NINERS 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 12:30 PM, since the men are on the first tee past noon. We play hole #10 as our last hole, since the Tuesday men are coming off hole 18 to play hole 9. We have been having turnouts of thirty or more golfers, so we are on the first tee until 1:30 PM, and usually occupy the front nine until about 3:30 PM.

What does it cost?

Since we only play nine holes, greens fees are one-third 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 Unknown Golf software. Almost all the games we play are individual, although we occasionally play a 2-player scramble. Due to the larger number of women golfers, women are divided into low- and high-handicap flights. Signups are done through Unknown Golf and a tee-sheet is e-mailed to all confirmed golfers on Friday evening for the following Tuesday.

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 three rounds with us. Niners carries its own handicaps for golfers who play regularly with us..

What games do we play?

Niners play 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. On hole #8, players 75 or over can play from a senior tee at the bottom of the hill where the former women's tee was located, as a par 3 hole.

Dues and Golf 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 golf tag. Golf Club dues are $15 a year and can be paid online using the OHGC website(preferred), at the golf casa or the front desk in the clubhouse. All residents must have a golf tag to play our course. Get your golf tag at the clubhouse front desk.

Unknown Golf

The golf club uses computer software, called Unknown Golf, to schedule, score and manage tournaments. Unknown Golf notifies players of upcoming tournaments a week ahead of time, sets up foursomes and tee times and e-mails players this information. After a tournament, it calculates the results. Tee times and results are posted on the Unknown Golf website.

Questions? Need more info?
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