

SCSH COUPLES GOLF CLUB – STANDING POLICY

APRIL 2014

A. Couples Golf Club Seasons

1. The **Formal Couples Golf Club Season** will be from the “Opening of the Course following reseeding” to the end of May.
 - a. Entry fee is \$5.00/person or as determined for Special Events. Awards given for Competition.
 - b. Hole-in-One Insurance is paid out during Formal Season.
 - c. The Meal following Competition, arranged by the Tournament Chair, is included in the cost of the Tournament and this cost is mandatory. (reworded 4/4/13).
 - d. Sign-ups on Website.
 - e. Sign-ups must be made as a Pair. Singles and their playing partners, sign up only one time, as a Pair, for the upcoming event.

B. Membership

1. Membership Fee is \$15/person or \$30/couple. (increased from \$10 to \$15 4/4/13)
2. Membership Fees and Major Tournament Fees must be paid by check only and these must be from a U.S. Bank Account. (Board Meeting 7/28/09 and 11/29/10)
3. Waivers – The Membership Chair will maintain current waivers from every member. If on file, a new one is not necessary. (10/4/12)
4. The Shadow Hills Couples Golf Club is an affiliated member of SCGA.
5. Requests for membership refunds will be granted only if the members have not played in the current season and if they have mitigating health issues, which will be considered on a case by case basis. (Board Meeting 12/6/12) The SCGA fee, if applicable, cannot be refunded after December 30.

C. Board

1. The Outgoing Board will host a transition meeting for the Incoming Board following the Election of New Officers. (approved 11/29/11)
2. Responsibilities of Outgoing Officers prior to leaving Office
 - a. Tournament Schedule should be planned for the following year.
 - b. Rooms at Montecito should be requested for the following year.
3. Responsibilities of New Officers prior to assuming Office
 - a. The President and Tournament Chair should ensure that the outgoing Board has the following year’s Tournament Schedule planned.
 - b. The President and Tournament Chair should ensure that the outgoing Board has requested the Montecito Clubhouse for the following year.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer and one other Board Member, who is a year round resident, should be on the signature card at the Bank.
5. The Membership Chair will maintain a supply of Applications at the Golf Clubhouse. (11/29/11)
6. Major Tournament Chairs should attend a Board Meetings a month or two before their Tournament to share plans with the Board and receive the Board’s input. (Board Meeting 9/2/09)

7. GAC Committee: Two representatives of the Couples Golf Club will be included on the GAC Committee. (Long Standing)
8. Website: An updated Website was created in the summer of 2012. The website, shcouples.com, will be maintained by a member appointed by the board. This is a non-voting board position. (1/8/15)

D. Play

1. Hole-in-One Insurance – Members in good standing for Hole-in-One Insurance are eligible to receive all of the Hole-in-One Insurance funds on hand if they get a Hole-in-One at a Couples Event on the South Course during the Formal Season.
 - a. Hole-in-One Insurance is \$5/person.
 - b. A Board Member will be appointed by the President to be in charge.
 - c. A permanent continuing record will be kept, with dates, of all who have paid into the fund, all who have won the fund, and the dollar amount awarded. This record should be kept with the Treasurer's Financial Records. A current accounting will be kept with the Funds in the Pro Shop Safe. (11/29/11)
 - d. If multiple members make a hole-in-one on the same day, the money will be split evenly. (3/3/16)
2. Couples Regular Play Days: Couple's Events will generally be the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month. Holidays sometimes require a modification of the schedule. (GM 10/28/09 and reworded 4/4/13)
3. Sign-ups will be done online at the shcouples.com website beginning at 8:00 a.m. the Monday following Sunday play. Sign-ups will close at 1:00 p.m. the Wednesday before play. When sign-ups have filled the Field, players may sign up on the Wait List.
4. The Check-in Desk will close ½ hour before Start Time. All players must check in before the Desk closes.
5. No-shows
 - a. Couples who are on the play list and who wish to cancel but do not cancel with the Tournament Chair or Pro Shop, 24 hours prior to an event check-in time, will not be eligible to play in the next event.
 - b. Couples who do not cancel or show up for an event before the closing of the Check-in Desk, will not be eligible to play in the next two (2) events. (Board Meeting 1/2/14)
6. Tees: Tees will be designated by the Tournament Chair.
7. Flights: Flights will be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Chair. (11/29/11)
8. Awards: Awards will cover at least 1/3 of the Field (Board Meeting 9/02/09)
9. Rules: There will be a Rules committee consisting of the Couples Golf Board Tournament Chair, one woman knowledgeable about the Rules of Golf (preferably the SHWGC Rules Chair, if she is a member of Couples, and one man knowledgeable about the Rules of Golf (preferably the SHMGC Rules Chair if he is a member of Couples). All questions that arise during Couples Play will be taken to the Couples Golf Board Tournament Chair, who will call together the Rules Committee to make a decision. If any member of the Committee cannot be at a Couples Golf Club Event, that member will be responsible to find a substitute. (Board Meeting 1/3/13)

10. Posting Scores: Each person will post his/her own postable score. The Handicap Chair will randomly check the scorecards for accuracy. (Board Meeting 9/23/10) The Handicap Chair will send a warning by email to any member who is not posting his/her scores. If not corrected, the player's Handicap may be modified. (11/29/11)

E. Handicaps

1. The Maximum Handicap for any Couples Event will be 36 for men and 38 for women. (changed by 2011-2012 Board, implemented 11/12 modified 12/15 in accordance to 3-5a following.)
2. In accordance with the USGA Handicap Manual, Section 3-5a, and because men and women compete together in Couples Events, the Shadow Hills Couples Golf Club will add two handicap strokes to the women's handicaps of those participating in the competition. (Board Meeting 12/15/13, implemented 11/14, changed from adj off High to adj off low 12/2015)
 - a. Note: Strokes given under this procedure are to be disregarded when applying ESC for handicap purposes. (USGA Handicap Manual – Section 3-6)
 - b. For reference: USGA Handicap Manual – Section 3-5a *“Different tees usually have different ratings. Because a USGA Course Rating reflects the probably score of a scratch golfer, the higher rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating, receives additional strokes equal to the difference between each USGA Course Rating, with .5 or greater rounded upward. The additional strokes are added to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher rated set of tees”*.
 - c. All Members must maintain a GHIN Handicap. (2011-2012 Board, implemented 11/12)
 - d. To be eligible to play in an event, a player must have a GHIN Handicap by the Wednesday before the event.
 - e. Shadow Hills Couples Golf Club joined SCGA November 2012 and is now able to offer GHIN Handicaps to members not otherwise maintaining a GHIN Handicap.
 - f. Players who belong to the Shadow Hills Couples SCGA, must renew their SCGA Memberships prior to Dec. 31 of each year or their GHIN will become inactive the beginning of January. Memberships are renewed through the Couples Membership Form, which offers both Couples Membership and SCGA Membership. (4/4/13)

F. Pace of Play

1. All balls used for a Team's Competitive Score must be holed out. (Board Meeting 7/28/09)
2. For posting purposes only: If a Player's ball is obviously not going to be used for the Competitive Team Score, the player should pick up, taking his/her “most likely score”. To determine one's most likely score, the player adds together the strokes already taken on the hole, plus the number of strokes he/she would most likely take to finish the hole, not to exceed his/her ESC (Equitable Stroke Control). An X should be placed next to any score thus determined. . (Board Meeting 11/29/11)
3. PLAY READY GOLF!