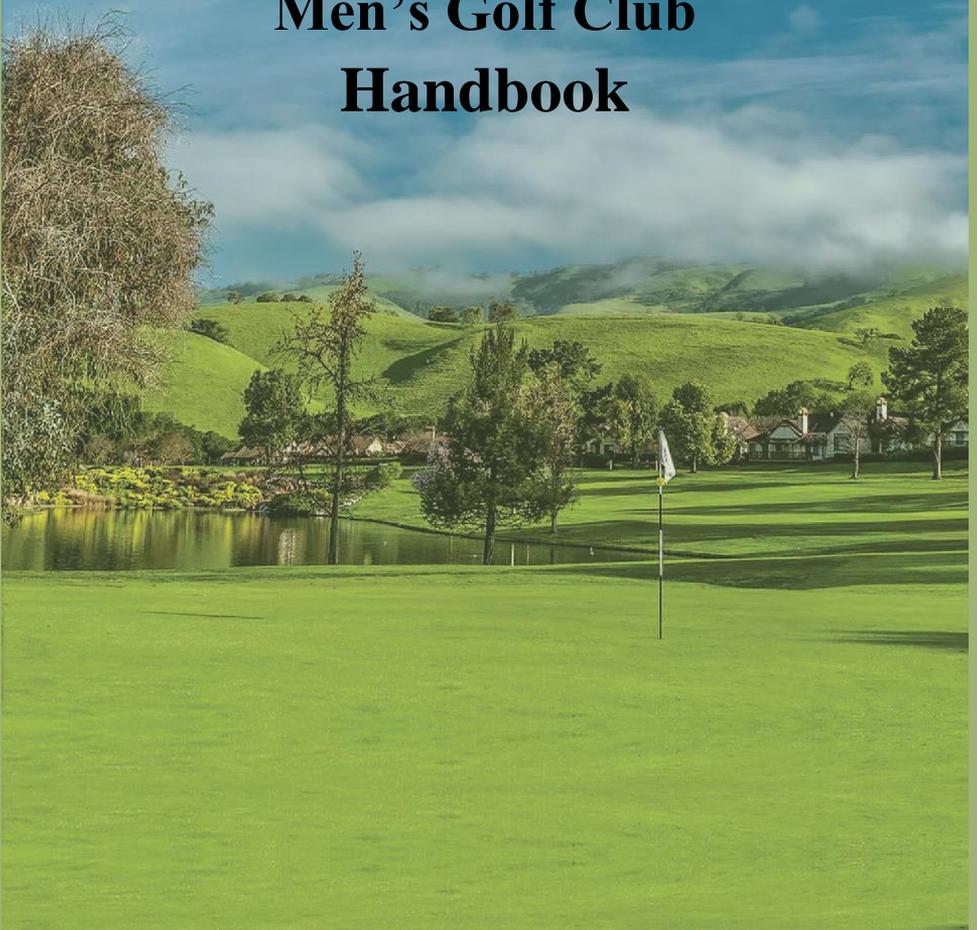




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**2024**  
**Men's Golf Club**  
**Handbook**



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## **A Message from your 2023 General Chairman Rich James**

Dear Men's Club Members,

On behalf of the 2023 Men's Golf Club Executive Committee, we thank you for your commitment to golf and the comradery you give that is so much a part of our sport. I hope we were able to provide a year full of competition and fun.

I would like to personally thank the 2023 Executive Committee: Jorge Breton, Don Chaisson, Clayton Krinard, Bill Morefield, Doug Moore, Tom Morse, Mike Tuft and George Welch for all their support and hard work this past year. Their many hours of volunteering have made the last year possible and have provided a multitude of golfing and social opportunities. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the other volunteers who contribute weekly to the benefit of the members of the Men's Golf Club including George Olson, Ray Struck. Gary Chappell and Kyle Finley along with the help and support of Scott Steele, his pro shop staff and GMS for the great work they do all year long.

I've had a wonderful three years on the committee, two of which chairing the Evergreen Invitational, one of the highlights of my volunteer career. I feel comfortable that the next three years will be just as productive as we add Kurt Pagnini and Lisi Bettencourt to the ranks. Also, a HUGE bonus as we welcome back Mike Tuft for another three years and Doug Moore into the general chairman role, one I know he will accel at.

So stay safe, hit them long and straight; and feel free to contact any of the Executive Committee members for questions or suggestions.

*Rich James*

Your 2023 General Chairman

# WELCOME TO THE 2023 GOLF SEASON

The Villages Men's Golf Club has a great 2024 tournament season planned on our course for Men's Club members to enjoy. In addition, the popular Home and Home series and the NCGA team play offers opportunities for organized play at other quality courses.

## Men's Golf Club Tournaments

The Men's Club supports a wide variety of golf experiences designed to challenge competitive golfers as well as provide opportunities for fun, camaraderie, and meeting new friends.

- Evergreen Invitational Member-Guest  
July 11th through July 13th, 2024
- Member-Member Tournament featuring match play competition
- Multi-round Club Championship Tournament
- Monthly tournaments of differing formats and tees to provide variety and spice up your golf experience
- Home and Away Tournaments at both our course and other quality golf courses in our area
- NCGA Thursday and Saturday Teams versus other Club Team matches throughout the summer
- Weekly informal games Monday and Saturdays organized by Men's Club members
- We hope there is enough opportunity for all our members to become involved regardless of your individual skill level

**Men's Golf Club Web Site: [www.villagesgolfers.com](http://www.villagesgolfers.com)**

**Your Source for the latest golf information**

- Upcoming Events
- Tournament Schedules and Results
- Home and Away Program and Schedule
- Membership Directory and Information
- Email- News and Schedule Changes

# **PURPOSE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGES MEN’S GOLF CLUB**

To provide the maximum enjoyment and utilization of the Villages golf facilities for all members by:

1. Scheduling and operating tournaments.
2. Encourage play and involvement by new residents.
3. Publicize the Men’s Golf Club activities and results.
4. Closely monitor and enforce the application of the NCGA handicap systems.
5. Maintain liaison with other golf groups at the Villages.
6. Administer the Hole-In-One Insurance Fund and program.
7. Encourage play with or against other country clubs.
8. Recommend to the VGC:
  - a. Policies regarding the play of golf on the Villages golf courses.
  - b. Rules of golf play and etiquette.
  - c. Suggestions for course improvement.
  - d. Suggestions on dress code.

## **PAST GENERAL CHAIRMEN**

2023	Rich James	2010	Bob Robles
2021-22	David Bacigalupi	2009	Claude Bramwell
2020	Jim Seymour	2008	Dutch Johnson
2019	Gary Chappell	2007	Bob Busch
2018	David Bacigalupi	2006	George Olson
2017	Lowell Hallock	2005	John Delaney
2016	Gary Chappell	2004	Benton White
2015	Rick Jiloty	2003	Ernie Porcelli
2014	Mike Poellot	2002	Malcolm Channing
2013	David Bacigalupi	2001	Jack O’Brian
2012	Richard Fisher	2000	Charles Gustafson
2011	Hugh Fahrner	1999	Charles Leader

## **MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONS**

(Must be age 55 or older)

2023	Scott Stephens	2014	Wayne Gearig
2021-22	Ted Escobar	2013	Jim Holt
2020	Mike Tuft	2012	Jim Valenti
2019	Jim Holt	2011	Chon Gallegos
2018	Brad Baldinger	2010	Tom Nedney
2017	Patrick Walter	2009	Bud Sanders
2016	Brad Baldinger	2008	Jim Ono
2015	Jim Brigham	2007	Jim Valenti

## **MOST IMPROVED GOLFER**

*Is calculated by NCGA based on handicap index 10/1-9/30. Players must have played in at least 1 Men's Club tournament throughout the year.*

- 2023 Kurt Pagnini: from an index of 14.5 to 9.3
- 2022 Marlo Beltrano: from an index of 11.0 to 7.8
- 2021 Brian Sullivan: from an index of 12.2 to 8.3
- 2020 Dan Hernandez: from an index of 24.2 to 16.6
- 2019 Dale Shipley: from an index of 21.8 to 16.9
- 2018 Brad Baldinger: from an index of 4.4 to 2.8
- 2017 Tom Nedney: from an index of 8.8 to 4.8
- 2016 Quincy Virgilio: from an index of 13.0 to 6.9
- 2015 Kirk Garrison: from an index of 24.0 to 16.6

## **2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Club Champion: Scott Stephens**

Flight 1 Cannen Shaw

Flight 3 Bob Maass

Flight 2 Michael Bailey

Flight 4 Jim Danielski

## **2023 SENIOR NET CHAMPIONS**

Flight 1 Ted Escobar

Flight 3 Frank Bell

Flight 2 Mark Kieker

Flight 4 Bob Dando

## **2023 MEMBER - MEMBER CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS**

Flight 1 Larry Soto/Mike Guidry

Flight 2 Jorge Brenton/Dan Hernandez

Flight 3 Len Townsend/Steve Tomei

Flight 4 Bill Johnston/Bob Fillhouer

Flight 5 Andy Altman/Glen Seidel

Flight 6 Bob Robles/Michael Bailey

Flight 7 Gary Swenson/Alan Chase

## **53rd EVERGREEN INVITATIONAL WINNERS**

Flight 1 Mike Tuft & Alex Tuft

Flight 2 Reggie Smith & Chris Hary

Flight 3 John Seeger & Bruce Kakimoto

Flight 4 Geoff Gault & Scott Rhine

Flight 5 Len Townsend & Mark Townsend

Flight 6 Ray Struck & David Struck

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# LOCAL RULES

Golf at the Villages Golf and Country Club is played under the USGA, *The Rules of Golf*. As provided in rule 33-8a, the Committee may make and publish local rules for local abnormal conditions if they are consistent with policy of the USGA. In addition, information regarding acceptable and prohibited local rules is provided in “Decisions on the Rules of Golf” under 33-8 and in “How to Conduct a Competition”.

The Villages Golf Committee (VGC) has established a set of Local Golf Rules to cover local abnormal conditions that may be encountered during golf play at The Villages. The VGC Local Golf Rules are posted in the Posting Room and on the Men’s Golf Club web site.

## USE OF GOLF FACILITIES

Rule 1.14 Golf Facilities of the Villages Golf and Country Club (VGCC) regulates the general use of the golf facilities. Rule 1.14 can be accessed on The Villages Web site under “Residents”; “Governance”; “The Villages Golf and Country Club”, “Rules”; “Rule 1.14 Golf Facilities”. The following Rules are excerpted from Rule 1.14.

### 1.14.1.K Speed of Play

**Golf groups that lag behind the field of play by one or more holes must allow a closely following group to play through. Foursomes have priority and, if maintaining proper speed of play, are not required to give way to faster playing foursomes, threesomes, or twosomes. The exception to this rule would be any two-ball match sponsored by one of The Villages golf organizations. A single player has no standing and should give way to a match of any kind.**

### 1.14.3.A.3 **Passenger Golf Carts** (paraphrased)

When a green flag is posted, golf carts may be driven off the cart path at a right angle, directly to the ball, or use the entry/exit gates as soon as the ball is played, the cart should exit the fairway or rough and proceed to the cart path or to the next ball position, whichever is closer. Golfers are encouraged to use the most direct route, make every effort to reduce golf cart traffic on the fairways and roughs, and to use cart paths whenever possible. Do not drive parallel to the fairways in the rough.

### 1.14.4 **18 Hole Golf Course Schedule** (paraphrased)

**Monday:** Course is open for regular play after 12 noon or 1 p.m. with a scheduled shotgun. Scheduled tournaments have priority.

**Tuesday:** The Women's 9 Hole Swingers Golf Club has priority use of the course prior to 11:30 a.m.. There is an open shotgun in the afternoon.

**Wednesday:** The Men's Golf Club has priority use of the course until 11:30 a.m. then open play.

**Thursday:** The Women's 18 Hole Golf Association has priority use of the course until 11:30 p.m., then open play shotgun.

**Friday:** The Men's 9 Hole Pinseekers Golf Club has priority use of the course at 10 a.m. The course is open for regular tee times the balance of the day.

**Saturday:** The golf course is open for regular play, subject to the following conditions: The Men's Golf Club may schedule tournament play a maximum of eleven (11) days in a calendar year and may reserve a block of tee times.

**Sunday:** The course is open for regular tee time play all day. Scheduled tournaments have priority.

**Holidays:** The course is open for regular tee time play all day. Scheduled tournaments have priority.

# HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE\*\*

The purpose of the Hole-In-One (HIO) insurance is to recognize each ACE golfer participant with:

- A) An Award for the Hole-In-One, and
- B) A Celebration Event Reimbursement (CER)

The HIO Award will be in the amount of \$200.00 that will be added to the Ace golfer's "Sweeps" account at the Villages Pro Shop. By policy, the award must be used no later than two years from the date issued and includes Green Fees.

The purpose of the CER is for the ACE golfer to celebrate his accomplishment, preferably with other members of the Men's Golf Club at the Villages Clubhouse Restaurant/Bistro. The reimbursement will not exceed \$200.00. The CER reimbursement will be arranged by the HIO Chairman after the CER has occurred and will be credited to the Ace Golfer's Villages House account. The celebration should be held as soon as possible after the HIO is scored, either at the Villages Restaurant/Bistro or at the away course where the ACE took place, but no later than 30 days thereafter. Under special circumstances, the HIO Chairman or the General Chairman may grant an extension at the Ace Golfer's request. In no case will the combined maximum per Hole-In-One exceed \$400.00 (see points 4 and 5).

1. Any member of The Villages Men's Golf Club and other men with an NCGA handicap through our Club may join the insurance plan (but professional golfers are excluded). New members are automatically enrolled in the plan. To withdraw from the plan, contact the Handicap Chairman.

2. The Treasurer shall maintain the Insurance Fund in an appropriate Hole-In-One account. He shall arrange for assessments, usually in increments of \$4.00, to be charged to each member of the plan to maintain the Fund to a satisfactory amount. Assessments will be indicated on the monthly statements issued by the Villages Business Office.

3. To be eligible for benefits of the plan, a Hole-In-One must be made during a round of golf consisting of 9 holes or more played on the Villages 18-hole course or on an away course with at least a Par 70 rating. A hole in one from a temporary tee or on a temporary green is excluded. The score card must be verified and signed by two fellow competitors and the Golf Pro or his Staff, and promptly submitted by the Ace Golfer to the Men's Club Hole-In-One Chairman.

4. Upon verification of a HIO by the Pro Shop and the HIO Chairman, the ACE golfer shall immediately receive a \$200.00 "sweeps" credit at the Villages Pro Shop. The ACE golfer may also spend up to \$200 for his celebration, either at the Villages Restaurant Clubhouse/Bistro OR at the away course where the HIO occurred. Any amount the ACE golfer spends over \$200.00 for the Celebration Event, independent of the location, is his responsibility, no exceptions.

5. The Ace Golfer is responsible for arranging his own Celebration Event. Upon completion of the event, the Ace Golfer will submit a single receipt (including tax and gratuity) to the HIO Chairman for reimbursement to his Villages House account. The reimbursement will be the actual cost of the Celebration Event or \$200.00, whichever is less.

6. The Men's Golf Club Executive Committee administers the Hole-In-One Insurance program, as well as the distribution and payment of these benefits. The Procedures for the HIO Program are subject to change by the Executive Committee.

**\*\*This Hole-In-One process becomes effective on January 1, 2023.**

# ETIQUETTE AND PACE OF PLAY

This year the Men's Golf Club is focusing on two aspects of golf at the Villages: Golf Etiquette and Pace of Play. With the help of the other Villages golf organizations, the following has been developed:

Golf is a sport with a skill set, along with etiquette and pace of play requirements. Its purpose is enjoyment, relaxation, and sociability. To make every golfer's day better it is important that all golfers become familiar with the non-written rules of the game and guidelines that make up playing it.

Etiquette does not reflect one's score but rather how others perceive you on the course and eventually, how willing others will be to play with you. It boils down to respecting the golfers you're playing with and those who are playing ahead or behind you. Be on your best behavior on the course and strive not to upset or offend your fellow golfers.

- 1) Be considerate of other players by not moving, talking, or making unnecessary noise when someone is about to swing or putt.
- 2) Do not stand directly behind the ball, directly behind the hole, or on a player's line, when a player is about to swing or putt.
- 3) Don't walk on another player's line on the green.
- 4) Lay the flag down where it will not be in a player's line of putt.
- 5) If you use a suction cup on your putter, be careful not to damage the cup edges.
- 6) Replace divots and add sand if needed or fill divot with sand mix.
- 7) Rake bunkers and knock sand off shoes and replace rake properly when leaving the bunker.

**Pace of play** during the course of a game is extremely important. Here are some suggestions:

- 1) “Don’t be a spectator in the cart!” Cart mates should drop one player off at his/her ball and the other player should drive to their ball to prepare for their shot. Currently, single-player carts are preferable.
- 2) Once you have located your ball and are waiting for others to hit, you should think about your upcoming shot.
  - a. Club selection, target, wind conditions and so forth can all be determined while waiting for others to hit.
- 3) A golfer should always be ready to play their shot when it is his/her turn, or alternatively, play “ready golf”. It is OK and encouraged to play your shot when ready, if you are not in the line or in the way of another golfer e.g., on the other side of the fairway.
- 4) Be ready to putt when it is your turn to putt.
- 5) “Record scores at the next tee”. Do not remain at the green to record scores.
- 6) If someone in your group is not playing ready golf, remind him or her of these suggestions to encourage them to pick up the pace. Remember, there are other players behind you. If you are falling behind the group in front of you, please do what you need to do to catch up.

If these tips aren’t helping you to catch up, let the group behind you play through, or alternatively, **SPLIT UP INTO TWOSOMES** until you catch up. You can then rejoin into your foursome when you do catch up. Two players take 1/2 the time on the Tee and 1/2 the time on the Putting Green. You will catch up sooner than you think.

# 2023 Men's Golf Club Tournaments

Dates, times and formats are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. The Pro Shop Staff, representing the Tournament Committee, is responsible for tournament administration, tournament rules enforcement, final scoring, and distribution of prizes.

Jan. 13	<b>Frostbite Open:</b> Step-aside Scramble, flighted - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i>	8:30 am Shotgun
Feb. 10	<b>President's Day:</b> Chapman, two-man teams, flighted- <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i>	8:30 am Shotgun
March 9	<b>St. Patrick's Day:</b> 2 BB Net (with Shamrock Ball) 4- man teams, flighted. <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i>	8:00 am Shotgun
April 13	<b>Spring Open:</b> Stableford, 4-Man Teams, 2 BB, flighted - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i>	8:00 am Shotgun
May 3-5	<b>Member-Member (3 day event):</b> 2-Man Teams, match play, horserace on Sunday - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i>	8:00 am Shotgun
June 8	<b>Summer Open &amp; Annual Picnic:</b> Scramble, 4-man teams, flighted <b>Lunch at Gazebo Park - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i></b>	8:00 am Shotgun
July 11-13	<b>Evergreen Invitational-Member/Guest:</b> Breakfasts, lunches, banquet. Format TBA	9:30 am Shotgun
Aug. 10	<b>Senior Net Championship:</b> Individual Net, flights by age. <b>Lunch at Gazebo Park - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i></b>	8:00am Shotgun

*The VMGC Committee will monitor members' scores in VMGC Tournaments. A player's handicap may be adjusted by The Committee for any VMGC tournaments, as directed by the USGA/NCGA.*

Sept 14 & 15	<b>Club Championship:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rounds <b>Must be 55 years of age or more.</b>	Tee Times
Sept 21 & 22	<b>Club Championship:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Rd & 4 <sup>th</sup> Rd Finals	Tee Times
Oct. 12	<b>Fall Classic/Annual Meeting:</b> 2-man teams, each 6 holes different format, flighted - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i> <b>Lunch/Meeting at the Fairway Room</b>	8:00am Shotgun
Nov. 9	<b>Veteran's Day:</b> play 6 from #2 tees, 6 from #3 tees & 6 from #4 tees, by choice, 2 Best Balls of 4, flighted - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i>	8:30am Shotgun
Dec. 14	<b>Holiday Tournament:</b> 4-Man Team Shamble, flighted - <i>Coffee &amp; Donuts</i>	8:30am Shotgun

**Event scores** will be posted by **the Pro Shop**. Please total and sign your score cards legibly, or they may be disqualified.

All Tournament fees, including green fees, will be billed to the player's house account, no exceptions unless granted by the Director of Golf.

**Note: Tournament details may be modified and will be published prior to each event, and Shotgun starts may change to Tee Times as determined by the Director of Golf.**

# NOTABLE EVENTS FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT

**(Exhibitions, Invitationals, Mixers & Social Golf)**

**Dates, times, and formats are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. The Pro Shop Staff, representing the Tournament Committee, is responsible for tournament administration, tournament rules enforcement, final scoring, and distribution of prizes.**

May 3-5	<b>Member/Member Championship:</b> Format per committee	8:00am Shotgun
July 11-13	<b>Evergreen Invitational:</b> Member/Guest Format per the Evergreen Committee <b>A three-day golf experience.</b>	9:30 am Shotgun
Sept. 14-22	<b>Club Championship:</b> Multi-round match play elimination tournament.	Tee Times

## WEEKLY GAMES:

Monday pm Shotgun	Ray Struck	Rlstmd@gmail.com (408) 674-6457
Saturday am Tee Times	George Olson	gfolson@comcast.net (408) 270-5765

## 2024 HOME & AWAY TOURNAMENTS

April 10th (Thursday)	@ The Villages w/ Almaden, SJCC, La Rinconada & Oakhurst
April 16th (Tuesday)	@ San Jose CC
April 25th (Thursday)	@ Almaden
May 21st (Tuesday)	@ Los Altos CC
May 28th (Tuesday)	@ The Villages w/Los Altos CC, Palo Alto Hills CC & Sharon Heights CC
June 5th (Wednesday)	@ Castlewood (AM Start)
June 11th (Tuesday)	@ Green Hills CC
June 19th (Wednesday)	@ Silver Creek CC
July 30th (Tuesday)	@ The Villages w/Silver Creek, Castlewood, Green Hills
August 13th (Tuesday)	@ La Rinconada
August 15th (Thursday)	@ Oakhurst
September 18th (Wed.)	@ Palo Alto Hills CC
TBA	@ Sharon Heights

All Home & Home events are PM Shotgun (11:30 registration, 12:00 lunch, 1:00 golf) starts, except for Castlewood which will be an AM Shotgun. Dates and times are subject to change. Watch your email for changes. Players are selected by draw. The number of players selected can vary depending on arrangements made with the other club(s). Players who fail to cancel 3 days prior to the event or who are no-shows will be billed the event fee. Replacement players will be selected by a draw.

# NCGA AFFILIATION

The Villages Men's Golf Club **requires** all members to belong to the NCGA (Northern California Golf Association) through the Men's Golf Club. NCGA provides handicap indexes for golfers through the GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) system. GHIN is maintained by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and the staff is composed of USGA employees.

The USGA Handicap Index issued through the NCGA enables golfers of all skill levels to compete on an equitable basis. Each golfer has his own Handicap Index based upon his scores and the courses upon which they were played. The Index is updated after each round based upon the 8 best rounds of the most current 20 rounds played and where they were played. This Handicap Index in conjunction with the course Slope Rating allows players to convert their Handicap Index to their own Course Handicap for any course that has been properly rated.

Members are required to post their scores for every round (9 or 18 holes) of golf played under the rules of golf. Additional details are on the posting room wall poster titled 'USGA Handigram Number 3 Acceptability of Scores: To Post or Not to Post'. Posting scores can be done in the posting room, at the posting station of most other courses, or over the Internet at GHIN.com or the USGA app. **Failure to properly post in a reasonable time may result in a penalty score being posted for you.**

NCGA conducts many tournaments throughout the year. Our Club sponsors participants in some of the tournaments and encourages members to compete in any NCGA tournament. NCGA also coordinates Team Play (match play) competitions between golf clubs all over Northern California. We sponsor two 12-man teams to play in this competition each year. All Men's Golf Club members are welcome to apply. Contact the Team Captains\* or the Pro Shop.

\* See Team Captains' contact information on the Support Page at the front of this document

# **THE VILLAGES MEN'S GOLF CLUB BY-LAWS**

The Villages Men's Golf Club, also known as the 18 Hole Men's Golf Club, is a resident organization subject to the control and policies of the Club Board of Directors of The Villages Golf and Country Club.

## **ARTICLE I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this organization is to provide maximum enjoyment and competition through utilization of the 18-hole golf course.

## **ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP**

Permanent resident men having a Villages handicap from the Northern California Golf Association are eligible to be members of the Villages Men's Golf Club. Membership shall be terminated by resignation, loss of handicap, or termination of Villages residency.

## **ARTICLE III. GOVERNING BODY**

The Executive Committee (hereinafter called The Committee) is the executive body of The Villages Men's Golf club. Its membership shall be ratified by action of the Club Board of Directors.

**Section A.** The Committee shall schedule and operate The Villages Men's Golf Club tournaments, supervise the application of the NCGA Handicap System, encourage golf play and involvement by Villages residents, publicize golf activities, maintain liaison with other golf groups, coordinate its activities with The Villages management, and make appropriate recommendations to the Club Board of Directors through membership in the Villages Golf Committee (VGC).

**Section B.** The Committee's operating year shall be from January 1 through December 31.

The Committee shall be composed of nine (9) members, each shall serve three (3) years as provided in Article VI, Section A. In addition, the Villages Golf Professional and Course Superintendent shall serve as non-voting advisors.

1. The Committee shall meet monthly at the call of the General Chairman. Five (5) elected members shall constitute a quorum for transacting the business of The Committee and The Club.
2. In the event urgent action may be required between regular meetings, the General Chairman may call a special meeting or members may be polled by telephone or email providing the action taken is confirmed by The Committee by formal motion at its next meeting.

**Section C.** Except in the performance of his assigned responsibilities, no member may speak for The Committee without its express authorization. Any club member may present suggestions to The Committee, preferably in writing, and attend any Committee meeting to discuss them.

**Section D.** The outgoing General Chairman shall call and initially chair an organizational meeting before the December meeting, consisting of both the current Committee members and the newly elected members who are to serve on the Committee the following year. He shall conduct an election by secret ballot by which the attending members select a General Chairman from among those members who have previously served for at least one year, who shall preside from January 1, until December 31, of the following year.

The General Chairman shall appoint a Vice-Chairman and various chairmen from within The Committee who shall each be responsible for specific assignments of duties for one year.

**Section E. Duties of Officers:**

1. The General Chairman shall preside at all General and Special Committee meetings, represent The Villages Men's Golf Club elsewhere, as feasible, and maintain liaison with the Villages General Manager on matters of interest to men golfers. The General Chairman shall provide an agenda for all Executive Committee meetings. He shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees. The General Chairman shall ensure that the duties of the officers and the functions of the committee chairmen are fulfilled.
2. The Vice-Chairman shall assist the General Chairman as requested and act in his place as appropriate.
3. The Secretary shall keep and maintain records of all meetings and proceedings of The Committee, distribute minutes to Committee members, and ensure that a complete file of Committee proceedings is maintained in the office of The Villages General Manager.
4. The Treasurer shall deposit in a bank any monies received by The Committee. He shall also keep a record of all receipts and expenses and report same at each regular meeting of The Committee. He shall work with other committee members on projections and budgeting to assist in event planning. He shall draw funds when instructed to do so by the General Chairman.

**Section F. Committee Responsibilities:** In addition to the general purposes noted in Article III, Section A, above, The Committee shall:

1. Represent the views of The Villages Men’s Golf Club on all matters relating to golf play, course changes, modifications, or improvements. Such views may be obtained in any feasible way, but The Committee will present them to the Villages Golf Committee only after consideration in its regular or special meetings. When presented in writing as a formal request, a written answer will be requested so that the Committee records may be complete.
2. Establish plans and procedures for members’ Hole-In-One recognition.
3. Approve any proposed changes in the Local Rules of Play before submittal for consideration by the Villages Golf Committee.
4. The Committee has the authority and responsibility to place a member on probation or terminate his membership for inappropriate conduct by a two-thirds vote of the total Committee voting membership.

**Section G. Vacancies:** A committee vacancy shall occur upon resignation of a member, or whenever he shall no longer qualify for membership in The Men’s Golf Club. A member may be removed for cause by a two-thirds vote of the total Committee voting membership.

A vacancy may be filled through nomination by the General Chairman and ratification by a majority of The Committee present at any called meeting. Appointments to vacancies shall preserve an expiration rate of three seats on The Committee as of December 31, of each year.

## **ARTICLE IV. GENERAL MEETINGS**

General membership meetings may be called by the General Chairman upon petition by 25% of The Men’s Golf Club membership. Such meetings shall be for general discussion, and any voting, therein, shall be advisory only by The Committee. Notice of such meetings shall be published in two consecutive editions of The Villager prior to the meeting.

## **ARTICLE V. DUES AND FEES**

Annual membership dues shall be established by the Committee. The dues shall be assessed for each member on January 1 of each year. The dues shall be charged to each member's Villages account. In addition, a portion (approved by The Committee) of each entry fee in a Men's Club-sponsored tournament shall be deposited in a Men's Golf Club Fund. This money shall be used for the expense's incidental to the operation of Men's Club tournaments and other expenses approved by The Committee.

## **ARTICLE VI. ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE GOLF COMMITTEE**

**Section A.** Annually, in August, the General Chairman shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not fewer than three (3) members, preferably Past General Chairmen, who shall prepare a slate of candidates who have agreed to serve on The Committee for three (3) years, if elected. The slate should include not less than twice as many names as vacancies to be filled, and these names shall be given to the General Chairman in time to meet the mandated election schedule. A member of the Nominating Committee may not be a candidate for election.

1. The Nominating Committee shall both solicit and receive names of prospective nominees and shall prepare a slate to elect members to replace those members whose terms are expiring.
2. Elected members are limited to two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. A member will be eligible for election again after one (1) year has elapsed.
3. When a member has been appointed to fill a vacancy left by an elected member, he shall be eligible to serve, if elected, two (2) additional terms.

**Section B.** Names of the Nominating Committee and the time schedule for the election shall be published in *The Villager*. The names of prospective candidates shall be given to any Nominating Committee member by any Club member before a deadline that will be included in the published schedule.

**Section C.** Each prospective candidate will be interviewed by the Nominating Committee. Prior to the election the names of the nominees, together with a brief resume submitted by each candidate, shall be published in *The Villager*.

Aside from the candidates who have been nominated by the Nominating Committee, any member may become a candidate for election to the Committee by written petition endorsed by 10% or more of the membership. Such petition must be submitted to the General Chairman no later than September 21 of the election year. All candidates must be willing and available to attend meetings and perform all duties assigned to them by the General Chairman.

**Section D.** Voting, which will be concluded before the month of November, will be by secret ballot sent to all Villages Men's Golf Club members listed on the current membership list. Voting instructions shall specify a date of return of the voted ballots. The new Committee members will assume their duties at the January Committee meeting.

**Section E.** The General Chairman shall appoint an Election Committee before October 1 of not fewer than three (3) members, whose only duty shall be to count the ballots and certify an official copy of the results to the General Chairman. Any ties will be decided by vote of the current Executive Committee.

**Section F.** The President of the Club Board of Directors will be advised by letter from the General Chairman of The Committee of the names of the new Committee members after the December meeting. The General Chairman will notify the newly elected members directly.

# **ARTICLE VII.**

## **CHAIRMEN AND CHAIRMEN FUNCTIONS**

All Committee chairmen shall serve for (1) year unless earlier relieved by the General Chairman. Each shall keep records of his committee's activities and turn these over to his successor updates to all posting room tournament plaques/photos and sports wall plaques. Committee Chairmen may appoint their own committeemen from members of the Club to assist them in their duties.

### **Section A. Tournament Chairmen:**

Conduct all member tournaments in cooperation with the Golf Professional, including supervision of scoring and prize allocations. Prepare a summary sheet and financial report at the conclusion of events for inclusion in the Tournament Committee files and for the Executive Committee. Use historical cost/attendance data to work with the Committee towards improving event attendance and member experience. Also, maintains and updates the Men's Golf Club plaques and photos in the posting room, the shared photo frames on the Bistro Sports Wall and the MGC locker and keys.

### **Section B. Rules Chairman:**

Coordinate with the Golf Professional and the committee on matters affecting the following responsibilities:

1. Interpret USGA Rules and the recommended Local rules that are not in conflict with those of the USGA.
2. Discuss proposed changes with the Committee and upon approval prepare the changes for submittal to the VGC for their approval.
3. Investigate serious violations of the rules and make recommendations to the Committee for disciplinary action of Men's Club Member.

### **Section C. Handicap Chairman:**

Supervise the NCGA Handicap System and member's adherence to same. Administer the handicaps of the non-Men's Club Villagers who maintain a GHIN number through NCGA. Make appropriate reports for the Committee.

**Section D. Evergreen Invitational Chairman:**

Plan and conduct the Annual Evergreen Invitational Tournament. Appoint appropriate sub-chairmen and coordinate all the activities. Chair all necessary meetings to ensure a successful event. After Evergreen is concluded, focus on next year's enhancements, and become a resource to other chairmen in their pursuits.

**Section E. Home and Home Chairman:**

Arrange, schedule, and conduct inter-club Home and Home activities with other selected golf clubs. Continually seek other fine clubs for the rotation.

**Section F. Communications Chairman:**

Communicate the activities of the Men's Golf Club in The Villager newspaper, MGC Website, Comcast Channel 26, and with e-mail & bulletin board notices. This includes upcoming tournaments, both home and away, results of tournaments, rules, and general announcements.

**Section G. Membership Chairman:**

Administer the membership roster and coordinate this activity with the appropriate Villages administration offices.

**Section H. NCGA Chairman:**

Review scheduled NCGA activities and make recommendations to The Committee regarding events in which the Villages Men's Golf Club might consider participation. Ensure that Men's Golf Club members are aware of scheduled NCGA activities in which the Club or individual members may wish to participate.

**Section I. Hole-In-One Chairman:**

a) oversee the administration of the Hole-In-One Insurance Program,

**Section J. Other Committees:**

Special and ad-hoc committees may be appointed by any Chairman to perform specific functions.

## **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

**Section A.** These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of The Committee, provided that each proposed amendment be first presented for consideration no later than the regular Committee meeting preceding that which voting is to be scheduled.

**Section B.** Proposed amendments shall be publicized in The Villager in advance of Committee action, and any Committee member shall receive, and report opinions expressed to him by any member of the Men's Golf Club.

## **ARTICLE IX. APPROVALS**

**Section A.** The Committee shall act for The Men's Golf Club in approving these By-Laws.

**Section B.** No amendment to these By-Laws shall become official until approved by the Executive Committee of The Villages Men's Golf Club, notification of Villages Management and the official copy in the possession of the Executive Committee shall include each date of approval of their approval.

Approved by the Board of Directors, February 25, 1975.

Amended and approved by the Club Board of Directors, September 8, 1975; September 23, 1975; November 1, 1980; June 15, 1983; January 3, 1984; January 1985; June 1986; December 1989; January 1991; January 1992; December 31, 1992; December 1999; January 2001; January 27, 2009; September 27, 2011; October 28, 2014; January 02, 2017; November 2, 2021

## **Reminder: New Rules of Golf implemented in 2019**

Ball searches are limited to 3-minutes maximum

Embedded Ball Rule applies through the green...relief is available everywhere on the course except hazards

Club length When measuring and dropping you must use your longest club that is not a putter

All Drops will be taken from knee height

If your Ball Accidentally Hits you or your equipment after a stroke is made, there is no penalty

A Double Hit results in No Penalty and counts as one-stroke

It is Ok to move Loose Impediments everywhere on the course as long as your ball does not move in the process

Unplayable Lie You can now take an Unplayable Lie from a bunker...You can drop behind bunker, at the nearest point plus one club-length, with a 2 stroke penalty

Water hazards are now called “Red Penalty Areas” and “Yellow Penalty Areas”

Areas Through the Green will now be called the “General Area”

You can ground your club in a Penalty Area

A Bunker is NOT a Penalty Area

Ok to repair spike marks and other damage on the putting green

There is no penalty for striking the flagstick on the green... You can putt-out with the flagstick in

The ball is considered holed if any part is below the lip

## New World Handicap System effective January 2020:

### Look for more details in the posting room.

#### **IMMEDIATE IMPACT, effective January 1, 2020**

#### **Maximum hole score for posting = NET double bogey**

- No more ESC table of:
  - 0-9 handicap = max Gross double bogey
  - 10-19 handicap = max 7 on any hole
  - 20-29 handicap = max 8 on any hole, etc.
- Instead, you must identify any hole score that is greater than NET double bogey and adjust your score before posting.

**Example:** A Course Handicap of 18 receives one stroke per hole for 18 holes; your max score is triple bogey on any hole, which equals a Net Double Bogey. Adjust before posting.

**Example:** Hole #6 (par = 3, hole rating = 7)

Handicap = 7-9 (1 stroke)

- 2019 = maximum score 5 (ESC = GROSS double)
- 2020 = maximum score 6 (NET double = 3+1stroke+2)

Handicap = 10-19 (1 stroke)

- 2019 = maximum score 7 (per ESC table)
- 2020 = maximum score 6 (NET double = 3+1stroke+2)

Handicap = 20-24 (1 stroke)

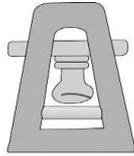
- 2019 = maximum score 8 (per ESC table)
- 2020 = maximum score 6 (NET double = 3+1stroke+2)

Handicap = 25+ (2 strokes)

- 2019 = maximum score 8 (per ESC table)
- 2020 = maximum score 7 (NET double = 3+2strokes+2)

You must identify any hole(s) where your actual score was greater than NET double bogey and adjust your total score for the round before posting.





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