

The Villages Men's Golf Club members, 2016 Home & Home Team Sign-up

Hi, I am Jack McCarthy and I will be leading our Villages Home & Home Team for 2016. It is once again time to set up our team for this season. Last season was a great success under the leadership of Bob Park. We had 38 members and we had a full season of playing at various venues around the bay area. Bob, unfortunately for all of us, has finished his term as a member of the executive committee and has turned the reins over to me for this season. I would like to congratulate him on a fantastic program that he created and lead for the last 3 years.

The 2016 program will be much the same as last season with our team being able to play some great venues away from our home course as well as host some great competitions here at The Villages. We will also continue the weekly and season long club internal competitions and prizes. The season will start with a Home & Home Team meeting in either late January or early February.

For those of you that are interested or contemplating joining the team but have little knowledge of how the team works, here are the basics:

1. We play in Home & Home matches against other golf courses. One match at our club and one match at their club. The matches are held on Tuesday's or Thursday's. It is a 'social competition' with mixed foursomes playing two best balls. The day generally includes lunch, range balls, golf and cart, dinner and drinks. Last year the event tee fee was \$80.00 per round played. We are hoping to keep the close if not the same this year. Your Villages account will be billed each time you play.
2. We also play a separate 'cash match' against ourselves. The entry fee for this match is \$175 per player, payable in advance. \$130 of your entry fee breaks down to \$10 per match and a remainder of \$40 for the season ending prizes at our awards banquet. (All entry fees will be deposited into the Men's Club Home & Home Team checking account).
3. Each member will be responsible to play in a minimum number of matches to qualify for the year end awards. That number still is to be determined, however it was eight matches of our 14 total matches last year. So far this year season tentatively has 12 matches. (we are working on adding a few more). The breakdown presently is 5 home matches and 7 away matches.
4. Points and cash will be awarded at each match for the following categories:
 - a. Low net.
 - b. Award for 'Blind Skins', final number still be determined.
5. A team scorekeeper will record scores (not post) on an accumulating score sheet that will indicate the winners of each match and keep a running total of points earned by each player. This score sheet will be emailed to all team members and will also be posted in the posting room.
6. Winnings will be distributed as quickly as possible after each match in the form of a check from the Men's Club Home & Home Team checking account.

That's the Home & Home Team concept in a nutshell. It proved to be a very popular program for the last two seasons. Let me know if you have interest or questions about joining. I do need to point out that the final team members will be selected after we have had a chance to review all those Men's Club Members that have shown interest in joining. We are hoping to have about 48 members. We will review all and determine the final team members.

Let me know about your interest and let me know if you have any questions. You can contact me via email at jmccarthy.homehome@yahoo.com or call me at 408 239-0626.

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