

Who We Are

Our Website

We only recently started a website to have better communications with our members and to provide information for golfers who might be interested in joining the Golfari Club.

Our website is organized into six main sections, each of which is represented by selection button on the first page. The first selection, ***Who We Are***, brings you to this page. The second selection, ***Newsletter***, contains our monthly newsletter where we report on various activities of the club, birthdays and anniversaries, as well as providing a few much needed golfing jokes. The third selection, ***Tournaments***, is where we provide information about upcoming tournaments and results from the previous tournament. It is also where we publish our annual schedule. The fourth selection, ***Recent Outings***, is where we post photos from recent tournaments and extended golf trips. The fifth selection, ***Member Info***, is devoted to member information including a roster of our members, a photo gallery of members, an application form for new members and other member-related information. The last selection, ***Club Stuff***, is where we post our guidelines and policies, special rules and the listing of our club officers. .

Who Belongs

Golfers who are looking for an informal type of club that focuses more on the fun aspects of golf rather than playing for big money or being so serious that every putt is considered to be of earth shaking importance will love the Golfari Club. While the club has members in a wide variety of skill levels and always has a “game” to be played and won, it is not so dedicated to competition that it forgets why we took up the game in the first place—to have fun!

The club has a large number of member couples but also a fair number of singles. If you look at our ***Member Gallery*** you will see photos of our members. We try to keep that gallery current, mainly to help members learn the faces and names of other members.

As with any good golf club, the Golfari Club does not discriminate on any basis except that members must enjoy golf and must have a USGA recognized handicap. The club is a Southern California Golf Association affiliate club and provides memberships and handicap services through that organization for its male members. Women Golfari Club members belong to the Women’s Public Links Golf Association of Southern California.

Club Tournaments

All the club’s tournaments are coed, but within each event there are separate competitions for men and women in such areas as closest to the pin and long drive. That provides a fairer opportunity for both sexes to enjoy success.

Virtually all Golfari Club tournaments involve some sort of team format. It is rare that we play only on an individual medal-play basis. The team formats give our players an opportunity to contribute to a team’s winning score even if they have had some bad holes. Most of our rounds are “postable” in that each player has an earned, individual score, but the club also plays a number of rounds each year that involve non-postable rounds such as scrambles and shambles.

Because the membership covers a wide spectrum of handicaps, male members normally play on the middle or forward men’s tees and female members normally play from the regular (red) ladies’ tees, with some exceptions

when conditions warrant it. If you are a super-long knocker of the ball and like to play from the back tees, this is probably not a good club for you.

Where We Play

The club schedules one-day tournaments at various Southern California golf courses most months. As you can see from our annual schedule, the bulk of our one-day tournaments are played at courses located in Riverside, San Bernardino or San Diego counties. That's where most of the newer, less utilized golf courses are located. It's also where many of our members live. About one third of our current members live in Sun City, Palm Desert or nearby. However, we also have many members from other areas.

Multi-day Tournaments

In some months the club schedules multi-day, travel tournaments. At these types of outings our membership is basically divided between those staying in a hotel and those traveling by RV. We have a fairly large group of RVers among the membership and they normally travel in their RVs whenever the club is going to a multi-day event. For the remaining members, it is usually required that they stay at the hotel selected by the tournament chairperson. In most cases, the hotel costs are built-in to the event fee. The RV members usually stay at the same RV park and often caravan to the location. For both groups, transportation to the golf location is normally up to the member and is therefore not included in the event fee.

The first of these multi-day outings is normally scheduled for a month in spring and is usually only for about five days. The second of the outings is normally scheduled for a summer month and is usually for anywhere from ten days to two weeks. Photos from some of our prior events are provided in the ***Recent Outings*** section. If you look at the tournament schedule under the ***Tournaments*** selection you can see where our long trips for this year will take place.

Annual Banquet

At the end of the year the club sponsors a free tournament and banquet for all members who have played eight or more tournaments during the year. At the banquet prizes are awarded for the year's point's earnings.

Club Rules, Guidelines and Policies

The club has adopted a few "local committee" additions to the USGA rules as noted in ***Joe's Rules***. Overall, however, our members are definitely encouraged to play in strict accordance with the USGA's Rules of Golf. Additionally, the club has adopted guidelines and policies regarding membership and conduct. Anyone interested in joining the club should read both ***Joe's Rules*** and the ***Guidelines and Policies***. Both are found under the ***Club Stuff*** selection.

Communication

Our current practice is to use our website to inform members of upcoming tournaments, tournament results, photos of recent outings, and club rules and policies. Sign-up forms for tournaments and club dues are also provided on the website. Members who do not have internet facilities will receive a monthly mailing providing this same information, except for the photos of recent outings. Normally, when any significant changes are made to the website an email is sent to all members who have an email address.

If you have any questions about the club, please send an e-mail to the club officer noted on the ***Club Officers*** page. If you have any questions about this website, please send an e-mail to the webmaster using the selection on the ***Club Officers*** page.

