

Seville Men's Golf Association Saturday Golf Game

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The focus of these games is to promote the SMGA goal of having fun through competitive golfing while developing camaraderie amongst the members. Throughout most of the Saturdays in the year, the SMGA regularly schedules a men's group golf game on Saturday morning that is open to all SMGA members. The Seville Golf Staff blocks out up to 48 player spots (12 tee times) for this Saturday morning event.

Participants – Members, Junior Members and Guest

The Saturday Golf Game is a men's only event sponsored and operated by the SMGA in conjunction with the Seville Golf Staff. All men who are members of the Seville Golf and Country Club are automatically members of the Seville Men's Golf Association. No special dues are required to be a member of the SMGA. Thus, all men members of the Seville Golf and Country Club that are eligible to play on Saturday mornings based on their membership level, are invited to participate in the SMGA Saturday Golf Game.

In special situations a member may be included in the Saturday Golf Event even if he plays in a group prior to the earliest established SMGA tee time as long as he (1) gets consent from either an SMGA Board member or a member of the Seville Golf Staff and (2) plays in a group with another Seville member.

Junior members aged 14 or older with an established handicap may also compete in the Saturday Golf Game. Members younger than 14 can accompany an adult on an availability basis. The member is responsible for understanding the rules associated with the junior member's amateur status and the ability to continue to participate in amateur sports.

Guests with verifiable GHIN or GHIN association equivalent handicaps are allowed to participate in the Saturday Golf Game based on space availability and prior sign up and approval. The associated member needs to check in with the golf shop on Wednesday morning to arrange/confirm for his guest to play. Guests are limited to one per member except in special situations and at no time will a guest take away a member's spot in the event.

Golf Games

The competitions are designed to provide for a round of golf that can usually be posted for handicap purposes. Competitions are selected from the following list (not all inclusive) and coordinated with the SMGA board and the Golf Staff.

INDIVIDUAL	2 MAN TEAM	3 MAN TEAM	4 MAN TEAM
Div Individual Net	2 Man T&F	3 Man 666-123	Shanley-13-24-35
Div Individual Net 17	2 Man Twisted T&F	3 Man 15 24 33	Shanley-23-34-45
Div Individual Stableford	2 Man Net BB	3 Man Aggregate Best Net 17	Shanley-33-24-45
Div Individual Chicago	2 Man Aggregate		Shanley-43-34-25
Div Individual The Train	2 Man Aggregate Best Net 17		666-123
Individual Make Your Number	2 Man Odd or Even		666-234
	2 Man Net WB		4 Man 4 Net BB
			4 Man 2 Net BB
			4 Man 3 Net BB
			Pink Lady

Schedules

The SMGA Board along with the Seville staff develops a weekly schedule each year that is posted on the SMGA website. Games are rotated throughout the year with about 70% being individual games and the rest being a mixture of 2-man, 3-man and 4-man games. Individual games are usually scheduled heavily in the front half of the year to allow for Match Play to occur during the Saturday round. Individual games are also typically scheduled for the first week of each month to accommodate Make Your Own Foursome Saturday's. Games are typically not scheduled on Saturdays that fall on a Holiday so that the members (Parent/Husband) are not challenged to be away from his family on a Holiday.

Sign-up

The sign-up for the Saturday Golf Event can be done through the Tee Times system located on the Seville website or by directly contacting one of the Seville Golf Staff. The sign-up for the event on the Tee Times system is normally opened three weeks in advance of the event and closes one week in advance of the event. Golfing foursomes and tee times are typically established by noon on Thursday. Late sign-ups may not be able to be accommodated as the golfing staff frees up non-used SMGA tee times back to the Seville membership one week in advance of the event. Also, these events can be full at times, so it is advisable to register for the event early.

Foursomes/Teams

With one of the goals of the SMGA being to promote interaction amongst its members, efforts are made to mix up playing partners each week. As such, calling and asking to play with only select members is discouraged, except for a Make Your Own Foursome event.

The SMGA recognizes that family members and member/guest pairing request in foursomes are special and will normally honor those pairing requests. However, for team games, these same requests for special pairings should not result in team pairings.

When a team game is scheduled for the Saturday event, the teams are usually drawn from the field of participants based on total team handicap. An effort is made by the Golf Staff and the SMGA board to balance the teams with players from all handicap levels and yet vary the teams from week to week to promote camaraderie within the SMGA. Last minute signups or cancellations can make this task very difficult and may result in teams with blind draws required to balance their total handicap. Blind draws are random and made by the Golf Staff prior to scoring.

The first event each month is Make Your Own Foursome. Contact the club if you would like a select group of players in your foursome. Otherwise, the club will arrange the foursome randomly as it does on other weekends.

Last-Minute Cancellations and No-Shows

As noted above, last-minute cancellations (or no-shows) create issues when team games are played. For some players, the Saturday Event is their only golf outing of the week, and they expect to play in a foursome to maximize the enjoyment of their playing experience.

Additionally, when the event is full, last-minute cancellations deprive other members of a chance to participate in that week's Saturday Golf Game. The teams and tee times for the Saturday event are generally established by noon on Thursday. If a player is found to cancel late or no-show for events multiple times, then he will be consulted, may have POTY points deducted and possibly restricted from participation in the future Saturday SMGA Golf Games. All last-minute cancellations or no-show occurrences, including those associated with frost delays, will be reviewed by the SMGA Board.

Entry Fee

The SMGA Saturday Golf Game entry fee is \$20 with \$8.50 allocated to the Golf Game and \$4.25 allocated to the Gross and Net Skins Game each. \$3 of the entry fee is allocated to the end of the year Player of the Year (POTY) Cup tournament.

The Saturday Men's Golf Game is sponsored by the SMGA, and all cash involved in this event should be handled by an SMGA Board member. Please remember that no cash for this event should be handled by the Golf Staff. While not required, it is appreciated if the players provide the payment of the entry fee with exact change or small denomination bills. An envelope is provided each week for the collection of the entry fees from the group. It is important to mark the envelope with the tees being played by each player. Besides facilitating the entry fee collection, this envelope is used as a check against the players' tee choice in Golf Genius for that day.

Handicaps and Tees

Handicaps are calculated using the tee-based course slope/rating and are based on current handicap index as of Thursday morning. Handicaps of participants are reviewed by the Golf Staff/SMGA Handicap Committee prior to the event and may be adjusted as deemed necessary.

The Saturday Golf Game is typically scheduled to be played from the Gold tees. However, with the USGA promoting players to choose tees based on their playing ability, members may choose to play any of the following five sets of tees: 1) Black Tees, 2) Black/Gold Tees, 3) Gold Tees, 4) Gold/Blue Tees or 5) Blue Tees (note - Blue Tees if they are eligible). A player is Blue Tee eligible when his GHIN handicap index and current age (truncated age – whole number) is equal to or greater than 70. Once a player qualifies for Blue tees during a year, he remains qualified for the remaining part of the year even if his index lowers and he would no longer be qualified per the calculation.

Entry Fee Payment, Scoring and GHIN Posting

To facilitate the collection of money for the golf and skins game and the accuracy of identifying correct tees played, an envelope will be passed out to one of the members in the foursome. That player is responsible for collecting the money and information on tees played and documenting that information on the front of the envelope. That envelope is then turned in at the scoring table, which is usually located in the men's locker room, the Hideaway, the Grove Patio or the Grove based on the situation.

Golf Genius will be used for scoring on SMGA Saturday events. It is the player's responsibility to check that their hole scores and tees have been correctly recorded in golf Genius at the completion

of the round. The SMGA will not correct incorrectly entered scores, unless of course the mistakes will result in winning money or points that were not earned.

The complete posting of game and skin winners will usually be done within one or two days after the event is completed. Results are sent out by email to all current active SMGA members.

All scores will be posted in the GHIN system by the Seville Golf Staff. Participants should not post their own scores in the GHIN system as it will lead to double posting. If a round is not completed, scores will be posted to the GHIN per USGA handicap guidelines. If incorrect scores or tees are found to be posted, please contact the golf staff for GHIN correction.

Finishing the Hole

As with other types of tournament competition, the SMGA Saturday Events require the players to putt out or finish the hole with the only exception as noted below. Since the POTY and the POTY Cup Tournament invitation is based on POTY points earned each week from a ranking of net scores, it is imperative that each player putt out or finish the hole and record his true score.

EXCEPTION: Not putting out or not finishing the hole and marking down the maximum handicap posting score of net double bogey is allowed. Example: If a player chooses to not finish a hole (hit too many balls in the water on #17) the player may take a net double bogey on the hole. The players scores will still be used for the daily golf game, skins game, deuce pot and the Ultimate games.

Lost Ball Rule

In an effort to speed up play, the SMGA will implement a USGA Model Local Rule (E-5) for a lost ball. If a ball is lost, which was believed to be in bounds, the player may drop at the closest edge of the fairway where it was last spotted and does not need to go back to the tee or original location of the previous shot. The drop should be perpendicular to where the group determines the ball was lost but, in the fairway, no closer to the hole. This lost ball will bring a 2-stroke penalty. The rule does not apply to balls believed to be out of bounds as they should be re-hit from the original location.

Ties

Ties on the golf game are broken via a recommended USGA method of working backwards from the back nine total, back six total, back three total, hole #18, hole #17, hole #16...hole #1 using the golf game scores being played.

On each hole of the gross and net skins games, only the participating player with the single lowest score per hole will be paid for that particular skin (no ties paid).

Pink Lady Special Rules

Pink Lady is a team game where (typically) 4 players compete against other teams for the lowest total net score. A pink ball is played each hole by a different player in the foursome and the net score used for a given hole is the score of the player playing the pink ball. The lowest net 18-hole pink ball score wins providing that the group returns the pink ball to the scoring table. If the group is unable to

return the pink ball, then that team is disqualified and individuals in the group are only able to compete in the skins format.

If a ball is hit out of bounds and the ball is retrieved, then the pink ball player may continue the hole per the rules of golf, taking the required penalty strokes.

If a ball is hit into a water hazard and retrieved, then the pink ball player may continue the hole per the rules of golf, taking the required penalty strokes.

Each hole of golf must be completed with the pink ball. That is, the pink ball cannot be found and brought back into play after the hole is completed.

Please remember and abide by the three-minute search rule for lost golf balls during the round.

If a blind draw is required in Pink Lady and the blind draw lost the ball during his round, then the team receiving the blind draw is also disqualified. This levels the playing field so that all teams have the same number of opportunities to lose the pink ball. It also requires the scoring table to note that if a team lost the pink ball during the round, which player in the foursome lost the ball.

Payouts and Distributions

Payouts and distribution rules for the Saturday SMGA Golf Games are as follows:

\$3 of the \$20 entry fee funds the season ending Player of the Year Cup tournament.

Any expenses necessary to run the event are deducted from those entry fees and the remaining funds will be paid out as close as possible to the associated games. That is, Golf Game fees to the game winners. Gross Skin fees to the gross skin's winners. Net Skin fees to the net skin's winners.

Once a player begins the round of golf the entry fee is not refundable. If the competition is team play, and a player leaves the field due to injury or other legitimate reason beyond his control, then a Blind Draw partner will be drawn at the end of the round as a substitute for the player that did not complete the round.

If there are ties on the last place being paid, those ties are broken by the tie rules previously stated and only those with paying positions receive payment.

A player does not need to be present at the time of the score posting to win. Winnings will be held by the SMGA Board for later distribution, and will make reasonable efforts to make payouts available to winners. It is not advisable for winnings to be handed over to other golf members for distribution to the winners.

On these special situations, the respective portion of the winnings goes to the POTY fund to be used for the POTY tournament at the end of the year.

If a Blind Draw is part of a winning team (the Blind Draw portion)

If there are no skins won in either the net or gross skins game (the non-won skins portion)

If in a team elimination game and there are not enough remaining teams for the scheduled payouts

Any positive round-offs from calculating payouts

If a member leaves the club or changes to a membership level that does not allow golfing participation without picking up a payout

Saturday Event payouts not picked up after a six-month period

If computer scoring posting and payout errors are found after the results have been posted, the SMGA Board will at their discretion adjust the payouts and POTY points where the adjustments are significant. Remember that each player is responsible for making sure his scores are reported correctly in Golf Genius.

Closest to the Pin and Deuce Pot

The SMGA will fund a closest to the pin prize for one par 3 on each nine in each Saturday event. You must be in the SMGA's Men's Net game to qualify.

Occasionally during the year, the SMGA will fund a Deuce Pot. All Deuces made by players on any hole will share equally in the Deuce Pot.

Inclement Weather

The question as to whether a round should be completed due to weather conditions will be determined by the golfing staff. If the course remains open for play and competitors complete the round, then those that complete the round will be included in that week's game payouts and issued appropriate POTY points.

If the golf course is open and the round is completed by some players, but not completed by other players because the golf staff subsequently closes the course, then the game will be cancelled, and the game money will be returned to all players. No POTY points will be issued.

Divisional Game and Divisional Skins

The popularity of the Saturday SMGA Golf Game has driven participation to a high number of players. After serious study to make the game more enjoyable for all and to increase the number of winners each week, it was decided to operate the scoring of any individual Golf Game with Game divisions and Skin divisions. The divisions split points are determined by spread of handicaps and the number of divisions determined by the number of participating players.

The number of divisions are as follows:

Player Count Range			Game	Skin	Payout Places per Divisions	Payout %		
			Divisions	Divisions		1st %	2nd %	3rd %
144	to	65	3	2	3	50%	30%	20%
64	to	41	2	1	3	50%	30%	20%
40	to	31	2	1	2	65%	35%	
30	to	0	1	1	2	65%	35%	

Individual Golf Game - Each week the players are divided as equally as possible into the appropriate divisions for the Golf Game. The Golf Game payouts for the individual games are based on the table above.

Team Golf Game - 20% of the field is paid where there are team games.

Skins Game – Each week the players are divided as equally as possible into the appropriate divisions for both the Net and Gross Skins Game. Cut points for the divisions can change each week but the Skins Game cut point usually falls in the 6-10 handicap range.

Note: While a player's full handicap is used for the game of the week, a maximum of only one handicap stroke per hole is allowed for the skins game.

Points

Participation in the SMGA Saturday Golf Game is the main method of accumulating POTY points that qualifies a player for the Player of the Year, the December Player of the Year Cup Tournament, and competition for Points Leader, Ironman, Low Net Average and Low Gross Score awards.

POTY points are awarded on the individual's net score. Lowest net score for an event is awarded 600 points. Subsequent net scores are awarded lesser points based on a sliding scale until an award of 25 points is reached. All remaining net scores are awarded a minimum of 25 points for participating.

While these regular SMGA Saturday Golf Games are the main means for achieving POTY points, at the discretion of the SMGA Board, points can also be awarded for other SMGA sponsored golf events where GHIN score postings are not possible, such as the Acura Challenge or Scrambles.

A member with a Limited Golf Membership may play in a Saturday SMGA Golf Event if his tee time is within the allowable season /time membership level restrictions. However, due to Seville membership rules, a Limited Golf Membership will not allow a player to compete in the POTY tournament due to tournament play time restrictions even though he may have accumulated sufficient points.

Current year to date point information and standing for every player is located on the SMGA website (<http://www.sevillemga.com/smga/>)

Definitions and Awards

The POTY Cup Tournament - A tournament held for players invited based on total points and occurs toward the end of the year. Rules and awards for that tournament are covered under the separate document titled "Seville Men's Golf Association Player of the Year Cup Tournament".

The Player of the Year - determined by the player with the highest total points from Saturday events, counting only the 20 highest point totals from the events played, i.e. if a player played in 30 events, only the highest 20 will be counted, if a player only played in 20 events, all 20 will count. A player must play in at least 20 events to qualify to win Player of the Year. The tie breaker is the lowest net score in the POTY Cup Tournament

The Player of the Year will win prizes awarded by Seville GCC. Prizes will include: 1 dozen golf balls per month of in-stock balls for the following calendar year, a personalized "Player of the Year" golf

bag (or \$250 club credit), and additional \$250 club credit, and a signed / reserved parking spot for the following calendar year. Also, the name of the Player of the Year is inscribed on the Player of the Year trophy maintained by the club in the trophy case.

Points Leader - Awarded to the member that earned the most points during the season. The prize consists of a trophy and \$250 cash.

Iron Man – Awarded to the member who played the most POTY events during the season. The prize consists of a trophy and \$250 cash.

The Points Leader is determined first, and in case of a tie, the winner is determined by the lowest average net score in POTY events. In case of a tie for Iron Man, the winner is also determined by the lowest average net score in POTY events.

Low Average Net Score - The player with the lowest average net score (with a minimum 20 rounds) will win \$250.

Lowest Gross Score - The player with the one lowest gross score in a men's club event (not including the POTY Cup tournament) will win \$250 (player must have a minimum of 20 rounds in Men's club).

A player can only win one of the annual awards; the awards are made in the following order, Points Leader, Iron Man, Low Average Net Score, Low Gross Score.

Golf Genius

The Golf Genius golf scoring app is the official scoring method for SMGA Saturday events. Handicap information will have been entered into Golf Genius by the Golf staff prior to the start of the event. Tee selection for that day's played is entered by the players on the scoring app prior to the first hole of play. The app provides current competitive information relative to gross and net scores but does not have results for all the games that the SMGA plays.

If a player in the Golf Genius app does not play, then enter "X" for each hole to allow the app to function.

If a player is not found in the Golf Genius app (possibly due to late sign-up) then keep the players scores on a scorecard and contact the SMGA Board member at the scoring table so that this omission in Golf Genius can be rectified.

Again, players are responsible to take a few minutes after the round is completed to check their scores against those that have been entered in Golf Genius.

Spreadsheet Development

The Excel spreadsheet used for scoring the SMGA Saturday Golf Game was initially developed and copyrighted by Jim Cole for the exclusive use by the SMGA. Continued enhancements have been made and copyrighted by Eric Gauthier and Paul Schiefelbein. This score sheet is not to be distributed to others without the expressed permission of the copyright owners.