

## **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 downloading a Membership Registration Form or by obtaining a form in the Pro Shop. Current MGC Dues are listed on the website and on the MGC Membership Registration Form. Be sure to drop off the form with a check attached in the Pro Shop. Checks should be made payable to MGC. 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. There is an annual fee to join the AGA. 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **GOLF GENIUS APP – (for smart Phones)**

As of 2017, MGC in conjunction with Copper Canyon Golf Course is using a Smart Phone App called Golf Genius. Simply download the app to your Smart Phone. Your logon will be your email address that you supplied during your MGC registration. You'll create a password of your choice. Once you are logged into the app, you'll see an event for SCF men's Golf Club. This is your portal into the MGC. From this app, you'll be able to sign up for events, do live scoring (MGC Events only) and get results and statistics and on just about everything.

### **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 set number of players designated by the Pro Shop (shotgun starts during the summer). Wednesday, there is a shotgun start with a designated number of players, usually a 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. There is a daily event fee (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.

Two weeks before any Game Day Event, an invitation to play will be sent to you through your email account. Simply open the email. From there you'll click on the tab to accept or decline to play.

You can also sign up by going to [scfmgc.golfgenius.com](http://scfmgc.golfgenius.com). From there you can log and sign up to play.

Should you need to cancel a particular Game Day Signup, simply log on to the app and go to the Member's Portal tab and hit enter. Next, go to Round Signup tab and hit enter again. You'll see all the Rounds you've signed up for. Make you adjustments as necessary.

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 request 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 various MGC Member Tournaments throughout the year. Examples of these tournaments are listed below;

- Member/Member Tournament
- Club Championship
- Duel in the Desert Tournament
- Summer Sizzler Tournaments.
- Veterans Day Tournament
- Eclectic Tournament

Enjoy yourself, and remember, it's only a game. We're here to have fun.

## 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 that would equate to at least a 20 handicap (without rounding up) from the Silver Tees on the 18 holes being played that day.*

*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 opt and play from the silver tees (as long as they qualify) throughout the year and in tournaments with the exception of the Gross Club Championship which is to be determined by the Tournament Committee.*

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](mailto: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