

ANAHEIM HILLS GOLF CLUB

MEMBER INFORMATION

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Welcome

Welcome and thank you for joining the Anaheim Hills Golf Club. The purpose of the club is to promote the enjoyment of the game of golf and foster new friendships. All current members join together in welcoming you to our club and hope that you will participate in the various activities sponsored by the club. Please feel free to call on any of the board members if you have any questions or suggestions.

In the following paragraphs you will find information that will enable you to understand how the club is organized, how the many tournaments that the club sponsors work and how to join fellow members in the pure enjoyment of the game of golf. Please read the following carefully, as this will enable you to maximize your club experience.

Club Information

There are several means the club utilizes to disseminate information that affects all members. This includes tournament schedules, tournament results, announcements, the tee times our members utilize on Saturday and Sunday, meeting schedules and a list of current board members along with their job assignments and telephone numbers. The WEB (www.anaheimhillsgolfclub.org) is the place you should reference often to find out current club news, tournament winners, future tournament formats and meeting schedules. The WEB is updated often so check it at least weekly and be sure to reference all sections to familiarize yourself with the vast amount of information that is available. The Fairway Flyer is e-mailed to every member that provides an e-mail address to our club membership chairman and contains a brief summary of club tournaments and meeting schedules along with a list of board members. Additionally a limited number of copies of the Flyer can be found on the desk containing the posting computer located in the bar area of the main clubhouse.

The bulletin board is another source of information. Posted on this board are notices that are important to the membership, results of recent tournaments and current SCGA index listings. You should check the bulletin board every time you come to the course. The board is currently located just outside the mens/womens rest rooms attached to the proshop.

Attending the clubs monthly meeting is the best way to meet members and a great way to introduce yourself to the various activities sponsored by the club. Because this is the place members sign up for Saturday and Sunday tee times (The Wheel discussed later in this document), you have an opportunity to meet some of the most vocal and long time members. The date and time for this meeting can always be found on the WEB or in the Flyer. However, unless otherwise notified (hasn't happened since I've been a member) the club general meeting is held the first Wednesday of each month at the course clubhouse. The meeting officially starts at 6:30 p.m. but dinner and good conversation starts between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday Tee Times

One of the benefits our members have enjoyed for many years are the Saturday and Sunday tee times the City of Anaheim has allocated to our club. As of this time the City gives us 16 tee times on Saturday and 16 on Sunday. These tee times are allocated to the membership via a procedure called the Wheel. Very simply, a group (4) of members get together and agree they want to play together on a regular basis. The group chooses one of its members to be the Wheel Captain. The Captain or one other selected members of the

group attend the General Meeting at which (generally following the general session) the Saturday and Sunday tee times are allocated.

New members are encouraged to meet other members that want to play on a regular bases and form a group. However, the group must have at least one member that has been in the club for a minimum of one year and who will serve as the Wheel Captain. You may ask how you get to know members that want to form a group, or how do I join an existing group? Good question.

- First and foremost, attend the general monthly meeting and get to know other members that regularly have wheel times. Ask if you can join the group as an alternate in case a member cannot play and be sure to tell the person in charge of Wheel times (usually the Rules and Greens chairperson) that you want your name placed on the Alternate List. The Alternate list can be found on the WEB and is used by Wheel Captains that are looking for players to fill vacancies on Saturday or Sunday if a regular member cannot play.
- Come early on Saturday or Sunday and sign up in the clubhouse as a single. Tell them you are a member of the Club. When you join a group made up of Club members, get to know them and let them know you are interested in substituting if one of the regular members is not available.
- Contact the board member in charge of Rules and Greens and tell him you want to be placed on the Alternate Phone List. All of the board members along with their telephone numbers are listed on the front of each Flyer. The Alternate Phone List is also published in each Flyer and posted on the Club bulletin board. Members who play regularly on Saturday and Sunday will call this list if someone in their group will be absent.

Tournaments

There is a minimum of two tournaments run by the club each and every month. There is a scheduled tournament the day of the general membership meeting (first Wednesday of each month). Sign up for the Wednesday tournament starts around 8 a.m. with the first teen time around 10 a.m. The field is generally limited to the first 44 players. The format, date and time are published on the web and also on the front page of the Flyer.

The main club tournaments are generally held on the second Saturday of each month (on tournament Saturdays regular Wheel tee times are not available). Again, the format, date and time are always published on the web and in the Flyer. The tournament committee tries to develop formats that will make it fun for all club members and will give everyone a chance to participate and win. Team tournaments (vs. individual medal play) allow friends to get together and participate in two or four man events. If you don't know anyone to sign up with, no problem, the tournament director will pair you with other members. Participating in the monthly tournaments is a great way to meet new people.

Sign ups for the monthly tournament can be accomplished at the Wednesday general meeting (another reason to attend the general meeting) or via e-mail to the tournament director. Here again refer to the WEB for the proper e-mail address. Best tee times can be had by attending the Wednesday meeting. Greens fees for the tournaments are paid by each player at the clubhouse pro shop before teeing off the day of the tournament. Tournaments are open to the first 144 members so it is wise to sign up at the Wednesday meeting. Tournament sign up is open up until the Wednesday prior to the Saturday of the tournament. Again, information concerning the format, time and date are always published in the Flyer and on the WEB.

Now that you have signed up for the monthly tournament you will need to verify your exact tee time. Tee times are only published on the Tournament page of the WEB. They are usually published by the Thursday prior to the tournament but you may need to check on Friday. No one will call you, and if by chance you signed up for a specific tee time at the Wednesday meeting, check anyway, they do change based on final counts and other problems that may occur.

Establishing an Index (Handicap)

If you did not have an established verifiable SCGA index when you joined the club you will have to begin turning in scorecards. You will automatically be enrolled in the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) as part of your membership. The SCGA is our regional golf governing body (Actually all of golf is regulated by the USGA (United States Golf Association)). Our club is a member of the SCGA and thus you will also become a member of that organization. The SCGA uses a system call GHIN that tracks and calculates our members index based on scores recorded by the members. To establish an index you must play golf and record each round. If by chance you have been saving scorecards from rounds you played prior to joining the club they may be very useful. If not, you must begin to keep them at least until you receive notification that your SCGA member number has been received and you can post directly on the Scoring Computer (read on you will find information concerning posting later in this document). Don't worry the club board member in charge of membership will turn in your name, pay the required fees and get back to you once your membership in the SCGA has been verified. In the mean time play golf, fill out a scorecard (full name must be on each card and the card must be signed by at least one other person you played with [attested]) and drop them in the club mailbox. The "box" is actually a drawer and is located in the cabinet, which houses the Scoring Computer. It is located in the clubhouse bar and is the drawer that is locked but has a mail slot. If you want to play in one of the clubs tournaments before you have established an index talk to the tournament director. Again this person's name and telephone number is listed on first page of the WEB and in the Flyer.

Remember, I mentioned the SCGA and the fact you will become a member. Well the SCGA also maintains a WEB site that is packed with information including your current index. You can access your current index and most recent scores (once it is established and posted – indexes are updated twice a month on the 1st and 15th) anytime night or day by going to the SCGA WEB site, follow the link called Handicap and enter in your SCGA/GHIN number. The WEB sit address is www.scga.org.

Posting Scores or How the Computer Works

The club maintains a computer system that allows you to post (enter) your total adjusted score following each round you play. By the way, if by chance you are new to golf most if not all courses in California and many other states that utilize the GHIN system have a computer much like ours. Therefore once you have your SCGA/GHIN number you can post rounds you play at other courses and they will be automatically tracked and forwarded to our club. Our computer is currently located in the main clubhouse bar. I guess they put it there because that's the first place we all go following either a good or bad round. Anyway, the computer does not have a keyboard rather it has a touch screen. That means you simply touch the screen with your finger. The computer is reasonably easy to follow. However, you must have an SCGA/GHIN number before you can even get started. The score you enter is your adjusted gross score. "Adjusted" is a little confusing to new members so read on and I'll try and explain.

The USGA has established the maximum number of strokes you can take on par 3's, 4's and 5's. This number is based on your current Course Handicap and is call Equitable Stroke Control. For example, if by some chance of luck you beat the 12th hole to death and end up with an 8, based on you Handicap you may only be allowed to take a 7 (double bogie). If this were the case you would have to subtract one from your gross score before entering it into the computer. Because Equitable Stroke Control can change the club always posts the current Control list along side the computer or on the bulletin board. So check before you post your score.

One last thing. The handicap chairman constantly fights the fact that members do not fill out their scorecards correctly. There is an example of a properly completed and signed scorecard posted on the web. Look this over and if you have any questions ask ask ask. You are required to turn in all scorecards, good or bad rounds. Turn them in by placing them in club mail "box" (see above). The Handicap chairman can assess penalties if the cards are not filled out correctly. He will also check to be sure all members of your

group that are members of the club posted to the computer. Remember golf is a game of honor; so be sure to post all rounds.

A Final Note

The Anaheim Hills Golf Club is made up of men and women that have a common interest, that being golf and friendship. However, no organization can run by itself. Therefore it is the duty of each member to participate in both the activities of the club and in the running of the club. We run 24 tournaments a year. This requires a lot of work and organization. The tournament director, board of directors and various committees, always need help. Once you have gotten to know these people you will find them very receptive to people asking if they can help. The board of directors generally meets right after the general Wednesday meeting in the clubhouse boardroom. All members are invited to attend and participate. This is your club, Enjoy, Participate and Help.

The last word! Like all organizations we have members that are outgoing and some that are a little shy. However, all of our members are great people and would like to get to know you, so don't hesitate in approaching any of the members if you have questions about golf or the club. Or, if you just have a good joke or want to talk.