

Encinitas Ranch Men's Golf Club

HANDBOOK *for* WEDNESDAY PLAY

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This booklet contains important information about Men's Club play on Wednesdays. Club members are expected to know and comply with these procedures and instructions. Additional policies governing Men's Club play are available in a separate publication. Failure to comply with these instructions and club policies may result in penalties or disqualification.

Please be especially aware of your position on the course. Speedy play is expected. (See the Pace of Play policy included here.) **Our Pace of Play policy will be enforced.**

We invite you to enjoy the good company of your fellow club members, fun and fair competition, and the fine golf experience at Encinitas Ranch Golf Course.

RESERVING A TEE TIME...

• Sign Up Sheet Available Wed AM

The Men's Club has tee times on Wednesday mornings reserved exclusively for members. Non-members may not play in Wednesday Sweeps competitions. These times generally begin at 7:04 and end at 9:28.

Every Wednesday morning a new sign-up sheet for the **following Wednesday** is available in the pro shop. **Legibly print your FULL NAME and SCGA #** on this sheet to enter next week's competition. If we cannot read your information and confirm your membership, your name will not be transferred to the reservation list in the pro shop computer.

As a **convenience**, a member may sign up for himself and up to three other members. Please note, however, that each person whose name is on the list is held responsible if he fails to show up for that tee time. You may be subjecting your friend to suspension by placing his name on the list if you have not been specifically asked to do so. (See the No Show Policy available in a separate publication.)

The sign-up sheet is left in place until end of day Thursday. However, there are times when all available spaces are filled by Noon Wednesday. The sign-up sheet has a "wait list" section, in which you can place your name if all other spaces are taken.

• Call the Pro Shop

At any time after Thursday, you may ask at the pro shop if there are any vacancies within the Men's Club tee times. The staff will put you on the reservation list if there is an opening.

Pro Shop: 760-944-1936

• Playing as a Walk On

If you wish to play on Wednesday, but were unable to get on the reservation list, you may walk on and play as space is available. Check in at the pro shop and with the starter when you arrive at the course, advise them that you are a Men's Club member and ask to be added to the walk on list. It is typical that there will be openings due to cancellations.

No Show Policy

In order to maintain a good relationship with the golf course, and to help ensure that tee times are available for all members who wish to play on Wednesdays, we strongly discourage no shows.

If your name is on the sign-up sheet to play in the Wednesday Men's Club tee times, **you are expected to be there.** If you cannot make your tee time, you must notify the pro shop 24 hours in advance. You will receive one warning if you fail to show up without calling the pro shop to cancel. A second failure will result in the suspension of Wednesday play privileges for one week. A third offense will result in your suspension from Men's Club activities for one month.

It does not matter whether you or someone else placed your name on the sign-up sheet. It is your responsibility to resolve any sign-up problems resulting in no shows.

BEFORE YOU PLAY...

• Check in at the Pro Shop

When you arrive at the course, pay your green fees at the pro shop desk. On the first Wednesday of the month, you may sign up for "Beat the Pro." See the description at the end of this section.

• Register for the Competition

There is a competition every Wednesday. This is a "Sweeps" tournament in which members are flighted by handicap index. (see following table). When you play in the Men's Club tee times, **entry in the competition is mandatory**—you must pay the entry fee. The entry fee for Sweeps is \$5. Exception: New members are excused from competition, only if they do not yet have a current handicap index.

To enter, use one of the envelopes located on the counter by the touch screen monitor. Complete the requested information, **put your entry fee in the envelope**, and place the envelope in the wooden lock box on the counter. The envelope with entry fee must be placed in the lock box before you play. Late entries will be disqualified from the competition.

Beat the Pro

On the first Wednesday of each month, a golf professional on staff will play in one of the Men's Club groups. Before your round that day, you may place a wager of \$5 to \$25 that your net score will beat the pro's gross score.

You can't lose! If you beat the pro, you receive a gift certificate for **DOUBLE** the amount of your wager. If the pro ties or beats your score, you still get a gift certificate equal to the **FULL AMOUNT** of your wager.

PLEASE NOTE: "Beat the Pro" gift certificates may be redeemed only for pro shop merchandise.

• Envelope Information

Print your FULL NAME legibly, If playing in the net flights, write your current SCGA Handicap Index and the Course Handicap for the tees you will be using. Check the box indicating which flight you will be playing in, based on your current Handicap Index. The Championship Flight is played at scratch, and is open to any member. The A, B, and C Net Flights are played with handicaps and the winners are determined by net score.

Select your flight according to the chart below.

FLIGHT	TEES	INDEX RANGE
Championship	Blue	(open to all)
A Net	Blue	10.0 or lower
B Net	Green	10.1–15.0
C Net	White	15.1 or higher

You may elect to play in a LOWER FLIGHT than indicated by your index in the chart above. However, to do so you must enter your Course Handicap as though your Handicap Index was at the maximum allowed in the chart above. For example, if your current Handicap Index is 14.2 and you elect to play in A Net flight from the Blue Tees, you must enter your Course Handicap as though your current Handicap Index is 10.0. In this case, your Course Handicap (16 from the Green Tees) must be entered as 11 (the Course Handicap for a player with an Index of 10.0 playing from the Blue Tees.) Check the flight box for the flight in which you wish to play.

Low handicap players may elect to compete in Championship and A Net Flights simultaneously. Any player entering both Championship and Net competitions must **check both** flight boxes on his envelope and **pay TWO entry fees**. The player must enter Handicap Index and Course Handicap information on the envelope (for A Net calculation), This player is eligible to win in either or both flights.

• Scorecards

You will be required to turn in an **individual** scorecard at the end of the round. Your official card will have **your scores only** on the card. Before you play, print your FULL NAME, SCGA #, and tees played legibly on the card. On the first tee, **exchange scorecards** with another player.

RULES and PACE OF PLAY...

• USGA Rules of Golf Apply

The Rules of Golf are strictly observed unless the format of the competition provides for special rules. Any such special rules will be made available to all players prior to the competition.

Local rules as printed on the scorecard also apply. In addition, we allow relief for embedded ball "through the green" (per Appendix I B-3a) and drop zones—if marked—may be used on Hole #'s 8, 16, and 17.

In golf, players are held responsible for knowing the rules, and every player has an obligation to see that the rules are applied. If a player allows a fellow competitor to play a mulligan, pick up a "gimme" putt, improve his lie, or otherwise breach the rules without applying the appropriate penalty, **both** will be disqualified (Rule 1-3). If a violation of rules is observed, it should be reported. (See the **Rules Violations Guidelines** available in a separate publication.)

- **Speedy Play is Expected**

The time par for Encinitas Ranch is 4 hours 20 minutes. To maintain your position on the course, play "ready golf" and be prepared to play when it is your turn. Play a provisional ball if your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds (Rule 27-2). Your group will be considered out of position if you are: 1) behind the pace required to finish in 4 Hr 20 Min, and 2) there is a gap between you and the group ahead.

Pace of Play Policy

A Player's Assistant or an official designated by the ERMGC will provide a warning if you are out of position, and will notify the pro shop that your group has been asked to close the gap. One of the PGA Professionals on duty will be sent out to monitor your pace of play. If your pace does not improve, the Professional may require your group to discontinue play of a hole, or skip a hole, and move to the next tee. **In this situation, all players in the group must record the gross score that would result in NET BOGEY on the hole not completed.** Any group affected by this pace of play scoring adjustment must inform the official scorer of the circumstances on completion of the round.

AFTER YOU PLAY...

- **Scorecards**

To be "official," your card must have **only your scores** and no other player's scores. Confirm that the correct scores for each hole are printed legibly, and that **you and your marker have signed and dated** the card. Check to see that your FULL NAME, SCGA #, tees played, gross score, handicap, and net score are **LEGIBLE** on the card. If any of the information on your card is illegible, you will be disqualified. **Place your scorecard in the index box** on the counter by the monitor. File your card alphabetically behind the tab corresponding to the first letter of your last name.

- **Fill in the Posting Sheet**

Locate the posting sheet for your flight and accurately complete the required information—including your SCGA #, your FULL NAME, your gross score, your course handicap, and your net score.

- **Post Your Score in the Computer**

Enter your **adjusted gross score** in the computer. Adjust your total, if necessary, according to the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) chart posted on the bulletin board. Do **not** enter any score from Wednesday play as a tournament score. Note: failure to post scores or posting scores inaccurately can result in the posting of a PENALTY ROUND by the handicap chairman. (See the **Score Posting Policy**. Available in a separate publication.)

- **Gift Certificates Awarded**

All prizes are awarded in the form of Encinitas Ranch Pro Shop Gift Certificates. These can be redeemed for merchandise, range balls, golf lessons, or JC Resorts Players Club memberships. Gift certificates can be claimed within 2-3 days after the competition by asking for them in person at the pro shop desk. Check the website to see if you won. Results are usually posted by the end of the next day.

- **Prize Fund Based on Entries**

The total prize fund available varies each Wednesday according to the number of participants. All entry fees received are paid to the day's winners along with a subsidy from Men's Club funds. The amount awarded in each flight is proportionate to the number of players in the flight. There are separate Longest Drive and Closest to Pin awards for Blue, Green, and White tees.