

SCF Men's Golf Club (MGC)

New Member Orientation Check List

The MGC welcomes you to our ever growing group of golf enthusiasts. The MGC is made up of golfers of all different levels of skill, who enjoy friendly golf competitions. We organize Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Game Days and Tournaments throughout the year.

Listed below are a set of items that need to be completed in order to become a playing member with the MGC.

Note: Take this check list in steps. Don't try and comprehend the complete list all at once.

If you have any questions or would like to be mentored through the process, seek out a MGC Board Member, they'll be glad to help. Board members are listed on the MGC website at <http://www.mgcfestival.com/>.

BECOMING A MGC MEMBER

Register as an MGC member by going to the SCF MGC website and signing up online or by obtaining a membership form in the Pro Shop. If you register online, be sure to drop a check off in the Pro Shop for your membership fee. Checks should be made payable to MGC in the amount of \$30. Sorry NO international checks please. The website location for the MGC is <http://www.mgcfestival.com/>.

Next, go to the Arizona Golf Association website and sign up to become a member. The cost of joining the AGA is currently \$35 if paid before Jan 1st for the following year, \$40 after Jan 1st. This fee includes a \$5 fee to register as a member of the Copper Canyon Golf Club. The AGA is where you'll get your GHIN handicap number to begin recording scores and establishing a handicap. If you have a golf handicap from another source, the Pro Shop staff can help you transfer your scores to

the AGA/GHIN system, and you can begin play with us with a current handicap. The website location is <http://www.azgolf.org/>. Players may also sign up for the AGA at the Pro Shop.

Before signing up for your first MGC play day / event you should record at least 5 rounds of golf into the AGA/GHIN system. This will establish your handicap. THE AGA/GHIN system calculates handicaps on the 1st and 15th of each month so you will not see any handicap until you have enough scores recorded by one of those dates. Scores do not need to be obtained by playing Copper Canyon GC; however it does give you the most accurate reading of how you'll play on our course.

We encourage our members to join the Hole in One Program. We always have two active pools, and if a member has a hole in one during MGC Game Day Play or MGC Sponsored Tournaments, he wins the current pool receipts. Entry for each pool is \$5.

PLAYING WITH THE MGC ON PLAY DAYS

The MGC plays each week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Monday and Friday the MGC has set tee times for a maximum of 60 players (shotgun starts during the summer). Wednesday, there is a shotgun start with a maximum of 144 players (full course). NOTE: The Men's Golf Club is not a league with standings or a season. Each play day has a different type of competition for the day. Some days are team events, some are individual events. Cost to play each day is \$8 (which includes the game and closest to the pin competition), Green fees are separate. All fees are collected at check in on game day at the Pro Shop. Closest to the Pin (KP's) will be paid in cash to each winner (team or individual). Competition winnings will be paid in Pro Shop credit.

Located in the Pro Shop (on the counter, just right of the main desk) is a binder for the Men's Golf Club. In this binder are signup sheets for

each play day / event for two weeks out. There is also a list of the games to be played for each date. As a member, you can sign up for any day you wish on the appropriate day's signup sheet. As stated above, there is a limit for the number of players for each day. Once the limit is reached, there is a wait list. Should you need to cancel from a date you've signed up for, simply cross off your name from the list. DO NOT erase it and DO NOT sign in a spot where a player previously was listed. NOTE: It is your responsibility to sign up and to cross off your name from the sheet, not the Pro Shops and not another member's. Please make sure you've not signed up multiple times, especially if you are crossing off your name. You are still responsible if your name is listed more than once.

The day before a play day, the Pro Shop will make up the pairings and tee times for the next day and email them out. Make sure the Pro Shop and the MGC has your correct email address should it change and make sure that emails are allowed from these groups and do not end up in your SPAM folder. Also, please DO NOT ask for a specific playing partner or a specific tee time, it won't be granted. The Pro Shop makes up pairings to make the games that are being played as fair and fun as possible for all.

The MGC also organizes eight Member Tournaments every year. The tournaments are listed below;

- January - Match Play Tournament
- February - Member/Member Tournament
- March - Club Championship
- April - Duel in the Desert Tournament (Rounder's vs Sno-Bird's).
- June and September - Summer Sizzler Tournaments.
- November - Veterans Day Tournament
- December - Eclectic Tournament

GAME DAYS AND COMPETITION

All players will compete from the Combo Tees except those who qualify to play the Silver Tee's. If a player meets the Silver Tee qualification, he must designate the tee he wishes to play when signing up for game days.

Silver Tee Qualifications

A member shall be permitted, but not required, to play from the Silver Tees if either of the following conditions are met:

- 1) Member has a USGA handicap index of at least 18.9*
- 2) Member is at least 70 years of age and whose age and silver tee handicap are equal to or greater than 80.*

Players must show up and be ready for their assigned tee times. It is recommended players arrive 30 minutes early in order to pay their fees, load their carts, and warm up. You **MUST** be on the tee when the starter calls your group.

The MGC follows USGA rules as well as Local Rules. No Exceptions. Players play the ball where it lies and only may seek relief under the rules specified. Be familiar with and follow the USGA Rules of Golf. There are links to the Rules of Golf on the USGA and AGA websites. There is also a link from the MGC website. Local Rules are printed on the back of the Copper Canyon Score Card.

Players must play out each hole to completion with the following exception. If the game is a team competition and your score for a particular hole is not deemed necessary for that hole, a player may pick his ball and record a score that he thinks he would have gotten for that hole should he have finished the hole or he may record the maximum score his handicap allows. EX: If the game is a team game of 3 net, hole by hole, and your playing partners all have recorded a better score than you, you can pick up. NOTE: All qualifying scores will be recorded by the Pro Shop into the AGA/GHIN system.

NO gimme putts (except as explained above).

Rulings on play must be brought to the attention of the Pro Shop immediately after play. Once a score card is signed and turned in, it's official.

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE COURSE

Players, and their group, MUST maintain Pace of Play. You should be right behind the group in front of you. Don't worry about the group behind you. Slow play will not be tolerated. Player's or groups, who have been warned by the Player Assistant and do not make a concerted effort to catch up, will be penalized. Penalties may be additional strokes, loss of hole(s) or disqualification. PLAY READY GOLF.

Course maintenance – Players are asked to leave the course in better shape than they found it.

- Fix/fill in your divots and any others you see.
- Repair ball marks on the green. Not only yours, but others.
- Rake bunkers better than you found them. Rakes should be left in the bunker with only the nose of the handle pointed out of the bunker.

Use the restrooms, not the bushes. Every restroom on the course requires a key. If NO key is required, it's not a restroom.

Upon completion of your round, unload your cart, return it to the cart barn area (don't abandon it in the loading area), total your scores at a table near the Pro Shop, and turn in your score card to the Pro Shop.

Please let us know if you have questions. Board members are also available to meet you at the Pro Shop to further explain any of the

items mentioned above. Our MGC email address is scf.mgg@gmail.com.

Remember, it's only a game and we're here to have fun. We're looking forward to seeing you on the links.

Thank You,

MGC Board of Directors