



Come play with us!

Santa Clara Golf Club is accepting new members.

Some of the benefits you will receive as a SCGC member are:

- We track and manage your NCGA Handicap.
- NCGA Individual, Two-Man, and Four-Man Tournaments.
- You are provided a discount at Poppy Ridge and Poppy Hills (two great courses)
- Great tournament starting times – Sunday/Saturday mornings
- Prize money - Low and High handicap divisions
- Six more opportunities to win - Closest to the Pin contests on 5 holes & Low Putts each tournament
- Over 20 tournaments each year – allows you to compete on some of the Bay Area's best courses
- Winner's Trophies for selected tournaments (low net), the Club Championship, the Tournament of Champions and the Clara Cup Points Winner (Player of the Year)
- Friendly Competition - New friends and fellowship - All Handicap levels
- Select the tournaments you want to play
- Annual SCGC 4-day Reno Tournament
- Members Annual Holiday Party included with membership
- Open Board of Directors meetings invite members comments and suggestions

Santa Clara Golf Club 2021 Schedule

| Day | Date | Time | Location | Format/Event | Cost | Coupon due |
|-----|--------|-------|-----------------------------------|--|----------|------------|
| Sat | Jan-02 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$67 | Dec-23 |
| Sat | Jan-16 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$67 | Jan-06 |
| Sat | Feb-06 | 9:00 | Salinas Fairways | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$61/79 | Jan-22 |
| Sun | Feb-21 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$67 | Feb-11 |
| Sun | Mar-07 | 9:30 | San Ramon | NCGA 2-Man Best Ball Qualifying (Carts Optional) | \$60/72 | Feb-20 |
| Sun | Mar-21 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$67 | Mar-11 |
| Sun | Apr-11 | 9:00 | De Laveaga | Individual | \$97 | Mar-27 |
| Sun | Apr-18 | 10:00 | Shoreline | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$67/82 | Apr-03 |
| Sun | May-02 | 9:00 | Las Positas | Associate Club Qualifying - Round 1 | \$84 | Apr-17 |
| Sun | May-16 | 10:00 | Seascape | Associate Club Qualifying - Round 2 (Carts Optional) | \$62/77 | May-01 |
| Sun | Jun-13 | 9:00 | Laguna Seca | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$88/107 | May-29 |
| Sun | Jun-27 | 10:00 | Shoreline | Individual (Carts Optional) | \$67/82 | Jun-12 |
| Sun | Jul-11 | 10:00 | Seascape | 2-Man Scramble (Carts Optional) | \$62/77 | Jun-26 |
| Sun | Jul-25 | 9:02 | San Juan Oaks | NCGA Senior 4-Ball Net Qualifying | \$98 | Jul-10 |
| Sun | Aug-08 | 9:00 | Metropolitan | Individual | \$86 | Jul-24 |
| Sun | Aug-22 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Club Championship, Medal Play (Carts Optional) | \$77 | Aug-12 |
| Sat | Aug-28 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Club Championship, Semi-Finals (Carts Optional) | \$49 | n/a |
| Sun | Aug-29 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Club Championship, Finals (Carts Optional) | \$49 | n/a |
| Thu | Sep-09 | 8:45 | Lakeridge | Cha-Cha-Cha | \$125 | Aug-01 |
| Fri | Sep-10 | 10:30 | Toiyabe | Individual/2-Man/4-Man | \$350 | Aug-01 |
| Sat | Sep-11 | 9:00 | Eagle Valley West | Individual/2-Man/4-Man | n/a | Aug-01 |
| Sun | Sep-12 | 7:30 | Wolf Run | 4-Man Scramble | n/a | Aug-01 |
| Sat | Sep-25 | 9:12 | Calippe Preserve | Individual | \$103 | Sep-10 |
| Sat | Oct-09 | 10:00 | Tilden Park | Individual | \$87 | Sep-24 |
| Sat | Oct-23 | 9:30 | Poppy Ridge | Individual | \$110 | Oct-08 |
| Sat | Nov-13 | 10:00 | Seascape | Tournament of Champions (Carts Optional) | \$62/77 | Oct-29 |
| Sat | Nov-20 | 8:45 | Sunnyvale | Turkey Shoot (Carts Optional) | \$67 | Nov-10 |
| Sat | Dec-11 | 8:00 | Sunnyvale | Christmas Tournament (Carts Optional) | \$67 | Dec-01 |

Santa Clara Golf Club

Club Rules

To be eligible to participate in the 4-man, 2-best ball Zone Qualifying , the 2-man best ball Qualifying, the Individual Net Qualifying and the Club Championship, you must have played in at least 2 club tournaments in the prior 12 calendar months (as of the qualifying date.) The Board of Directors may authorize exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

All players will use their USGA index to determine the Course Handicap for tournaments. Players not having an index will be placed in a "Guest" flight until an index is established or a minimum of 5 recent scores are submitted so we can calculate a temporary index for you.

If you are a Life Member, you must play in at least 3 tournament rounds in the calendar year to be eligible to retain that status for the following year(s). Any default in these obligations may cancel the Life Membership of the beneficiary at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

SCGC Club Handicap Index

In 2012, the Board elected to institute a "Club Handicap Index". This index is calculated using the same formula as the USGA Index with these exceptions:

Only the most recent 25 official club tournaments are examined
The players lowest SCGC tournament scores are used as follows:

1-3 rounds played – 1 score used
4-5 rounds played – 2 scores used
6-7 rounds played – 3 scores used
8-9 rounds played – 4 scores used
10+ rounds played – 5 scores used

A new index value is calculated after each SCGC tournament and as USGA indexes are updated. For SCGC tournaments, player's indexes will be used from the Monday prior to the tournament.

The details and examples of the formula used by the USGA can be found here:

[USGA Handicap Index Calculation Formula](#)

Once the "Club Index" has been calculated, it is compared to the player's current USGA index using the same formula the USGA uses for their "Most Improved Player" calculation:

Improvement Factor = (Current USGA Index + 12) / (Calculated Club Index + 12)

If at any point a player's Improvement Factor is over 10%, the Club Index will be used to calculate a course handicap for club tournaments.

Here are a few examples with players of different abilities and all with a net difference of 2.5 in the USGA to Club Indexes:

$((7.5 + 12) / (5.0 + 12) = 1.1470 = 14.70\%)$ – Use Club Index (Reduced)
 $((17.5 + 12) / (15.0 + 12) = 1.0926 = 9.26\%)$ – Close, but use USGA Index
 $((27.5 + 12) / (25.0 + 12) = 1.0676 = 6.76\%)$ – Use USGA Index

You can check your Club Index and differentials used on the detailed Current Handicap Report under the "Reports" section of the home page. The "New Formula" in red are over 10%; green is between 0% and 10%; blue is less than 0%.

Tournament Rules

It is mandatory that you sign-up for all tournaments, both home and away, so that a firm number can be given to the golf course. Sign-up will be by returning the coupons along with your payment. You can also now sign up through the website and mail your payment separately or pay with PayPal.

Mail coupons and entry fees to Santa Clara Golf Club-1347 Coniston Ct, San Jose, CA 95118

For home tournaments we will collect the tournament entry fee only, not green or cart fees. For away tournaments, total fees will be collected (green, cart, and entry fees). A voluntary closest to pin contest (\$5) and low putts (\$1) is also available at all tournaments.

Any member wishing to play after the tournament has filled up or is past the cutoff date will be placed on a waiting list.

Any member who signs-up for a tournament and cancels after the cutoff date will be responsible for any cost the club incurs due to the cancellation.

A list of the tee times will be posted on the SCGC website usually 3 days prior to the date of the tournament or you can call the Tournament Chairman to get your time. **It is your responsibility to check for your time, don't expect someone to call you.**

The club collects hole-in-one insurance for members wishing to participate. It is \$10 and is collected by the Tournament Chairman or Treasurer. The pot will only be paid to a member who gets a hole-in-one at any of our tournaments if he has paid into the insurance. At the beginning of each year or if anyone collects, it is your responsibility to "renew your policy" by paying another \$10 premium.

Guests are allowed at tournaments with the following conditions: You must play with your guest(s). No guest is eligible for club prize money and prize fees will not be collected. Guests may only play if the tournament is not full with members. **This rule is not in effect for the Reno Tournament.**

Prices for any away tournament are subject to change. The club will try to give as much advance notice as possible, however if we don't find out until the day of play, you will be responsible for getting the increased amount to the club treasurer or tournament chairman. The prices for the Reno tournament may not be determined until the courses open in April.

All tournament ties will be decided by taking the gross score for the final nine holes and deducting 1/2 of the handicap. If there is still a tie, take the final six holes then the final three. If there is still a tie, net scores will be backed up from the 18th hole.

Tournament handicaps are calculated using the player's index as of the Monday prior to play.

All players can play either the designated "Regular" tees or the "Back" tees. On courses that have 3 sets of Men's tees, players 60+ and with an index 18.0 or higher can elect to play any set of tees, "Forward", "Regular" or "Back". Course handicaps are calculated using the slope of the tees chosen and then adjusted by the difference in the course rating of the "Regular" tees. (The "Back" tees will have a higher rating and the "Forward" tees will have a lower one.)

At all tournaments a Pace-of-Play rule is in effect. All members of a group that finishes 30 minutes or more behind the group in front of them may be subject to a 2-stroke penalty at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Ed Ryan, Tournament Chairman

Santa Clara Golf Club

Handicap Rules

Procedure for Adjusting Your Scores

The USGA & NCGA system for adjusting your score for posting is as follows:

The maximum allowable score for posting purposes is a net double-bogey on any hole. Use your course handicap to determine which holes you get strokes on and adjust your gross score if on any hole you exceed par plus 2 plus your handicap strokes.

Rules For Marking Score Cards and Posting

1. Each score card must include the following information:

Date the round was played.

Each players full name. Always include last names.

All gross scores as well as adjusted scores

Each score card must be signed and attested.

2. A penalty may be imposed for repeated failure to turn in a properly completed score card.

3. At Santa Clara GC tournaments, both "home" and "away" post your own score on the computer at the course or through the internet or mobile app. If we are playing an NCGA qualifying tournament, then post the score as a "Competition" round. (Change round type to "C".)

4. All other scores (for **ALL** other rounds) must be posted by the member. It is the member's responsibility to post all their scores to maintain an equitable handicap index.

Penalties

An index may be arbitrarily reduced if a player does not turn in all of his scores, or does not observe the spirit of the handicap system.

Failure to post your adjusted score at any tournament may result in a penalty round being posted against you.

Perry Forschino, Handicap Chairman

Santa Clara Golf Club Clara Cup Point System

Points are awarded for Santa Clara Golf Club tournaments beginning each year in January and culminating with the Tournament of Champions tournament in November. The individual with the most points will be awarded the Clara Cup as Player of the Year presented at the annual Holiday Party.

Points available are increased for the “Major” tournaments during the year.

Points are awarded as follows for every “Regular” tournament:

Net Scores:

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| A and B flight 1 st Place: | 25 points |
| A and B flight 2 nd Place: | 20 points |
| A and B flight 3 rd Place: | 15 points |
| A and B flight 4 th Place: | 10 points |
| A and B flight 5 th Place: | 5 points |

For the Individual Qualifying and 2-Man Qualifying tournaments additional points are awarded as follows:

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| 1 st Place: | 25 points |
| 2 nd Place: | 20 points |
| 3 rd Place: | 15 points |
| 4 th Place: | 10 points |
| 5 th Place: | 5 points |

For the 4-Man qualifying 36-hole tournament additional points are awarded as follows based on 36-hole net:

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| 1 st Place: | 25 points |
| 2 nd Place: | 20 points |
| 3 rd Place: | 15 points |
| 4 th Place: | 10 points |
| 5 th Place: | 5 points |

For the Club Championship (match play portion) additional points are awarded as follows:

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| 1 st Place: | 25 points |
| 2 nd Place: | 20 points |
| 3 rd and 4 th Place: | 15 points each |

For the Tournament of Champions points are awarded as follows:

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| 1 st Place: | 50 points | 6 th Place: | 25 points |
| 2 nd Place: | 45 points | 7 th Place: | 20 points |
| 3 rd Place: | 40 points | 8 th Place: | 15 points |
| 4 th Place: | 35 points | 9 th Place: | 10 points |
| 5 th Place: | 30 points | 10 th Place: | 5 points |

In the event of a tie, the tie-breaker rules are:

1. Number of “Wins” – 1st place finishes
2. The average points earned in events played (Total points/# events.)
3. Final place in the Tournament of Champions event

Local Rules for the Santa Clara Golf Club

The USGA Rules of Golf govern play and are supplemented by the NCGA Hard Card and the following Condition of Competition and Local Rules:

-Pace of play: As a Condition of Competition, players are subject to a two stroke penalty for failing to complete their round within 30 minutes of the preceding group. To assist the Tournament Committee in tracking the time gaps, players should note the time your group completes the 18th hole and record it on your official scorecard.

-Teeing area: At Santa Clara Golf Course, players must play from the appropriately colored (Black, Blue or White) permanent NCGA stones in the ground within an area of two club lengths front-to-back from a point parallel to the stones within the prepared teeing area.

-Temporary immovable obstructions (TIO's): The Local Rule prescribed in Appendix I-A-4b is in effect. Port-a-potty restrooms, portable lighting and generator equipment are TIO's. A player is entitled to relief from interference by a TIO to the player's stance, area of intended swing or line of play including the line of play plus one club length. Relief may be taken within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief from the TIO no nearer the green.

-Winter rules/Preferred lies (When declared to be in effect by the Tournament Director): A ball lying in a closely mown area (fairway-height grass) through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the spot the ball originally lay.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed. If a ball when placed comes to rest on the spot it was placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies.

-Cleaning ball (When declared to be in effect by the Tournament Director): Because of extreme wet/muddy conditions, a ball may be cleaned without penalty anywhere through the green (not just in a closely mown area). The position of the ball must be marked before it is lifted and must be replaced at the exact spot from which it was lifted.

-As an alternative to re-hitting from the same place for a lost or out-of-bounds ball, a player may, under penalty of 2 strokes take relief as follows (When declared to be in effect by the Tournament Director):

Lost ball--The relief area can be large because it is defined as the area between two lines: a line formed by the hole and the ball reference point which is where it is known that a ball was lost; and the line from the hole to the fairway reference point which is the nearest fairway-height grass no nearer the hole plus two club lengths. The ball may be dropped anywhere in this area but not in a penalty area or bunker or green.

Out of bounds--The area in which you may take relief is large because it is defined as the area between two lines: a line from the hole through the ball reference point which is where the ball last crossed the course boundary; and the fairway reference point which is the nearest fairway-height grass no nearer the hole plus two club lengths.

The ball may be dropped anywhere in this relief area.

For the full rule with illustrations and details see USGA [Local Rule E-5](#)



Local Rules And Terms Of Competition For 2020 NCGA Competitions

The *Rules of Golf* as approved by the USGA and The R & A govern play. The following Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all NCGA competitions, along with additional Local Rules or Terms as may be supplied. Complete text of Rules and Model Local Rules may be found in the current edition of the *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf*.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty:

Match play—Loss of Hole

Stroke play—Two Strokes

Local Rules

SCORECARD—Any Local Rules listed on the club scorecard or posted at the host club are unofficial and have no status in NCGA competition.

PENALTY AREAS—When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR—Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair (Rule 16.1).

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS—White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially-surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS—include cables, rods, wires and wrappings when closely attached to trees or boundary objects.

AERATION HOLES—Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule E-4.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF(SOD SEAMS)—Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-7.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY—An immediate suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged airhorn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive airhorn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short airhorn notes. See Rule 5.7b.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS—Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule F-23.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS—Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule G-1.

REPLACEMENT OF BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUBS—Model Local Rule G-9 is in effect.

BALL PLAYED FROM OUTSIDE RELIEF AREA WHEN TAKING BACK-ON-THE-LINE RELIEF—Model Local Rule E-12 is in effect.

Terms of the Competition

DISQUALIFICATION—In an individual competition, when a player breaches a Rule where the penalty is disqualification, the player must leave the course immediately.

OFFICIAL TIME—The clock at the teeing area of the hole where the players begin their round is the official time of the competition. Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should arrive at their assigned tee 10 minutes prior to their starting time.

SERIOUS MISCONDUCT—Disruptive or inappropriate behavior contrary to the good conduct of the tournament in the determination of the Committee will not be tolerated. Examples include (but are not limited to): club-throwing, loud or obscene language, causing unnecessary damage to the course or facility, derogatory or abusive language toward other players, officials and/or course staff or consistent disruptive behavior such as excessive cell phone use. The penalty for Serious Misconduct is **Disqualification**. Further disciplinary action may also be imposed, including suspension from future events.

PLAYING AND LISTENING TO MUSIC—In NCGA competitions, playing and listening to music for any reason, whether through speakers or headphones, is prohibited. The penalty for a Breach of this Term is:

First Breach—Warning

Second Breach—General Penalty

Third Breach—Disqualification

Note: Listening to music to eliminate distractions or to assist with swing tempo is covered by Rule 4.3, not this Term.

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL—A competition is final when the result has been officially announced or in stroke-play qualifying followed by match play when the player has teed off to start their first match (Rule 20.2e (2)). The result of a match is final when the Committee has approved the result as posted on the public scoreboard.

DRESS CODE—PLAYERS and CADDIES must be properly attired both on the golf course and on the premises of the club. Blue jeans, designer jeans, T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Golf shirts must be worn and shorts must be of appropriate length (no jean shorts). This dress code will be used at all NCGA tournaments in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the particular golf course involved. **A player or caddie violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. A violation during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player or caddie will not be permitted to continue.**

PLAYER CARTS AND SPECTATOR CARTS—During NCGA Championships, including all qualifying rounds, a maximum of two carts are allowed per group. **Players with more than two carts in a group will not be permitted to continue until the players have joined into two carts.** In those events in which the player is prohibited from riding, the player's caddie is also prohibited from riding, but the player may use a push/pull cart or a battery operated remote control cart to transport their clubs if permitted by the host course.

Spectator carts are not allowed. A spectator cart is defined as a cart which is **not** used to transport a player's clubs, and the person(s) in the cart is (are) not a player or a player's caddie.

A player cart may be used by the player and/or their caddie to transport a player's clubs. A player may walk and their caddie may drive. A caddie may carry a player's bag and the player may ride. A non-player occupying the cart used to transport the player's clubs is a caddie.

Only the player or caddie may ride in the cart. If a person other than the player or caddie moves the cart in a "casual act" the *Rules of Golf* do not consider this individual to be a caddie or the player to have two caddies and there is no breach of Rule 10.3a.

PACE OF PLAY—See separate pace of play guidelines.

Santa Clara Golf Club NCGA Qualifying Tournament Rules (Sourced and edited from the NCGA Rules Book)

Please verify your availability for the event play dates prior to attempting to qualify... Players to pay entry fee (\$135 each) into any event(s).

ASSOCIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – 4-Man, 2 Better Ball

ELIGIBILITY: NCGA Associate Club members ONLY. Multi-members can only represent one club. Each Associate Club may enter one team. Clubs may enter a second team so long as at least one team is comprised of all female players. Players must have reached their 18th birthday on or before August 30, 2021 and have a numeric handicap index listed on their club's master report on the date of registration.

SCGC CLUB QUALIFYING RULES: Any eligible player that wishes to try to represent the club must pay the additional entry fee and inform the tournament committee prior to teeing off on the first hole of Round 1 of the qualifier. The 3 lowest net 36-hole individual scores (or alternates) will join the prior year's Clara Cup winner to make up the team. Players will qualify using 100% of their course handicap but are capped to an index of 18.4 as will be done in the NCGA event. Indexes may change between rounds as the qualifying tournaments are also individual club events.

FORMAT: Best two balls of four net stroke play. 18 holes qualifying. 24 teams advance to the championship. The Championship Proper is 36 holes (18 holes per day). Play will be 85% of the Course Handicap using a maximum handicap Index of 18.4. All players with a valid handicap index, including those of 18.5 and above, are eligible but must play to a maximum handicap index of 18.4.

FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP – 2-Man Better Ball

ELIGIBILITY: NCGA Associate Club member clubs ONLY may send up to THREE teams. Multi-members can only represent one club. No players under 18 years of age. Must have a numeric handicap index listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

SCGC CLUB QUALIFYING RULES: Any eligible 2-Man team that wishes to try to represent the club must pay the additional fee and inform the tournament committee prior to teeing off on the first hole of Round 1 of the qualifier. The team with the lowest net 2-Man score (or alternates) will qualify.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: Clubs are entitled, but not required, to submit a specific number of teams based on their active golfing membership as of their **January 1** Master Report as shown below. 1 - 2 person team: 20-150 active golfing members
2 - 2 person teams: 151-350 active golfing members
3 - 2 person teams: Over 350 active golfing members

FORMAT: Four-Ball (Two-Person Better Ball) net stroke play. 18 holes for qualifying. 36 holes, 18 holes per day for the championship proper. Play will be 85% of the course handicap using a maximum handicap index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with valid handicap indexes, including those of 18.5 and above, are eligible but must play to a maximum handicap index of 18.4.

SENIOR FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP – 2-Man Better Ball

ELIGIBILITY: All NCGA member clubs may send up to THREE teams. Multi-members can only represent one club. Players must have reached their 55th birthday on or before September 13, 2021 and have a numeric handicap index listed on their club's Master Report on the date of registration.

SCGC CLUB QUALIFYING RULES: The club qualifying round is different for this "unofficial" event. Any eligible player that wishes to try to represent the club must inform the tournament committee prior to teeing off on the first hole the first hole of the qualifier (no additional fee is collected.) The two lowest net individual scores (or alternates) will make up the team.

FORMAT: Four-Ball Stroke Play (Two-Person Better Ball). 18 holes for qualifying. 36 holes, 18 holes per day for the championship proper. Play will be 85% of the course handicap using a maximum handicap index of 18.4 for calculation. All players with valid handicap indexes, including those of 18.5 and above, are eligible but must play to a maximum handicap index of 18.4.