

Monterey Bay Seniors Golf Association

Membership Packet

Purpose

The Monterey Bay Seniors Golf Association (MBSGA) is a non-profit organization formed to create and develop good fellowship among senior golfers, both man and women.

History

The MBSGA was started in 1964 over a cup of coffee when Larry Hall, one of the original members, suggested that each member of the "Dawn Patrol" kick in a dollar every two weeks for prizes. It soon became necessary to have someone do handicapping and pairings. George Sharp, assisted by "Doc" Combs, handled the former, while Al Ward undertook the latter.

The first President was Col. Ralph Hansen who served from 1964 to 1967. Assisting Ralph was Bill Bullwinkle who handled scheduling, pairings, prizes, etc. One of the MBSGA's two perpetual trophies is named in Bullwinkle's honor.

The first constitution was written in 1968. In 1970, under the guidance of Monty Brundige and committee, a formal constitution was drawn up and approved in 1971 during the term of Wilbur Fair.

From the original group of 12 the MBSGA has grown to a membership of approximately 100.

Current Officers and Directors and Contact Information

The list of current officers and Directors and their contact information is available by clicking on the "Contact" tab in the banner at the top of the MBSGA website home page at www.mbsga.org.

Membership Qualifications

1. Minimum attained age of 50 years.
2. Prospective members must submit a signed MBSGA Application Form for review and approval. (The MBSGA Application Form is available by clicking on the "Membership" tab in the banner at the top of the MBSGA website home page at www.mbsga.org).
3. Each member must apply for a Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) membership through MBSGA, even if you already have one through another club.
4. New members having an established index with the NCGA may use it to participate in MBSGA competition immediately upon obtaining membership with the MBSGA.
5. New members without an established index will be designated a provisional member and may Participate in MBSGA events but will not be eligible for prize money until their index is established by the NCGA after the minimum number of qualifying rounds have been posted.

6. All members must pay annual dues (which includes NCGA dues) when due or be dropped from membership. Members may also be dropped from membership at the discretion of the Board of Directors for violation of rules or by-laws established by the Board of Directors regarding play and attendance at tournaments or behavior deemed inappropriate to the Association.

Dues and Awards

Annual Dues shall be fixed by the Board from time to time, in an amount sufficient to cover normal operating expenses, mailing costs, the cost of the annual luncheon meeting, the cost of drinks (one per participant in the tournament) when a "Hole in One" is made during an MBSGA event and the \$50 prizes awarded to the winners of the four MBSGA major tournaments. The specific amount of the Annual Dues for both new members and current member renewals are presented in the MBSGA Application Form.

Tournaments

MBSGA golf tournaments are scheduled nearly every week of the year at the various courses selected by the Tournament Director. The list of tournaments scheduled for the current year is available by clicking on the "Tournaments" tab in the banner at the top of the MBSGA website home page at www.mbsga.org.

There are four (4) MBSGA major tournaments which include:

- The Bullwinkle Tournament (a two person/better ball event that is typically held in mid-June at Pajaro Valley)
- The Ken Peterson Invitational (an Individual Point Par/Stableford scoring event typically held in mid-July at Laguna Seca.)
- The Eclectic Tournament (a two day Individual Better Hole Score event typically held in mid-August at Aptos Seascapes) and
- The Club Championship (a two day Individual Total Net and Total Gross Score event typically held in mid-September at Crazy Horse Ranch).

Each year's winners of these MBSGA major tournaments are recorded on perpetual trophies and plaques which are maintained at the MBSGA "Home Club" (Spring Hills).

Each MBSGA tournament is financed by collection of a daily entry fee which covers:

- Green fees
- Prize fund for that particular day's competition and
- Power Carts and/or Range Balls at some venues

Invited guests are welcome to participate in most MBSGA tournaments upon payment of the same daily entry fees as MBSGA members. However, a guest's individual scores will not be considered in the official scoring of the MBSGA competition of the day and guests are not eligible to receive prizes associated with the day's competition.

Tournament Sign Up

MBSGA members will receive event specific invitations via email for each MBSGA tournament. Members responding to such invitations are automatically connected to a web-based application through which

they can easily sign up to participate in the event and add guests if they wish to do so.

Games Played

The following is a description of the games played by the MBSGA.

Sweeps: This is straight individual medal play where your final Gross score is simply the sum total of your eighteen hole scores and your final Net score is simply your Gross score minus your course handicap. As usual, it is required that your 18 hole score with any adjustments required by the World Handicap System (e.g., a maximum Net Double Bogey on any hole) must be posted with the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) for the purpose of handicap maintenance. It is the player's responsibility to post their scores for all qualifying rounds immediately upon completion of the round.

Point Par (Stableford Scoring): This modified individual scoring system gives you points for net bogies, pars, birdies, eagles and double eagles. This system eliminates the big penalty for a high score on a bad hole. You keep your hole by hole score for your posting with the NCGA as usual but, on a separate line on the scorecard, you also record the points earned under the point par system. Winners are determined based upon having the most total points.

Progressive: This is a four person team scoring event where we start by scoring the best individual net score on the first hole, the two best individual net scores on the second hole, the three best individual net scores on the third hole and then start over on the fourth hole with the one best net score, etc. You keep your individual hole by hole scores for your posting with the NCGA as usual but you also include the team's progressive scores on a separate line on the scorecard

1on5s, 2on4s and 3on3s: This is a four person team format that takes the lowest individual net score on the par 5s, the two low individual net scores on the par 4s, and the three low individual net scores on the par 3s. As usual, each player's individual hole by hole scores are kept for posting with the NCGA. The sum of the team score for each hole is also submitted on a separate line in the scorecard. (A variation of this game that is also played but shares the same basic structure is "1on3s, 2on4s and 3on5s".)

Scramble: This format is the only one in which individual scores are not maintained and are not posted with the NCGA for handicap purposes. Each hole is started with all players on the team hitting their tee shot. The team then selects which tee shot they wish to use. Then all players hit their second shots from the spot of the selected tee shot and the process is repeated until the ball is holed out. Only the team score is recorded on the card. Typically, it is required that a minimum number of tee shots be used with that minimum number being dependent upon the number of players in the tee group (e.g., 3 tee shots required of a 4 player group and 4 tee shots required of a 3 player group).

4 Player 2 Best Balls: This is a four person team scoring event where the best 2 individual net scores for each hole are used to determine the team score. You keep your individual hole by hole scores for your posting with the NCGA as usual but you also include the team's two best net scores on a separate line on the scorecard.

2 Player Better Ball: This is a two person team scoring event where the better individual net score for each hole is used to determine the team score. You keep your individual hole by hole scores for your posting with the NCGA as usual but you also include the team's better net scores on a separate line on the scorecard

Eclectic: This is an individual medal play format with two rounds played on the same course on two separate days and with the results processed as follows:

- Round 1 is a straight individual medal play (i.e., “Sweeps”) event that is processed as its own independent tournament with equally sized handicapped Flights based upon the composition of the players participating in that day’s event.
- Round 2 is also a straight individual medal play (i.e., “Sweeps”) event that is processed as its own independent tournament with equally sized handicapped Flights based upon the composition of the players participating in that day’s event.
- Following the completion of Rounds 1 and 2, the “Eclectic” better hole by hole net scores from each of those two rounds are determined for each player that has played in the competition. The participants in this Eclectic competition are then grouped into another set of equally sized flights for determination of the individual flight winners and the overall winner of the Eclectic.

Club Championship: This is an individual medal play, “sweeps” format with two rounds played on the same course on two separate days and with the results processed as follows:

- Round 1 is a straight individual medal play (i.e., “Sweeps”) event that is processed as its own independent tournament with equally sized handicapped Flights based upon the composition of the players participating in that day’s event.
- Round 2 is also a straight individual medal play (i.e., “Sweeps”) event that is processed as its own independent tournament with equally sized handicapped Flights based upon the composition of the players participating in that day’s event.
- Following the completion of Rounds 1 and 2, the two round Total Gross and Total Net scores are determined those members that have completed both rounds of the Club Championship. The qualifying participants are then grouped into another set of equally sized flights for determination of the individual flight low net winners and the overall Low Net Club Champion and Low Gross Club Champion.

Player of the Year and Scoring

The player of the year award is based on the total of points earned by a member during the calendar year. Points are awarded after each tournament as follows:

- “Individual” rounds (e.g., Sweeps, Individual Point Par, etc.)
Points awarded 1st through 7th place – 10, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- “Two Person Team” events (e.g., 2 Player Better Ball, etc.)
Points awarded 1st through 6th place – 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1
- “Four Person Team” events (e.g., 4 Player 2 Best Balls, Progressive, 1on5s/2on4s/3on3s, etc.)
Points awarded 1st through 5th place – 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Newsletter

The MBSGA Newsletter is published quarterly or more frequently if a particular need arises. Each newsletter is distributed to all MBSGA Members directly via email and the most recently issued newsletter is posted to the MBSGA.org website.

MBSGA Website

The MBSGA website is located at www.mbsga.org The site provides the following information:

- Current MBSGA Newsletter
- Listing of Scheduled Tournaments
- New Membership Information
- MBSGA Board of Directors Contacts
- MBSGA Rules of Play
- Tournament Results
- MBSGA Membership Roster
- Links to the PGA Website and the NCGA Website.

MBSGA Meetings

A membership meeting is held annually at our home course, Spring Hills Golf Course, and is typically scheduled for mid-October. During the Annual Membership Meeting the club officers and directors are elected for the ensuing year and other matters may be presented for consideration at that time.

Updating Member Information

All members are asked to keep their information up to date. If you have correction or changes in your name, address, telephone number or e-mail address please send it to:

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