

SUNLAND SPRINGS VILLAGE

COUPLES' GOLF CLUB



2023- 2024

November 7, 2023

MEMBERSHIP HANDOUT

**Whether you are a new member or have been a member for years,
this booklet contains important information for you.**

**Please read it, and if you have any questions, feel
free to speak to any member of the Board of Directors.**

Sunland Springs Village Couples' Golf Club
Board of Directors
2022 - 2023

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SUNLAND SPRINGS VILLAGE COUPLES' GOLF CLUB BY-LAWS

Revised March 6, 2020

ARTICLE I; NAME: The name of this organization shall be the Sunland Springs Village Couples' Golf Club (SSV/CGC), located in Sunland Springs Village at 11214 E. Laguna Azul Circle, Mesa, AZ 85209.

ARTICLE II; PURPOSE: The purpose of this club shall be to promote golf, good sportsmanship, and social fellowship among its members and other couples in the village; conduct golf activities as may be desired by its members; and maintain handicaps for all member couples.

ARTICLE III; MEMBERSHIP: Membership in the SSV Couples Golf Club (SSV/CGC) shall be open only to residents of Sunland Springs Village. At the time of joining the Couples' Golf Club, at least one member of the couple must golf in the league. Singles may form as a couple to participate in the SSV/CGC; however, both singles must be residents of Sunland Springs Village. Couples Golf Members who are no longer able to golf may maintain their membership in the Club. Members who are in good standing and move to residences outside of Sunland Springs Village may continue participating in the SSV/CGC only until the end of that membership year, December through November. The SSV/CGC reserves the right to change future membership requirements.

ARTICLE IV; BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the following elected couples holding office for the Fiscal Year May 1 through April 30, with elections in March at the Annual Meeting.

The President Couple (Presides over and conducts all meetings).

The Vice President Couple (Acts as president in absence of President).

The Secretary Couple (Prepares minutes and performs secretarial duties).

The Treasurer Couple (Prepares financial reports and handles monies).

The Special Events/Rules/Handicap Couple (Liaison with the Pro Shop and special events).

The Tournament Couple (Manages all aspects of the annual tournament).

The Past President Couple (undertakes duties as agreed to with the current President Couple).

Each individual Director shall have a vote. All Board of Directors may have committees consisting of as many other couples as needed to carry out the work of the position. However, these appointed couples shall not have a vote on the Board of Directors. If an elected couple resigns their position on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors, at their discretion, may immediately replace the couple by appointment or leave the position vacant until the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V; DUES: Members shall pay dues per person/per couple each year to cover operation expenses. The dues year is December 1 to November 30. The amount of dues shall be set by the Board of Directors after consultation with the general membership. Additional money may be collected for socials, tournaments or special events.

ARTICLE VI; BY-LAWS: Any member may propose By-Law changes or additions. Such changes or additions shall be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall email to members and post on the Couples Golf Website www.ssvcg.com the proposed changes. Proposed By-Law changes or additions shall be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the Annual Meeting so the general membership has the opportunity to read and discuss the proposed changes or additions. Proposed By-Law changes shall be discussed and voted upon only at the Annual Meeting for membership action.

ARTICLE VII; QUORUM: A quorum of 25 percent of the general membership shall be required for the Annual Meeting and any Special Meetings. A quorum of 7 Directors or a minimum of 50 percent of the Board Membership, whichever is greater, shall be required for Regular Board Meetings. Directors may participate and vote during the Board meetings via electronic technology.

ARTICLE VIII; MEETINGS:

ANNUAL MEETING: There shall be an Annual Meeting held on a Friday evening in the month of March, for the purpose of conducting the business of the club, receiving reports from Directors, and electing a new Board of Directors for the coming year. The date shall be announced and posted on the Couples Website www.ssvcg.com at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting. All positions on the Board of Directors shall be voted on each year.

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS: The Board of Directors shall meet on a regular basis; the time and date shall be determined by the Board of Directors and posted in advance on the Couples Website www.ssvcg.com.

SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special Meetings shall be called at the request of the Board of Directors or a minimum of 10 voting members of the club. The date will be determined by the Board of Directors and will always be held in conjunction with a Friday social meeting.

Important items to remember:

- **ANNUAL DUES** are payable no later than December 1st to the Treasurer Couple. The annual dues are currently: \$35 per person or \$70 per couple. If a member joins between November 1 to April 1 the dues will be \$35 per person, \$70 per couple. If the member joins April 1 through August 31 the dues will be 50% (\$17.50 per person, \$35.00 per couple. If a member joins between September 1 and October 31, dues will be \$35.00 per person, \$70.00 per couple for remainder of current year and will include the following year.
- **PACE OF PLAY:** Couples' Golf welcomes new players of various skill levels. However, members must have sufficient experience and skill to be able to maintain pace of play.
- **PLAY FORMAT** is a Tee Times starting every Friday morning. NOTE: Start times vary by the season: normally 8:00 a.m. in the winter and 7:00 a.m. in the summer.
- **NEW MEMBERS** must golf three (3) 18-hole rounds in league play (Couples' Men's or Ladies') at the SSV Golf Course to establish a handicap for the SSV Couples' Golf Club.
- **WEEKLY SOCIAL** gatherings are held Friday evening. During the October to Mid-April period, socials are held in the Auditorium at 4:45 p.m. During the summer, time and place may vary. See the Social Calendar for weekly specifics posted on the Couples Golf Website. (www.ssvcg.com).
- **SIGN-UP FOR GOLF** must be completed no later than noon on Wednesday for play on the following Friday.
- **PLEASE CHECK THE PAIRINGS** on-line at the Sunland Springs Golf Club Website (sunlandspringsgolf.com) or at the Pro Shop on Thursday afternoon to confirm your scheduled t-time. The pairings may be accessed via the Couples Golf website (www.ssvcg.com). If you must cancel, please cancel as soon as you know that you are unable to play.
- **SIGN-UP DEADLINES FOR SOCIAL MEALS** must be done by the deadline specified in the Vice President Couple weekly email.
- **VOLUNTEERS** are needed to keep our club running smoothly. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis for game director, hosts for Friday evening socials, and the set-up and clean-up committee for each social meal. A Food Handlers Certificate is required for hosts and their assistants who handle food. Set up/clean up volunteers do not require a Food Handlers Certificate.

Sunland Springs Village Couples' Golf Club

Welcome to our Couples' Golf Club. We are glad you wish to join in our fun and games. The following pages provide information pertaining to golfing with us on Fridays and attending our Socials on Friday evenings.

Board of Directors' Meetings are held monthly from October through April. Check the Couples' Golf Website (www.ssvcg.com) for date and time of Board meetings. Board meetings are open to all Couples' Golf members. Board Minutes and the Treasurer's Report are also available to all members.

If you plan to attend a Board meeting, with or without an agenda item you would like considered, please note the following:

A regularly scheduled Board meeting may be deferred if a majority of the Board members are unavailable. Any deferred meeting date will be posted on the Couples' Golf Website (www.ssvcg.com).

Please call any Board member to confirm that the scheduled meeting is being held and to register your attendance and agenda topic, if any. Specific agenda topics from members must be tendered, in writing, to the Board President in advance of the meeting to allow for the most complete discussion and resolution. In addition, if the topic concerns a change or addition to the By-Laws, the matter will be handled according to Article VI of the By-Laws, as revised March 2, 2018.

Signing up for golf: A Couples' Golf sign-up sheet is located near the front desk in the Pro Shop. You can sign-up on Friday mornings when we gather to play. Sign-up must be done no later than 12 noon on Wednesday. Be sure to mark the box beside your name on the Sign-Up Sheet. If you are signing up to play only 9 holes (as long as that option is offered) place a 9 in the box beside your name. During the busy months, (when 25 teams or more sign-up) the Pro Shop will schedule some teams (those in excess of 25 teams) in the afternoon to accommodate all the teams. There are two columns (AM-PM) on the sign-up sheet so make sure you mark the correct column and indicate with an "M" if you must play in the morning. If you must play in the afternoon and place an M on the sign-up sheet in the and we don't have more than 25 teams you will **NOT** be scheduled to play.

Playing teams for Friday will be assigned after noon Thursday therefore, if you would like to sign-up after that time, you need to contact the Pro Shop and ask the golf pro or other employee to sign your name to the alternate list. There is no guarantee of a golf tee-time for Couples signing up after noon Thursday.

If you need to cancel, please call the Pro Shop (480-984-4209) as soon as you know that you are unable to golf.

The weekly pairings are normally posted by Thursday evening at the Pro Shop and on-line at From the menu select "Pairings & Scores" which will take you to the SunlandSprings Golf Website, then select "Couples Golf". You may also check by going to: sunlandspringsgolf.com > membership > SSGC Associations > Friday Couples Pairings.

Handicaps, pairings, game results and some other information pertaining to the League will be posted on this site.

There is a \$3 fee per person to be used for prize winnings. Players also pay appropriate green fees to the SSV Golf Course.

All golfing in our club, in the interest of fairness, is done on a “pair” basis—as a married (or cohabitating) couple, as a male and female player, with both participants living in SSV. Should your regular partner not be available, there is often someone looking for a temporary partner. You can ask around or check the Couples’ Golf Website www.ssvcg.com and click “*All Things Golf*” and then “*Need a Partner.*”

Attending the League Socials: We have socials every Friday evening. Postings on the Couples’ Golf Website www.ssvcg.com and the Vice President Couple Weekly Email list the place, time, meal, and hosts. All meals are prescheduled and have a prepaid fee to attend (the amount determined by the menu). You must sign up online in advance for your meal by the time and day specified prior to that Friday’s social. Occasionally, the sign up has to be completed more than a week in advance; therefore, it is important to read the weekly e-mail announcements. During the busy months (October to April), the sign up and collection of fees for meals is normally done by the Vice President couple. Usually, each member brings his or her choice of beverage and tableware (plates, silverware, napkins, glasses, etc.) to each social. Consult postings on the Couples’ Golf Website www.ssvcg.com for exceptions.

Each Member is asked to wear his or her Name Tag: Name tags help us to get to know each other and facilitate members being easily spoken to by name. There is a small monetary fine for not wearing a Name Tag. The money collected is usually spent for “get well” and “sympathy” cards and postage.

Seating Arrangements: Seating is done by random drawing. When you enter the room, you will draw a “Number” card to determine at which table you will be seated. For example, if you draw a “9”, you will leave the card with the committee member who will place it in the discard pile, and then you can find the table which has a “9” tent-card on it. This is the table at which you will sit with the other three couples that drew the same card. The order that tables are called to go through the food line is also done by random drawing of the number cards.

50-50 Drawings: When you enter the room, there will be a person who will be selling tickets for the 50-50 drawing. The price is \$5 for 7 tickets. Half of the total money from ticket sales is given to the person(s) with the winning ticket(s). The number of tickets drawn (\$20 per ticket drawn) depends on the total amount collected. The other half of the amount collected goes into the Club’s treasury, with the primary use being to subsidize the cost of the weekly meals. Each person can win only once per strip of tickets. Participation in the 50-50 is voluntary. Most choose to participate, because it is fun, it lowers the cost of the meals, and this money helps keep the annual dues low.

Working Committees:

Hosts for the Social: Volunteers are scheduled by the President Couple well in advance to manage an agreed upon weekly meal schedule. An annual schedule is made in March/April and may be adjusted throughout the year, if necessary.

The Hosts work with the Vice President Couple prior to the date of the meal on the specifics such as cost, details, supplies etc.

The primary Host has the responsibility to find helpers as needed to prepare and serve the meal and to clean the kitchen and food serving areas. Members working with food and kitchen clean-up must have a current Maricopa County Food Handler's Certificate. It is necessary for the Club to have all capable members obtain a Food Handler's Certificate.

Information about Food Handler's testing and obtaining of a certificate can be found on the Couples' Golf website at www.ssvcg.com and select "Food Handler Card" from the menu, after successfully completing the test on line, you can actually print your Food Handlers Certificate. The original certificate must be delivered to the HOA Activities office to be filed. Advise the HOA Office to add your information to "Couples Golf Club". Send an email to the Secretary Couple with the new expiration date to be included in the Club Roster. The Food Handlers Certificate has to be renewed every three years. Renewals can be done on-line. Members who have Food Handlers Certificates, including expiration dates, are noted on the Roster.

Set Up/Clean Up Committee: Four volunteer couples are needed to arrange the tables and chairs before each social, clean as needed after the social, and return the tables and chairs to the original layout. They also are in charge of the random drawing for seating and the announcement of the order in which tables are called to go through the food line. The perk they get is to go through the food line first!

The Pro Shop will provide the Game Director with the final results after all the scores have been entered in the computer to determine the weekly winners. At the Friday night social the Game Director or a designated person is asked to announce the winners and amount of chits won. See the Chit policy on page 10 regarding redemption of chits at the Pro Shop.

Hole-In-One Payouts: All Couples' Golf Club members are automatically participants in the Hole-In-One program. In order to qualify to win a payout, the member must make the hole-in-one during the Friday Couples' Golf Club play. Couples Golf Club will provide \$75.00 to each winner during the summer season (May 1– October 31), and \$150.00 to each winner during the winter season (November 1– April 30).

Couples' Golf Guidelines:

All new playing members must turn in three 18-hole scorecards to establish a handicap. The Rounds must be played during Men's, Ladies' or Couples' League play at Sunland Springs Village. Maximum handicap for Men is 30; maximum for Women is 36.

President's Cup Guidelines:

1. Any person playing in the President's Cup must have an established handicap before the first round of the tournament.
2. This two-day Couples' event is to be held on consecutive Fridays in February/ March.
3. If a tie exists, the winner shall be determined by comparative team scores from the last day of play, starting with the most difficult handicapped hole, and progressing backward toward the least difficult hole until a winner is declared.

Rules of Golf:

1. USGA Rules (Revised 1/1/2019) governs play unless modified by local rules. (See 2019 USGA rule changes at www.ssvcg.com)
2. Cart paths, curbing, water control boxes, rock creeks and French drains are man-made obstructions and free relief **may** be taken no closer to the hole.
3. Granite areas throughout the course are considered non-playable areas and free relief **may** be taken. Relief must be taken no closer to the hole and within equal distance of where your ball would lie.

Couples Golf suggests that for those that have a GPS or laser they should take a reading at the ball location in the granite and then drop the ball on the course at the same distance from the pin. For those without a GPS or laser, move the ball back to the course (no more than 2 club lengths from the granite/cart path) using your best judgment to ensure you are placing the ball no closer to the hole. Straight out from the granite is only acceptable if it's not closer to the hole.

Exception: Four Peaks #6 – A drop zone has been established as relief for any golf ball that comes to rest in the granite area **BEYOND** the drop zone with no penalty. **Players MUST utilize this area.** Balls coming to rest in the granite areas **SHORT** of the drop zone may drop in accordance with Local Rule #3 under no penalty. **BREACH** of this local rule will result in a **one stroke** penalty.

LOCAL RULE AFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 2019**STROKE & DISTANCE – OUT OF BOUNDS OR LOST BALL**

- ESTIMATE WHERE YOUR BALL IS LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS
- IMAGINE A STRAIGHT LINE RUNNING FROM THE HOLE THROUGH THE ESTIMATED POINT.
- ESTIMATE A POINT ON THE EDGE OF THE FAIRWAY THAT IS THE SAME DISTANCE FROM THE HOLE.
- IMAGINE A STRAIGHT LINE RUNNING FROM THE HOLE THROUGH THAT ESTIMATED POINT
- THE RELIEF AREA WILL BE TWO CLUB LENGTHS FROM THAT LINE EXTENDING BACK AND OVER TO THE ORIGINAL POINT
- PENALTY – 2 STROKES
- YOU CAN NOT USE THIS RULE IF YOUR BALL WAS LOST IN A PENALTY AREA OR YOU HAVE PLAYED A PROVISIONAL BALL

EXAMPLE – Player A hits it OUT OF BOUNDS on #9 Superstition. Player A finds the point it went OUT OF BOUNDS. Player A drops the ball in the *FAIRWAY* equal distance from where it went OUT OF BOUNDS in relation to the hole. Player A takes a 2-stroke penalty and will now be hitting their **FOURTH** shot.

4. The embedded ball and casual water rule is in effect in the “general area” which is the new term for “through the green”.
5. All lakes are played as lateral water hazards and are defined by edge of the hazard. Drop a ball in the drop area or play as a lateral water hazard and assess a one stroke penalty.
6. Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, property fences, boundary walls, or the streets edge on the hole you are playing. If your ball is out of bounds or lost anywhere on the course (including in the granite areas) and not found **within 3 minutes**, you must go back to the place that you last hit your ball and play another ball. The penalty is one stroke and distance. Free relief may not be taken from the boundary walls.
7. If your ball comes to rest where stance or swing is affected by cart paths, staked trees, control boxes, ball washers, block walls or other immovable obstructions on the course, the ball may be dropped one club length from the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. No penalty is assessed.
8. Boundary markers (out-of-bound stakes, perimeter walls, etc.) are **NOT** on the course. If your ball is unplayable because of a boundary marker, you may drop one club length from the wall, marker, etc., a one stroke penalty is assessed.
9. Doubt as to procedure – play a second ball. Rule 3-3. If you or your playing partners disagree in the applicability of a rule, play 2 balls through that hole and get a ruling from the Pro Shop as to which is correct.
10. Accidental movement of a ball on a putting green – when a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. Replace the ball or ball marker to the original spot.
11. Distance measuring devices – in all SSGC Association Events, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. To gauge or measure other conditions that might affect play (e.g. elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
12. No nudging or improving your lie.
13. ALL strokes are counted, including “whiffs”.
14. Your club must not be grounded when in a sand trap or a two-stroke penalty is to be assessed.
15. SSV course play as follows:
 - a) **Fairway** - play the ball where it lies unless local rule 4 above applies.
 - b) If the ball is in a **divot** on the fairway; play as it lies.
 - c) **Ground under repair** (should be marked as ground under repair); a free drop is allowed within one club length of the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole.
 - d) **Casual water** on the fairway - same as ground under repair.
 - e) **Rough** - play the ball where it lies, unless local rule #4 above applies, or the ball lies in a staked ground under repair area, in which case a free drop is allowed within one club length of the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole.



**SUNLAND SPRINGS GOLF CLUB
CHIT POLICY**

SSGC ASSOCIATIONS – MEN’S, LADIES (18 & 9 HOLE), COUPLES and FAIRWAY LEAGUES.

Charter Members / Owners:

- Chits DO NOT expire
- Chits may be used in the Golf Shop
 - Predetermined Discount
 - § 20% off Soft goods (shirts, bottoms, outerwear)
 - § 10% off Hard goods & Accessories (balls, clubs, bags, shoes, gloves, etc.)
 - Discount does apply to sale items
 - Range Balls
- Chits may be used in The Village Grille & Patio
 - 10% off all menu items excluding alcohol
 - Chits may be used for gratuity
- Additional Benefits
 - Preferred Pricing on Green Fees/seasonal rate and Range Balls
 - No Trail Fee and Guests
 - 10 Guest passes at the Member rate each year

Non – Charter Members / Owners (Residents) Who PLAY IN SSGC Associations

- Chits DO NOT expire
- Chits are ONLY valid in the Golf Shop for merchandise
 - No Predetermined Discount

Preferred pricing on Green fees and seasonal rates

Outside Leagues

- Chits expire April 15th
- Chits are ONLY valid in the Golf Shop for merchandise
 - No Predetermined Discount

Tee Time Policy

- Charter Members / Owners – 2 weeks in advance
- SSV Residents – 1 week in advance
- Public – 5 days in advance

Note: Chits cannot be used for golf lessons and seasonal passes.

SSV COUPLES' GOLF CLUB
PRESIDENT COUPLES
2001 –2023

2001 – 2002	Seth & Mary Lou Taylor
2002 – 2003	John Baker & Kathy Hollands
2003 – 2004	Arthur & Sylvia Leahy
2004 – 2006	Homer & Jan Oberst
2006 – 2007	Lee & June Crook
2007 – 2008	Don & Virginia O'Toole
2009 – 2010	Mike & Cherie Murphy
2010 - 2011	Jim & Janine Mullinnix
2011 - 2012	Larry & Susan Wood
2012 - 2013	Jerry & Shiela Mason
2013 – 2014	Burt & Christine Marcus
2014 – 2015	Bob & Karen Bushaw
2015 – 2016	Joe & Suzanne Treece
2016 – 2017	Dale & Meredith Wessels
2017 – 2018	Doug & Diane Downs
2018 – 2019	Les & Doris Lyster
2019 – 2020	Rick & Marie VanDrisse
2020 – 2021	Rick & Marie VanDrisse
2021-- 2022	Rick & Marie VanDrisse
2022 -- 2023	Kathy Jones
2023 - 2024	Kathy Jones

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