



NCGA Quarterly Update, March 2011

Membership Doesn't End at the 18th Hole

NCGA Member Area

To ensure all of the money-saving opportunities are easy to access and for our members only, we have created a password-protected area on ncga.org. Simply login using your last name and seven-digit NCGA/GHIN number to access updated handicap information, discount codes and golf course specials in your area. A zip-code search function will highlight the benefits closest to your home.

All passcodes to unique member benefits are located in this website area. Your NCGA/GHIN number and last name are your portal to a page stuffed with information and savings.



American Airlines Discount

As a new benefit, members now save 10% off their next trip on American Airlines. The code to obtain the discount is available via the new NCGA Member Area. The discount may be used for six passengers traveling on a single purchase and is valid for American Airlines destinations worldwide.



Poppy Hills/Ridge Changes

Booking a tournament just got a lot easier. Poppy Hills and Poppy Ridge are pleased to introduce changes in pricing, policies and procedures for NCGA associate and regular clubs planning events in appreciation to our members and most loyal customers.

Restrictions in place in the past have been eliminated including a limit on the number of times you can play our facilities. Now, each group (24 players or more) is offered a 15% discount on its second, third and fourth events booked at Hills or Ridge in the same calendar year (a minimum of 24 players).

We now require payment only one week in advance (rather than four weeks) and will accept a credit card to secure date of play. That card will not be charged unless you fail to notify us if you cancel your date. The signed contract is considered the guidelines for cancellation and the event will not be secured without a signed document. These changes are in response to comments made at many Club Representative meetings last year. Many dates are available for the 2011 season, so please contact either golf course.



NCGA Foundation Scholarships

The NCGA Foundation currently has two scholarship opportunities available to Northern California youth, the Youth on Course and the Paul Porter Memorial scholarships.

Scholarships are the final part of the NCGA Foundation's continuum that includes clinics, health education, life skills training, course access and mentorships. Please visit ncgafoundation.org for the scholarship announcements and to submit an online application. Both scholarships have an application deadline of Friday, April 15.

The Youth on Course Scholarship is open to all Northern California high school seniors who will attend a four-year college or university. The award is both merit and need based and will distribute \$1,000 a year for four years of tuition support. A total of five scholarships will be awarded.

The Paul Porter Memorial Scholarship is open to Monterey County high school seniors. The annual scholarship provides \$5,000 in financial assistance to a deserving youth who will attend a four-year college or university.

Pro Shop Numbers
Poppy Hills
 (831) 625-2035
Poppy Ridge
 (925) 455-2035



Club Representative Meetings

Is your club taking advantage of all NCGA member benefits including free lessons, merchandise, hotel and airline discounts? Have you looked into using eClubhouse as a member-club management tool? How can your club partner with the NCGA Foundation to promote life skills and values through golf to kids in your community?

Your club can't afford to miss a Club Representative Day to learn all that is provided through NCGA membership. Although there is no charge for the meeting, there is a fee for golf which is available on a first come, first served basis. Clubs may send up to four representatives. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. with informative presentations by the NCGA staff and includes an open forum to address your questions. Contact Dorothy Bentley at the NCGA office (831) 625-4653 with questions.

NCGA Hall of Fame

The NCGA inaugurated its Hall of Fame at the annual California Golf Writers & Broadcasters Association awards banquet in February at The Inn At Spanish Bay with the NCGA Foundation as the charitable beneficiary.

Ken Venturi, Frank "Sandy" Tatum, C. Grant Spaeth and Jack Bariteau comprised the Association's inaugural hall of fame class at the 52nd CGWBA gala.

- The legendary Venturi, a San Francisco native, not only won 14 times on the PGA Tour, including the 1964 U.S. Open, but also won NorCal titles as a junior and an amateur, becoming one of only four Californians to be selected for the U.S. Walker Cup Team (in 1953).
- Tatum, a career amateur from San Francisco, remains at age 90 one of the most influential people in the golf industry. Among his accomplishments, Tatum played on two NCAA Championship teams at Stanford, won an NCAA individual title, served as president of the USGA and co-designed The Links At Spanish Bay.
- Spaeth, a Palo Alto native, also played at Stanford and went on to serve as president of the USGA, where he founded the Mid-Amateur championships. A career amateur, Spaeth is a preeminent authority on the Rules Of Golf.
- Bariteau, from San Jose, was known as "Gentleman Jack" for his graciousness on and off the golf course. During an amateur golf career that stretched close to a half century, Jack compiled 33 individual and best-ball championships, establishing him as one of the preeminent amateurs in Northern California history.

NCGA Rules of Golf Seminars

Rules seminars are a great way to kick off the 2011 season; they focus on using the Rules of Golf book, definitions and issues and concepts relating to relief procedures. Each seminar is two days with an optional test on the third day and costs \$170 for NCGA members (\$50 discount). The price includes full breakfast each morning, two lunches, study guide, Rules of Golf and Decisions books and a 2010-2011 NCGA Big-Little Book. Three seminars are scheduled in March at Fort Washington, Round Hill and El Macero. Visit NCGA.org under the Rules dropdown menu for more information.

Tournament Central Update

Several closing dates are fast approaching for NCGA club events:

3/4: Entries due for Associate Club Four-Ball Net Champ (May 9-10)

3/4: Entries due for Northeast Bay and South Valley Zones (April 11-12)

3/18: Entries due for South Coast and East Bay Zones (April 21-22)

Contact the Championship and Events Department at (831) 625-4653 with questions

Club Rep Day Schedule

April 11: Silver Creek Valley CC,
San Jose

April 26: Winchester CC, Auburn

May 2: Fort Washington GCC,
Fresno

July 11: Santa Rosa CC, Santa Rosa

Sept. 19: Wente Vineyards,
Livermore

Dec. 6: Peninsula GCC, San Mateo

