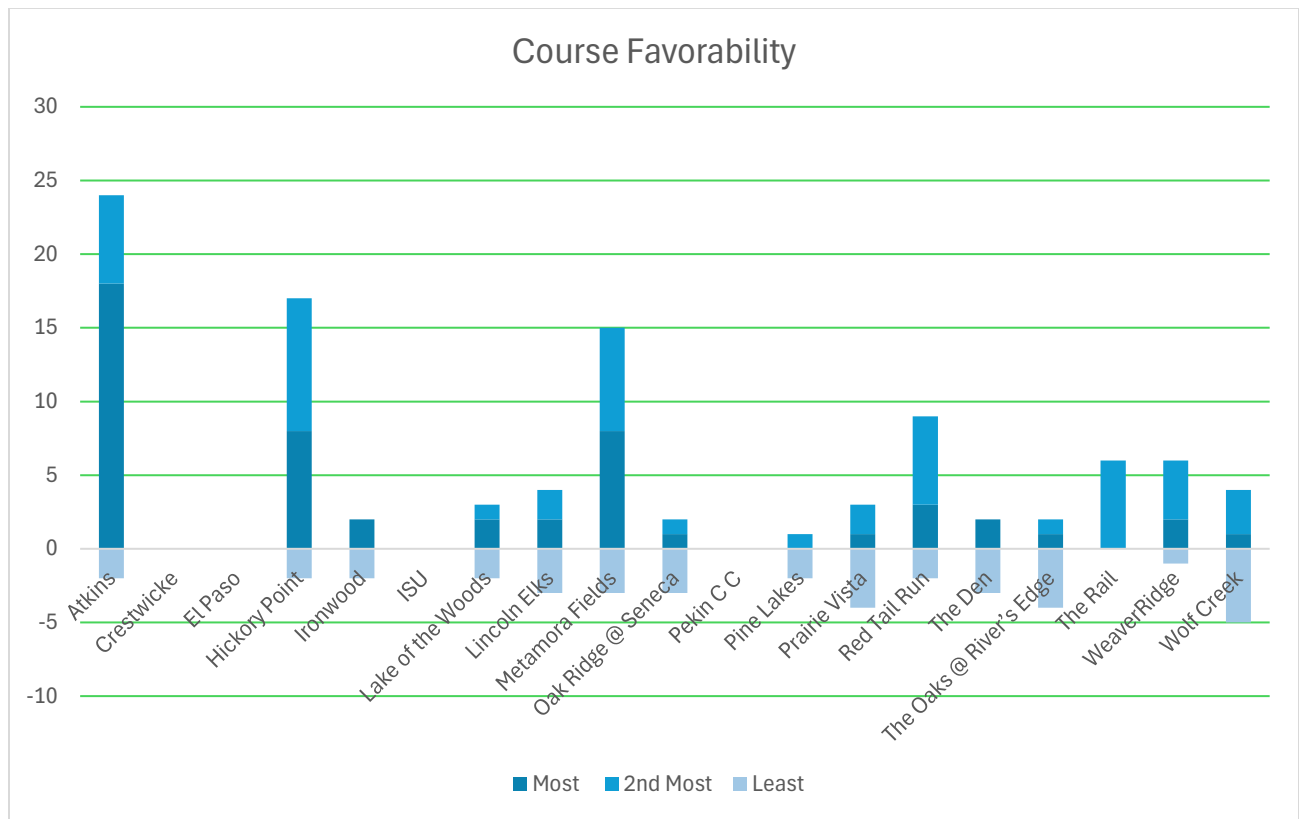


MCSGA MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2026 Season

The MCSGA Membership Survey is conducted at the close of the season and is likely the most important reference for the Board of Directors when planning for the upcoming season. Invite to participate in the membership survey for 2026 was made by email to all members and by access through the MCSGA website. Sixty members responded.

The basic intent of the survey is to determine membership likes or dislikes and to solicit thoughts for improvement or changes for a new season.

Most/Least Favorable Courses:



Determining the most and least favorable courses has been a primary question of the membership survey for years, however, a simple rating left considerable room for speculation when trying to determine a reason for such rating. Therefore, for 2026 the survey attempted to delve into possible reasons for a rating.

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Respondents were asked to rate each course on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (good) on three factors: Course Condition, Value for Fee Charged, and Hospitality of Staff.

	Responses	Average Response			Overall
		Condition	Fee	Hospitality	Avg
Atkins	44	4.8	4.0	4.6	4.5
Crestwicke	14	2.9	2.2	1.7	2.3
El Paso	43	3.9	3.9	4.2	4.0
Hickory Point	48	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4
Ironwood	42	4.3	4.6	4.7	4.5
ISU	48	4.5	4.2	4.4	4.4
Lake of the Woods	40	3.7	4.2	4.1	4.0
Lincoln Elks	44	3.7	4.3	4.6	4.2
Metamora Fields	36	4.8	3.7	4.1	4.2
Oak Ridge @ Seneca	26	3.4	3.6	4.0	3.7
Pekin C C	16	3.6	3.6	3.9	3.7
Pine Lakes	38	4.0	4.1	3.9	4.0
Prairie Vista	27	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.1
Red Tail Run	42	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
The Den	30	3.9	3.3	3.5	3.6
The Oaks @ River's Edge	36	3.4	4.2	4.4	4.0
The Rail	35	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
WeaverRidge	33	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.7
Wolf Creek	40	3.4	4.4	4.5	4.1

Other Courses to Consider for 2027:

Kellogg (7)	Brookhill	Eagle Creek
Lick Creek (6)	Bunn Park	Edgewood
Coyote Creek (5)	Crestwicke	Highland Park
Quail Meadows (3)	Decatur CC	Indian Springs
Deer Park (2)	The Den	Lincoln Greens
Other Champaign Courses	Dwight CC	Newman
Pekin CC	Piper Glen	Prairie Vista

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Verbatim Questions/Comments/Concerns Received:

Another great job by the officers and coordinators

Had a great time the online signup was awesome!

Thank you, you guys did a great job

I don't remember anything bad or really good about the condition of any of the courses. I liked playing all of them. The only courses I felt was overpriced is Crestwick so I didn't play it.

I can see how we can get rid of the score book, but
I don't know how we can eliminate the coordinators.
Last year the golfers change their minds, sign up twice,
and many more problems that need to be resolved before the final schedule.

Thank you to all the organizers for all of your work to make this league so enjoyable.

I was VERY disappointed in the course conditions at The Oaks and Wolf Creek the second time we played there. Had I been aware of those conditions I would not have played there.
I also am very disappointed with what Pine Lakes did to us on our second outing there. Weren't we on there schedule all su.mer? Why did they put a different outing on our dsy?

I know golf has become more expensive but I don't want to remove some of the more expensive courses like Atkins and Metamora. In my opinion if we are going to pay 50@El Paso, 55&60 don't seem out of line.

I understand the association is trying to improve scoring and making tee times process.
I'm also sure a lot of time and effort has been pit forth to try to implement that.
Maybe try on-line scoring first and then tee time on-line later.
This is by no means meant to be a criticism!!!! -- you work very hard for the association and I thank you.
The directors do a great Job

Committees and coordinators are doing a great job. Thanks Enjoy playing any course you choose.

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I understand the intent behind the new electronic signup and score posting system but am worried about how it will work.

Thanks to all the folks volunteering their time to s league a success.

I was disappointed That I wasn't able to be in Illinois in order to play Pekin CC. I've been told that Decatur CC is very nice as well as Champaign and Urbana CC's. It would be nice to be able to play t some of these nicer tracks around central Illinois but then I know a lot of the guys would complain about higher green fees. They'd rather play the same ole usuals vs a nicer, different course. I'm also one who would rather play courses outside of Blm/Nl McLean Co. area, we can play all the local courses any day of the week and gets old...

More in town course play
Shotgun scrambles/shambles are good

Maybe not have an extended time that we are not on a local course,

Perhaps the last 3 events of the year could be scheduled around Bloomington since early tee times require driving in the dark.

Like to play all the Bloomington courses twice.

More scramble events

None. I played only a handful of times due to a medical issue so I commented only the courses I played and did not have enough experience this year to make informed suggestions.

My First year. Enjoyed playing the different courses. Don't have any suggestions for improving.

Tell the members not to "reply to all"!

Keep the Ryder Cup format at least once. Use regular handicap tees hope for warmer weather. Allow teAms with eight or more golfers to signup two groups at a time. If necessary, eliminate coordinator early signup.

Extent season into mid October

As always, encourage faster play. I think the email that was sent before we played Pekin CC was a good one explaining faster play!

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Make all the events shotgun start. Eliminate the score book and enter scores online

Consider automation for scoring, weekly signups, and annual due payment.

Tee time signup. I had several times where they placed my foursome on the Opposite Day I requested. I have spoken to the volunteers that schedule the tee times and it seems they are overwhelmed trying to schedule and keeping track of all emails they receive. We need a better system.

Automate...automate....automate!

Don't have so many Monday/Tuesday outings. Many of us also play in the Prune Juice league and it's hard to play two days in a row.

I do not like so many outings on Mon and Tues. I play at Ironwood every Monday and 2 days in a row are not good for my 83 year old body.

I don't really have any. But I would like to thank the Board and the coordinators for their time and efforts to make (and keep) this organization fun successfull!

I would eliminate one of the Pine Lakes days.

Shotgun starts on Tuesdays since it is hard to get an early tee time

My team does not care to play any of the courses that only let our league on for one day.

Improve coordinator interaction with team signip

No suggestions

Pace of play

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I play in the Prune Juice League There seemed to be more Monday/Tuesday events this year which , for me , created conflicts.

Seneca was a little to far away and the course was not that good.

I find the staff at PV and The Den to be very unfriendly-

I would suggest more outings if possible at Ironwood - good course , friendly people and priced right!

I hope we play The Rail again next year- good course, friendly people.

I like The Oaks and Wolf Creek

I find Weaver Ridge to be physically demanding and may not play there again

Continue working on reducing no shows to bolster the associations' ability to negotiate better pricing at Bloomington courses. Perhaps adding an additional \$5-10 to annual dues to either partially compensate courses for no shows and/or rewarding members who meet their commitments.

I would say instead of doubling up on courses. Play regular golf at city courses. Like prairie vista and the den instead of scrambles.

Move more events off the Monday/Tuesday play days.

Use some of our bank funds for 1) more prizes at the banquet and 2)

Pay for the full cost of the banquet.

Find a way to pay fees electronically.

Create form accessible from website to submit request for tee time vs email to coordinator. Or otherwise make emailing coordinator easier.

send email or text alert when tee time sheets are updated.

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Just a thought, I know a lot or most won't want to but maybe throw it out to everyone that for those of us who don't mind the distance, set up some courses a little further away, something new, something different. The Quad Cities, Galesburg, Joliet, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis...If there's enough interest, try it out. If guys don't want to that's fine too.

I'm also surprised that there's no intermingling with people and groups. There's over 200 guys involved in this and I'll bet, besides the great guys I play with, I haven't met 10 new people. I guess I was under the impression or maybe just assumed when I first heard about it MCSGA we'd be playing in different foursomes each week and meeting different players each week. I understand that's not as easy to do with strung out tee times, if we were shot gunning each week just send out a tee sheet that says on this hole is these 4 guys on next hole these 4 guys and so on. Then there's not a problem with carpooling when everyone starts at same time, just because you rode together doesn't mean you have to play together... I know most courses don't like shot gun unless you're filling the hole course.

I get it, just some thoughts, I can't make em all because I'm out of state quite a bit, but I try. And last thought, shout out to Ron Lancaster, he's been really great at coordinating things for our group and for all of MCSGA, he's done an awesome job and that's not even counting all the hours he puts in behind the scenes to help keep this going, Thanks Ron

Try to get better prices!!!

Speed of play needs to be emphasized. Some rounds were over to 5 hours.

good job by all

Play more often Bloomington/Normal courses

After completing the electronic sign-up/tee time scheduling, devise a way to penalize frequent no-shows. They can cost the courses money if they rent extra carts for the day or have to give up public time slots. Those 2 things make some course managers reluctant to give better rates.

We had tough time getting tee times. Coordinators were screwing up tee times. We missed out on about five different courses.

Have a year end tournament. 10 handicap

Or less eligible. Have participants vote on course. If there's a tie, have everyone re-vote only on courses that tied. Play from the tips.

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I liked playing the Rail, even though I didn't score great. Very interesting course, looking forward to going back there. Crestwick is an interesting course but it's getting pretty pricey and they only seem to want to do shotgun starts.

Non really. I enjoy the group I play with . It's nice that we get the opportunity to play many different courses in the area.

If Bloomington courses don't give discounted rates, I would not scheduled them.