

Twin Oaks Men Club New Members Guide

This guide is designed as a brief listing of all that goes around here with the Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club (TOMGC). All this information is available on the club website, tomgc.org, but sometimes can be hard to find. We have so many events and traditions, we want new members to know what is available as soon as possible. Probably the best source of information is available at the 19th hole where members gather after every event for a good time. Whether you indulge in adult beverages or not, it's a friendly group.

History of the club

On June 12th, 1993, 19 members of the newly formed Twin Oaks Ranch Men's Golf club met for the first time. There were 42 total paid members led by Dennis Rathbourn, the tournament director and future first president. Only 9 holes were open at the time. A month later the first by-laws were passed and they settled on the name of Twin Oaks Men's Golf Club. From the start they held Wednesday and Saturday tournaments. August saw the full 18 holes open and in October of that year The club celebrated with their first end of the year banquet, a tradition which still endures.

Things new members should know:

- The Club has local rules for our events. It is a good idea to familiarize yourself with these as they can affect your scores. The local rules are listed as an addendum to this guide.
- All winnings are awarded in the form of script. Each member has a gift card on file in the Pro Shop. You can use this script to pay for anything at the course, including green fees, Pro shop items and food and drink at the café. You can also apply it towards your yearly JC membership. Checking the balance on the cards is the responsibility of the player, not TOMGC.
- After any round that you complete in less than 4 hours and 20 minutes, you get a mark on your Twin Oaks punch card, which are available for the asking in the Pro shop. (2 marks for playing under 4 hours) After you fill the 10-mark card you receive a free weekday round (not including cart fee). The purpose is of course, to facilitate faster play.
- All members of the TOMC receive a discount at the café on all food and drink. So be sure to mention this when ordering.
- All events are run thru Golf Genius software. Which includes email invites, pairings, tee times, scoring and awarding of prize money. All results are emailed to players soon after the event and posted on the website.
- ALL SCORES ARE POSTED FOR THE PLAYERS AFTER EACH EVENT. Do not post your own score.
- The club bylaws are available for review on the website if a member has any questions.

Board of Directors:

The Club has a Board of Directors consisting of members who donate their time to conduct weekly tournaments, special events, and administration of the club and its treasury. Once a year, members of the board are nominated at the general meeting. Officers are then elected from within the board including a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors is listed in the by-laws of the club.

Weekly events:

The Club conducts a very full calendar including weekly play every Wednesday and once a month on Saturday, for those of you who cannot play during the week as easily.

The Wednesday event is very popular. We play a different style tournament each week, such as low-net, Stableford, Nassau...etc. Each player who participates pays \$5 to the prize pool, as well as \$3 towards a skins game. (This is included in your green fees). Most events are flighted by handicap and prize money is awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

The Saturday event is basically the same structure, except the prize fees and of course green fees are a little higher.

Before each event all members of the club receive an email invitation to participate. This gives you about 4 days to notify the club you do or do not want to participate. You have until the deadline to change your mind. Tee times are reserved with the course based on the response from the members.

The skins game is "Canadian Skins" which is a method of evening out the handicaps. If there is a tie on a skin between 2 players, the player with a natural score (no handicap stroke on the hole) will prevail. Play is conducted with 100% handicaps.

Player of the Year Competition – This event runs from January thru September. It is patterned loosely after the Fed-Ex Cup competition in the PGA. Players in each event on Wednesdays and Saturdays are awarded cumulative points based on their winnings. (each dollar is worth 1 point) Skins or CTP winnings are not included. No Player of the Year points are awarded at special club scramble events.

At the end of September, the highest point total wins and his name is inscribed on a perpetual trophy. The top 8 in the competition are eligible to compete for the Twin Oaks Cup. (see next section)

Championship Tournaments

The Club conducts a series of Championship Tournaments each year. There are perpetual trophies for each one. They take place on a Wednesday unless otherwise noted, they include the following:

- Presidents Cup - All participants play a Low-Gross tournament from the blue tees. There is also a low-net tournament for club members that runs concurrently for those that do not want to play from the blues.
- Super Senior Championship - This tournament is open to all club members 65 and older and have participated in at least 6 club events in the previous 12 months. It is a Low-Gross format with all participants hitting from the white tees. There is also a low-net tournament for club members the same Wednesday.

- Senior Champion This tournament is open to all club members 55 and older and have participated in at least 6 club events in the previous 12 months. It is also a Low-Gross format with all participants hitting from the white tees. Played on Wednesday there is also a low-net tournament concurrently.
- Club Champion - This tournament is open to any club member that has participated in at least 6 events in the previous 12 months. This tournament is a 2-day event over a Saturday & Sunday with the participants teeing off from the blue tee in Low-Gross format. The winner is the player who has the lowest cumulative total over the 2 days. There is also a low-net tournament from the white tees.
- Twin Oaks Cup – The top 8 finishers in the Player of the Year competition only are eligible to play in an exclusive tournament. Their handicap is adjusted according to their ranking in the Player of the Year. The green fees are paid by the club and all 8 players win a cash prize depending on their finish.

Special Events: (Note: there are no Player of the Year points awarded for these events)

- Friends & Family Scramble – Club members can invite guests, either friends, family or both to play in their group for a scramble format event. Lunch is included in the day's activities. This is a Wednesday event.
- 4th of July Scramble – A club favorite. In honor of our country and its veterans we play a 4-person scramble from the red, white and blue tees on the Wednesday that falls closest to the 4th. Teams are selected by software to even out by handicap. Lunch is again part of the program.
- TOMGC Year-end Scramble & Awards Banquet. Open to all members, this scramble is based on balanced indexes, so the foursomes are fair. All players gather for a great lunch, raffle and end of the year awards and a lot of fun. There is also a quick 5-minute club-wide business meeting.
- Holiday Food Drive. This event, in partnership with the TO Golf Course, benefits the SD food Bank.

Hole-in-One pot – Just in case you make that one in a million shot for a Hole-in-One at one of the club events, TOMGC funds a \$250 hole-in-one pot. This will help to help offset the traditional burden of buying a round for the group that day.

San Diego Senior League team – Twin Oaks Men's Club competes in the San Diego Senior League. As a team we send 6 players for each home and away match. It is a great opportunity to play competitively at other courses, as well as meet golfers from other clubs. The season runs from around late March thru October. There is a small fee to play on the team and it is open to all members over the age of 55. At the end of the year the Sr. League Player of the Year is honored.

I hope this helps give you an idea of what goes on with our club during the year and also help you plan the events you want to participate in. The board hopes to see you out on the course soon.

Addendum: TWIN OAKS MEN'S GOLF CLUB Local Rules as of December 2024

Play is governed by USGA Rules of golf and its decisions

- Out of Bounds (OB) is defined by White Stakes and Boundary Fences.
- Penalty Areas are defined by Red and/or Yellow Stakes.
- The pilings in front of hole number 7 and number 9 greens are yellow stakes, the rest of the pond is red staked.
- The concrete drainage area left of the cart path on the first hole is an extension of the adjacent penalty area. A ball which has entered the headwall/overpass area under the entry road is OB.
- The Drop Zones for holes number 4 and 18 are to be used when the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area cannot be determined with reasonable certainty. Drop ball or re-hit from the previous spot with a penalty of one stroke. Drop Zone for hole number 4 is near the corner of the right penalty area about 180 yards from the green. Drop Zone for hole number 18 is beyond the penalty area and left of the forward tee box near the right-hand bend in the cart path.
- The left sides of holes number 1, 2, 6, 10, and 11, as example, are part of the course and are not Penalty Areas. The fences/retaining walls/entry drive are OB.
- All surface drainage ditches are played as immovable obstructions. Drop without penalty within one club length from where the ball is found in the ditch, no closer to the hole.
- Sprinkler Control boxes are played as immovable obstructions. Free relief is given for interference with Stance and/or swing only. (Rule 16)
- The Indian Kitchen on the left side of hole number 6 fairway is to be played as ground under repair. Play is not allowed from within the kitchen. Free relief is allowed for stance plus one club length of the kitchen border, no closer to the hole. (Rule 16)
- The Drop Zones on holes number 3 and 7 are NOT to be used for Men's Club or Team play unless advised otherwise.
- Practice on and around the green or near the next tee box is permitted after you have finished the hole if such practice does not unduly delay play. Rule 5.5 is enforced. When asked, you must immediately proceed to the next tee box to avoid a violation. First violation – warning. Subsequent violations – two stroke penalty each
- For pace of play, a ball hit into the Penalty Area anywhere on hole number 3 can be played provisionally from any place on the forward tee box. (Review June 2014 Newsletter)
- A player may use Ground Under Repair rules when it is determined by ALL members playing in his group that he is in a closely mown area of the golf course and that the playing conditions should constitute Ground Under Repair, however, the Course management has failed to properly mark the area as Ground Under Repair.

- As a substitute for stroke and distance, when it is known or virtually certain that a player's ball is out of bounds or lost, a player may, at a penalty of two strokes, play from the spot where his ball has gone out of bounds, or known to be lost. The player may drop his ball equal-distance from the flagstick, anywhere from the spot where his ball went out of bounds, or is known to be lost, to a spot 2-clublengths into the fairway, or other closely mown area no closer to the hole. The player is now lying 3. For further clarification, please refer to Model Local Rule E-5 in your rule book.
- A ball which is hit onto any closely mown area of the golf course, and then found to have a clump of mud on it, by agreement of the players in the group, may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped as close as possible to the area from which it was lifted.
- A ball which has come to rest in an unraked foot print or dog/coyote print in a bunker, may be moved to a favorable lie within the bunker.
- If your ball is within 2 club lengths of a sprinkler head (obstruction) which is also within 2 club lengths of the edge of the green AND your line to the pin is thru the sprinkler you may have 1 club length relief no closer to the pin. If your ball is in the rough it cannot be moved to the collar or the green. For further clarification, please refer to Model Local Rule F-5.1 in your rule book.