

SUNNYVALE SENIOR CITIZENS GOLF CLUB

Frequently Asked Questions

Are the club rosters on the website?

Yes. Log into www.sssgc.org and click on More... and then FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Enter your email address and a password and Log In. First time users need to register with the webmaster at SSSGHOME@gmail.com or Tanaka.jerry@gmail.com

How is prize money collected?

Since Covid the Tournament Directors have created a Pay and Play account for HOME tournaments. Initially Members make a deposit with a Tournament Director and periodically make additional deposits to maintain a green balance. \$5 is deducted for each home tournament played. Prize money is included in the entry fee for AWAY tournaments. Any prize money that you win is credited to your account. You can access your account balance on the website.

How is prize money dispersed?

For HOME and AWAY events prize winnings are posted on the Pay and Play spread sheet (**Prizes**) referenced below and can be used for future events. Effective January 2023 SSSGC will no longer apply winnings to your Sunnyvale Golf Course GIFT CARD. The balance on your card will continue to be redeemable for green fees and merchandise at Sunnyvale and Sunken Gardens Golf Shops only. Any prize money that you win in a tournament is credited to your account (**Prizes**).

How can I receive Prize Money won?

Members may withdraw some or all of their Pay and Play balance at any time by requesting a withdrawal from the Club Treasurer.

What is Pay & Play?

Pay & Play is a spreadsheet that tracks your account balance (**Account Balance**), money collected (**Pay**), money used (**Play**), and prize money earned (**Prizes**) and is how our Home and Away tournaments' \$5 prize money ante and payout of prizes are managed. A new member will open his account with a small amount, usually \$20 (**Pay**) when he plays his first Home tournament. Give your check or cash to the Tournament Director, who will be in the Pro Shop. \$5 will be taken out (**Play**) when he actually plays in a tournament. Any prize money that the member wins in a tournament is credited to your account (**Prizes**).

How do I sign up for Tournaments?

The Tournament Director sends an email to the membership to announce the next event and you can enter with a reply. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the pro shop for the next event at the current event. For both Home and Away events, you can call or email the Tournament Director to sign up. That contact information is on the website.

How do I pay my green fees?

For Home Events each player pays his green fee/cart fee directly to the Sunnyvale Golf Shop on the day of play.

For Away Events you pay your green fee/cart fee/prize fund directly to the Tournament Director prior to the deadline so accurate arrangements can be made with the Away Tournament Course.

What happens to my Pay & Play account if I leave the club?

At the end of each calendar year, those members who did not renew will be contacted by the club treasurer to determine how to return the Pay & Play balance to the retiring member.

How does membership on the Board of Directors work?

The members of the club's Board of Directors are chosen by membership vote at the annual club banquet, held each year in October. Each seat of the board is a two-year term with no term limits. Half of the seats are voted on each year. If you have a desire for a specific position, contact the current holder of that position to work out a potential transition. If no specific position is desired, contact the club president to discuss possibilities.

Are tournament directors compensated for the time and effort they put in?

Yes, their green / cart fees for the tournament they manage are paid by the club.

Are board members compensated for the time and effort they put in?

Yes, they are partially treated to a President's Tournament, held each year in October. Partially treated means that the club allocates a specific amount that normally does not cover the entire expense of the tournament – the board members pay the difference.

How can I see how the club's money is spent?

The club's budget reports, containing budget and actual figures can be found on the "For Members Only" page on the club's website. For more detail or specific questions, contact the club treasurer.

How much of our annual dues goes to NCGA and USGA?

None of our dues goes to USGA. Starting in 2024, NCGA charges us \$46 per member. Previously, the NCGA charged \$39 for renewing members, \$49 for new members and a \$75 flat fee for the club.

How does sponsorship of members for NCGA tournaments work?

Each year the Board of Directors budgets a certain amount for sponsoring SSSGC members to play in a designated NCGA tournament. NCGA currently charges \$150 per member for each of their tournaments. One of the SSSGC home tournaments is designated as a qualifier and players are selected from that tournament to be sponsored for the NCGA tournament. The NCGA tournament is a two-part event. The first part is a qualifier held at one of the courses in the local area. Players from that qualifier are then selected for the finals – a two-day event held at one of the premiere courses in the NCGA region.

Are there Local Rules applicable to SSSGC events?

Yes. You can access that information on the website at www.sssgc.org. Select 'About Us' and 'Local Rules'.