



PLAYER INFORMATION

2014 SENIOR FOUR-BALL NET CHAMPIONSHIP

Sandpiper Golf Course
Monday – Tuesday, October 27-28, 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **REGISTRATION:**

All players must check in at the SCGA registration table (Near the Pro Shop) on Monday, October 27th. All players should be at their assigned cart at least fifteen minutes in advance of the shotgun starting time. The SCGA will have information to discuss before the start of the tournament.

2. **STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS:**

Starting holes and pairings for Round 1 will be e-mailed to players and posted online at www.scga.org one week in advance of the Championship. The shotgun start for Round 1 will begin at 12:00 p.m. Round 2 will be a 1/10 tee start at 8:00 a.m. Pairings and starting holes will be repaired by 1st Round scores and will be available approx. 2 hours after completion of Round 1. Round 2 pairings will also be emailed and available at www.scga.org.

3. **FORMAT:**

The Championship will be 36 holes of four-ball net stroke play competition (two-person better ball). 18 holes will be played each day. Each player receives 90% (men) and 95% (women) of their course handicap. After the adjustment, if partners' course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their course handicaps (this is the USGA recommendation).

The lowest index of the last three months (July 31st – October 15th) will be used to calculate each player's course handicap. If a player's lowest index within the last three months is above 24.4, he or she will play to 24.4. In addition, the SCGA Rules & Competitions Committee reserves the right to adjust a player's and/or a team's course handicap at any time prior to or during the competition.

4. **TEES:**

Men will play from the **SILVER** tee markers and yardages, **GOLD** yardages will be used on holes 5 & 13, **COPPER** yardages will be used on holes 4 & 11. Rating: 70.4 / Slope: 127 / 6,203 yards.

Women will play from the **COPPER** tee markers and yardages. Rating: 74.4 / Slope: 132 / 5,602 yards.

5. **PRACTICE ROUNDS:**

Players may make arrangements for practice rounds at their own expense anytime one week prior to the event. Call Sandpiper Golf Club shop @ (805) 968-1541 and identify yourself as a SCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Participant.

Green Fee: Monday -Thursday (\$90)

Friday - Sunday (\$110)

Rates Include Cart

6. **DRIVING RANGE:**

The driving range will be open by 1 ½ hours prior to the start each day of the championship. Range balls will be provided compliments Sandpiper Golf Club and the SCGA.

7. **FOOD SERVICE:**

Players will be on their own for breakfast, lunch as well as any other miscellaneous food and beverage purchases at both facilities. Both facilities will be open for breakfast and lunch by 6:30 a.m and open until the conclusion of play.

8. **PURCHASES:**

Cash, all major credit cards, and reciprocal charges will be accepted for all purchases.

9. **LODGING ARRANGEMENTS:**

Pacifica Suites

5490 Hollister Avenue

Santa Barbara, CA 93111

(805) 683-6722

www.pacificahotels.com

*Pacifica Suites has a courtesy block of rooms for the event at \$169/night. Players can call (888) 697-9116 and reference SCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Championship to reserve a room at this rate.

Reservations must be made by **Friday, October 3** to guarantee rate and availability.

10. **CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Sandpiper Golf Club

7925 Hollister Avenue

Santa Barbara, CA 93117

(805) 968-1541

www.sandpipergolf.com

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

1. **RULES OF PLAY:**

Play is governed by the USGA *Rules of Golf*. Local Rules in effect will be found on the SCGA Local Rules Hard Card and the Notice to Players addendum distributed at the site. Disregard all other club posted Local Rules including those on the back of the club's score card.

2. **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES:**

Distance measuring devices (without the capability of measuring slope, wind, etc.) are permitted. Players should be cautioned that some smart phones with a distance measuring application do not qualify for use due to other non-conforming applications on the phone (such as an altimeter or anemometer). The mere presence of a non-conforming feature or application disqualifies the device, even if these other features or applications are not being used. Beginning in 2014, the use of a compass is no longer a breach of the *Rules of Golf*. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round. Otherwise, cell phone use is not permitted during the stipulated round.

3. **AWARDS & TIES:**

Awards will be given to teams that finish in 1st through 5th place. In the event of a tie 1st - 5th place, the USGA method of matching score cards (Holes 10 – 18 of the second round) will be used.

4. **AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION:**

Golf carts are included as part of the entry fee. There will be a maximum of two carts per group and two bags per cart. Drivers must be at least 16 years of age (or older if club policy dictates). Each player is entitled to one seat in a cart. If a player brings a caddie, the caddie may ride provided there is a vacant seat in one of the carts. Otherwise, either the player or the caddie must walk.

5. **PULL CARTS:**

Players may use a pull cart. Sandpiper Golf Club does not rent them.

6. **CADDIES:**

Players may provide their own caddie (See section 4 on Automotive Transportation). Caddies must adhere to the dress code listed in section 8 below.

7. **SPECTATORS:**

Spectators are permitted but are not allowed in carts. Spectators must adhere to all policies set forth by the club.

8. **DRESS CODE:**

Players and caddies must be properly attired in golf shirts, slacks, Bermuda-length dress or golf shorts and soft spike shoes. Jeans (any color or any kind), T-shirts and tank tops will not be permitted. Shirts must be tucked in and hats are to be worn forward at all times.

9. **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT:**

By submitting an entry for any SCGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the SCGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the SCGA staff or Rules and Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the SCGA or the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for such removal and suspension from future SCGA-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property
- Club throwing or unnecessary club tossing
- Offensive or unbecoming language
- Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of SCGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants
- Potential endangerment of others
- Conduct deemed unbecoming
- Failure to post scores for handicapping purposes
- Manipulation of scores posted for handicapping purposes

10. **CANCELLATIONS:**

To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of an SCGA competition, a player must notify the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630, or by clicking [here](#).

If a player needs to withdraw on the morning of the event, notify the SCGA staff person through the golf shop staff at the host venue. Failure to notify the SCGA will subject the player to suspension from future SCGA competitions. Requests for refunds prior to the entry closing date will be honored less a \$10 administrative fee. Requests received after the entry closing date and 48 hours prior to the event will be honored less 50% of the entry fee. No refunds will be honored within 48 hours of the event.