



Villages Women's Nine-Hole Golf Club

Information for Prospective New Members

Welcome to the Villages Women's Nine-Hole Golf Club. We hope you will enjoy playing golf with our fun group on our beautiful, senior-friendly (yet challenging) golf course.

Once you have qualified as described in the Villages Women's Nine-Hole Golf Club's Standard Operating Policies, you may play with us on Tuesday morning or in any of our club-sponsored tournaments. You will also have the opportunity to play at other Bay Area golf courses through our exchange day and open day programs.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the Membership Chair.

Orientation for Prospective New Members

1. Prospective members wishing to join the Villages Women's Nine-Hole Golf Club should have the necessary equipment (golf clubs, shoes, balls, markers, etc.) and be familiar with the rules and etiquette of golf.
2. The Membership Chair will assign you a Big Sister who will help you get acquainted with the club procedures, will answer questions on rules, etiquette, temporary handicaps, posting procedures, will introduce you to other club members.
3. The Membership Chair or your Big Sister will arrange for a qualifier to play your first game with you. One of your qualifying games must be played on the club's play day (Tuesday). Other games may be played any day of the week. You must play with a different qualifier for each game played. A list of qualifiers will be included in this e-mail.



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4. To qualify, a player must play six nine-hole games from the Number 2 tees with a designated qualifier. She must demonstrate the ability to play nine holes on The Villages course in two and a half hours or less. She must score no more than 63 from the Number 2 tees for three of the six games with a designated qualifier. One game must be played on a Tuesday during regular Swingers' play, and the six games must be within three months. The Front and the Back Nine holes must be played at least once during the qualifying period. When a player qualifies and has paid her dues, she will be issued an 18-hole GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) number and is responsible for the posting of subsequent games. Any woman with an established 18-hole GHIN handicap index may join the Swingers, but she must be able to play to the maximum score required of qualifying members.
5. After you have successfully completed your six qualifying games, the Membership Chair will contact you regarding club dues. In addition to the annual dues, there is a one-time \$10 fee for new NCGA members. There is also a one-time charge for a name badge. All charges are payable by check made out to the Villages Women's Nine-Hole Golf Club and given to the Membership Chair. After the initial charge, the annual dues will be charged to your house account.
6. An initial handicap index will be established after 54 holes have been played. The six qualifying rounds will satisfy this requirement. Once you receive your temporary handicap, you may participate in play day (Tuesday) sweeps and invitational tournaments. You may also play in Exchange Days and Open Days at other clubs. A permanent handicap is established after 144 holes have been played (16 each 9-hole rounds or eight each 18-hole rounds).
7. Once you receive your GHIN number you will need to post your scores to the "USGA" app or on the computer in the Posting Room each time you play a round of golf. Tuesday play day scores will be entered for you by the Pro Shop staff.



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2023 DUES AND FEES

Annual club membership dues of \$60.00 are charged to the member's house account each January. The fiscal year is January 1 to December 31. Annual Northern California Golf Association ("NCGA") dues of \$39 are charged to the member's house account in February.

The following is a breakdown of the dues.

- Membership in WNHGA (\$15)
- Tuesday Sweeps Prize Money (\$25)
- Hole-in-One Insurance (\$2)
- Swingers Operating Expenses (\$18)