At the start of "Season" each year, MGA sends out this message ... just to have our members consider:

Are you playing the right tees?

Every year MGA has dozens of our members moving up one tee box!

The question you should ask yourself:

How many greens can I hit in regulation?

Moving from:

Green/White to White tees is 234 less yards (13 yards per hole)
White tees to Members is 255 less yards (14 yards per hole)
Members tees to Yellow is 280 less yards (16 yards per hole)
Yellow tees to Yellow/Red is 371 less yards (21 yards per hole)
Yellow-Red tees to Red is 253 less yards (14 yards per hole)
Red tees to Orange is 642 less yards (36 yards per hole)

Moving up, you could be playing 1-2 less clubs into every green!

There are several guides you could use to determine if you are playing the right tees for you.

Using 5-iron Distance as a Guide	(from Golf Magazine, Jan. 2020)	
5-iron Distance	Ideal Course Yardage	Comparable Tees at Plantation
140	5040	Orange or Red
150	5400	Yellow-Red
160	5760	Yellow
170	6120	White or Member
180	6480	Green-White
190	6840	
200	7200	

Using Driving Distance as a Guide	(from USGA : Tee It Forward)	Comparable Tees at Plantation
Average Drive	Recommended Tees	
300 yards	7,150 - 7,400 yards	
275 yards	6,700 - 6,900 yards	Green or G/W
250 yards	6,200 - 6,400 yards	White
225 yards	5,800 - 6,000 yards	Member or Yellow
200 yards	5,200 - 5,400 yards	Yellow-Red
175 yards	4,400 - 4,600 yards	Orange or Red

Here are five reasons why one might give the forward tees a try:

1. More birdies

Playing from the forward tees will undoubtedly give you more birdie looks, and who doesn't like making birdies? It makes you feel like a pro and boosts your confidence. All good things.

2. Work with scoring clubs

You will also hit your short irons and wedges a lot more. You likely get practice with these clubs on the range, but taking those reps to the course is a great experience. Learning how to hit these clubs close to the hole is valuable if you want to take your game to the next level. Teeing it forward will give you many more opportunities to hit these clubs with real pressure.

3. Quicker pace of play

This is obviously contingent upon how packed the tee sheet is, but if everyone plays at tees more suited for them, it will help the entire operation run smoother. There are fewer big numbers from the forward tees, which results in better pace of play. It's a win all around.

4. Different looks

Playing the same course every week can get stale, but if you play from a forward tee box, you'll get a whole new perspective. The holes play differently from various tee boxes, and it can allow you to see the course in a new light. It's almost like playing a new golf course.

5. More fun

The most important reason why you should try the forward tees is just how fun they are. Having birdie looks on every hole is great, and it gives you a sense for how Tour pros play the game. No one wants to grind over bogey putts all day just to break 90, so give yourself a real chance at posting a low number. Forget the stigma about the forward tees and you'll soon have more fun on the course than you've ever had before.

Note: The MGA "Declared Tee Policy" is posted on our website: plantationmga.com