

**Sequoia Woods Country Club**  
**SEQUOIANS POLICIES**

**I. MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Membership dues are due annually by November 1st.

Active Sequoians who have reached the age of 90 are considered Honorary Club members and will no longer be charged annual Club or WNHGA dues. Honorary members must be SWCC members and maintain a GHIN . They have all the rights of regular Sequoian Club members.

**II. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements to become a member of the Sequoians are:

1. Be a dues-paying member of SWCC
2. Possess a basic knowledge of the rules and etiquette of golf
3. Have a basic knowledge of keeping score, posting and an understanding of handicap and index
4. Provide an active GHIN number and have an established handicap through USGA by posting valid score cards.
5. Submit a membership application and applicable dues

New members are urged to golf on Sequoian Play Days, participate in sweeps, and post scores whenever they play.

In order to build the membership of the Sequoians, prospective members can be invited to participate in social functions such as, but not limited to, luncheons and tournaments.

**III. SOCIAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Any dues paying member of the SWCC who was a former member of the Sequoians, and is not interested in maintaining a handicap, may choose to become a Social Member of the Sequoians. Social members are included in social functions of the club and are welcome to play golf with the Sequoians on any Play Day, however they cannot compete in weekly sweeps, invitationals, or WNHGA activities where a handicap is required. Dues for Social Members are monies collected for the local club only. There is no fee charged for WNHGA or the USGA handicap system.

A Lifetime Membership designation is granted to long-time members of the Sequoians as recognition for their past contributions to the Club. They are welcome to continue to attend Sequoian business meetings and luncheons, but do not have a vote on Club matters.

#### **IV. MEETINGS**

**Kickoff** general meeting shall be held in April to welcome members and approve the proposed budget for the coming year.

**Executive Board Meetings** are held monthly or whenever deemed necessary to conduct club business and review the financial report. Executive Board Meetings are open to all Club members.

**General Membership Meetings** shall be held monthly or whenever deemed necessary to conduct club business.

**Annual Meeting** is held in October to elect new officers, present awards and report the year-end financial report.

#### **V. OFFICERS**

The Captain, Co-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer are the elected officers whose duties are included in Article IV of the Sequoians By-Laws.

##### **WNHGA (Women's Nine Hole Golf Association) Delegates:**

Delegate – Previous Captain  
Alternate – Present Captain

#### **VI. ADDITIONAL CHAIRPERSONS/COMMITTEES (Not included in VII of Bylaws)**

The Captain appoints Chairpersons/Committees. These may include but are not limited to:

- Open Days and Invitationals
- Par/Ringer Board
- Sunshine
- Team Play
- Tournaments
- Guest Days
- Invitationals
- Match Play
- Play for Pink
- TOC - Tournament of Champions/Club Champion

**Open Days and Invitationals:** Disseminate, post on the SWCC Bulletin Board, and return all Open Day and Invitational Day registrations. Open Days are sponsored by WNHGA. All members are eligible to participate. The events are held throughout the season at WNHGA Member Clubs throughout northern California. Invitationals are sponsored by individual clubs.

**Par/Ringer Board:** Monitor tracking of Ringer Board, pars and birdies during the golf season. Present prize money at the Annual meeting in October.

**Sunshine**: Send cards to members for birthdays, illness, bereavement, congratulations and special occasions.

**Team Play**: Team play is a WNHGA competition with players from other WNHGA clubs at their courses. There are three flights determined by Index. **WNHGA will decide on game format**. All Sequoians may participate if they have a 20-game Index within the last two years. The Team Play Chairperson signs up eligible, interested members and coordinates teams for each competition. When Team Play is at our home course, Chair coordinates all arrangements, including registration, catering, and markers.

**Tournaments**: Tournament Chairperson is responsible for developing a sign-up sheet and flyer, notifying the membership, arranging catering and decorations, determining game format and pairings, awards, and volunteers required.

**Guest Day**: Guest Days are sponsored by individual clubs. Fees are charged for sweeps, lunch and carts. The competition can be individual play or team games.

**Invitational**: Invitationals are similar to Guest Days but usually have a theme, fund-raising activities, and special prizes. They are sponsored by individual clubs.

**Match Play**: Match Play is a flighted three-day competition. Each player is matched with another member in their flight. Handicap strokes are applied. Scoring is done on a hole-by-hole basis. After nine holes, the player who has won the most holes is declared the winner and moves on to compete in a round robin until a flight winner is determined.

**Play for Pink**: An annual tournament sponsoring cancer awareness. Sequoians and the SWWGC are invited to participate. Chairperson must coordinate event.

**Tournament of Champions (TOC)/Club Champion**: Qualifications for this tournament are determined by WNHGA. All Sequoians can participate if they have a 20-game index within the past 24 months, with a minimum of five (5) rounds being played in the current year. They must also be an active member of the Sequoians. Three (3) rounds are played alternating the front and back nine holes. The Club Champion (low gross) and the First, Second, and Third Flight winners are eligible to play in the WNHGA Tournament of Champions (TOC).

For the TOC, the Sequoians will pay the entry and luncheon fee for the four (4) players to attend the WNHGA TOC. If the TOC is held out of the Central Valley, the Sequoians will defray the cost of the motel. When markers are sent to the TOC held in the Central Valley, the Sequoians will pay for their lunch. Sequoians will not send markers if the TOC is held outside of the Central Valley.

## **VII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

1. **Club Competitions** are in effect for the months of April into October as determined by the Club Calendar.

2. **Qualifying Games Counted as Play Days**: A member who plays in Team Play competition on any day of the week shall have those days counted as Play Days which count towards eligibility for the Most Improved Player and the Club Champion awards.
3. **Charm Girl** is awarded to the Sequoian with the lowest net score on a designated Play Day each month. The award can be received multiple times during the season.
4. **Hole-in-One/Insurance**: The Hole-in-One insurance is a one-time charge that awards a Hole-in-One scored on the Sequoia Woods course. The Hole-in-One must be witnessed. WNHGA provides a plaque commemorating any Hole-in-One achieved.
5. **Monthly Most Improved Player**: The Most Improved Player for each month (April-September) must play in two Sequoian Play Days including any special Sequoian events that month. The results will be determined by the USGA MIG monthly report.
6. **Most Improved Player of the Year**: This year's Most Improved Golfer must meet the following requirements: Results will be determined by the USGA MIG yearly report January-October.
  - The recipient must have an established handicap as of January 1 of the current year.
  - Recipient must be an active, participating member of the Sequoians as of January 1 of the current year.
  - To qualify, a member must have participated in 50% of the current season's total playdays, including any special Sequoian events.
7. **Pins**: Only one pin will be given to a player during membership with the Sequoians for breaking 50 and 60 on the front nine, and breaking 40 and 50 on the back nine. **Pins are awarded for each birdie.** A pin for Charm Girl will be given only once each year although, the award can be received multiple times throughout the season. All awards will be recognized in the Forecast. A pin will be awarded the first time a recipient is awarded the Monthly Most Improved Player. A ball marker may be presented for any subsequent awards.
8. **Sweeps**: A player must complete each hole in order to be included in the sweeps when playing individual low net games. Cash awards will be given that day for any chip-ins and closest to the pin.
9. **WNHGA Annual Birdies Award**: Recipient will earn award based on most birdies for the current year and will be tracked using Golf Genius. Submission to WNHGA must be sent by October 1.
9. **Charitable Memorial Contributions**: Upon the death of an active member of the Sequoians, a memorial approved by the Executive Board will be sent.