

NINERS NEWS AND INFO

What is Niners Golf?

Niners is a nine-hole tournament that takes place Tuesday afternoons, after the Tuesday morning men's tournament. Our first group goes out at 1:00 PM, since the men are on the first tee past noon. We have been having turnouts of twenty-five or more golfers, so we are on the first tee until close to 2:00 PM. Since the men's tournament is still finishing up the back nine, coming off of hole 18 to play hole # 9, we play hole # 10 as our last hole. Niners usually occupy the front nine until about 3:30 PM.

What does it cost?

Since we only play nine holes, greens fees are half that of the men's and women's tournaments, i.e., \$1, and our prizes are correspondingly smaller (usually \$4 for first place). All fees get paid out in prizes, and 40-50% of the players win money each week. We pay 1\$ for chip-ins and \$5 for a hole-in-one. When the men's Magic Circle is on one of the holes we play, that also pays \$1.

Do I need to be on a Team?

Although we have some women who have formed teams, you don't need to be on a team to play with Niners. Groups are mixed, and you can sign up as an individual or with a partner using the Golf Genius software. Almost all of the games we play are individual, although we occasionally play a 2-player scramble. Due to the larger number of women golfers since the course reopened, women are divided into low- and high-handicap flights.

Do I need a handicap?

If you have already established an OHGC handicap, it can be used to give you a Niners handicap. If you haven't got an OHGC handicap, we start you out as a single bogey golfer and adjust after you've played a few rounds with us. Niners carries

its own handicaps for golfers who play regularly with us.

What games do we play?

Niners plays four games in the following order: Individual Low Net, Hate It! (the score for each player's worst hole is thrown out), Odd Holes and OTS (only the scores for holes one, two, three, six and seven count for the prize money). In months with five Tuesdays, we play either ILN with 3 clubs and a putter or a two-player scramble as the fifth game. The first game of each month is Ace of the Month, and in December the eleven monthly Aces play off for Ace of the Year. The Golf Genius software the club is now using would allow games like best ball, alternate shot, etc. We'd like to get players preferences on whether to add more team games or emphasize individual play.

Dues and Bag Tags

There are very few requirements to play Niners golf, but you must be a dues paying member of the golf club and have an Ocean Hills bag tag. All residents must have a bag tag to play our course. Get you bag tag at the clubhouse front desk.

Golf Genius

The golf club began using new computer software, called Golf Genius, to schedule, score and manage tournaments beginning last year. Golf Genius notifies players of upcoming tournaments a week ahead of time, set up foursomes and tee times and e-mail players this information. After a tournament, it sends out the results. Tee times and results are also posted on the OHGC website. The intent is to reduce the workload on those running the tournaments.

Questions? Need more info?

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