

2019 Silver Oak Men's Club (SOMC) (Revised 1/12/19)

Welcome to the web portal of the Silver Oak Men's Club. SOMC offers players 18 and over, of varying abilities, an environment of friendly competition. Prospective members are welcomed to browse our web portal and contact us for additional information you may need. The 2019 season runs from March 17 to October 27. Benefits of membership include:

- Reduced green fees
- GHIN service for 2019
- Tournament games (mandatory) and optional gross and net skins
- Range balls on tournament day
- FredEx Cup points race and qualification for annual NNGA 6-man team event
- Web portal access to tournament results, seasonal points race, player stats and more
- Awards banquet

Annual club dues are \$55 (\$65 after March 17, 2019). A secondary club membership is available for \$40 to players who choose to maintain an active GHIN handicap (and pay their service fee) at another NNGA-affiliated club. All returning members should have received their application and membership information for the 2019 season by e-mail. New members may download the packet by visiting the Silver Oak Golf and Event Center website at <http://www.silveroakgolf.com> under Sunday Men's Club.

Congratulations to our 2018 Champions

FredEx Cup: Jim Sapien - 6803 points

Club Championship: Jim Sapien – 69, 72 (gross); Ben Gelbaum – 67, 66 (low net over field)

President's Cup: Chuck Spencer (Flight 1); Robert Martin (Flight 2)

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2019 Tournament and Handicap Committee: Eric Fujita, Bert Wells, Larry Johnson, Dan Wilson, Robert Mason (adviser and Head Pro); 2019 Scoring Team – Larry Johnson and Dan Wilson (backup – Eric Fujita and Bert Wells).

SOMC would not exist without the volunteer efforts of your Board members. If you want to contribute, the SOMC Board is seeking volunteers to join the Tournament and Handicap Committee (and scoring team) for the 2020 season. Volunteers will need to acquire a working knowledge of the USGA Tournament Management software by Golf Genius, GHIN Handicap Program, and Excel spreadsheets for calculating local handicaps and tournament payouts. We will provide the necessary training during the off season between 2019 and 2020. Please contact Eric Fujita during the 2019 season if you're interested.

Club Rules and Policies

Tournament Schedule and Format

Club tournaments are scheduled each Sunday from March 17 to October 27, 2019. Click on Calendar under the Home Page tab for the 2019 tournament schedule. “More Info” specifies the tournament format for the day and the applicable handicap percentage and FedEx Cup points. Individual stroke play is the most common format during the season. Descriptions of other tournament formats can be found in the membership packet.

Tournament Signups

Tournament signups are by tee times for most tournaments. Tee times may be booked at the Silver Oak Pro Shop (775-841-7000, ext 2) up to two weeks in advance. Groups of less than four will be deemed open spots to fill by other members calling in for a time. Ten tournaments will have shotgun starts including the 2-round President’s Cup, 2-round Club Championship, and Playoffs. First round pairings for major championships are according to the usual signup procedure, but first-hole tees will be assigned according to the aggregate handicap index of the group. Second round pairings are by order of finish after the first round. Similarly, accumulated FedEx points determine pairings for the playoffs. Players will need to have played in a minimum of three club events to qualify for entry into the President’s cup and a minimum of five events for the Club Championship. **In order to facilitate the Tournament Committee’s preparation for the tournament, we request that all players book their tee times or, if necessary, cancel no later than Friday noon prior to the next Sunday tournament.**

Guest Policy

In addition to the annual member/guest event, members may invite guests to play in any of our regular club event (i.e., excluding Club Championship, President’s Cup, Playoffs and Monthly Masters) throughout the year. The guest invitations are intended to allow prospective new members to evaluate SOMC membership and will be extended once per guest. A guest with an active GHIN handicap index may enter into game and skins using his lowest index in the past 12 months. Guests without an active handicap index may enter gross skins only. Calloway scoring will be used only in the annual member/guest event.

Tournament Flights and Tees

Tournaments consist of three flights with equal numbers of players. Handicap cutoff between flights will vary with the number of players in the field. All play is from the blue tees unless specified by the tournament format.

Tournament Entry Fees

There is a mandatory entry fee of \$10 for the game associated with the weekly tournaments. The club retains 15% of the total mandatory entry fees to cover costs for year-end awards, hole-in-one insurance (up to \$100) and club events throughout the season. Separate \$5 entry fees for

gross and net skins are optional. Maximum handicap for net skins is limited to 18. Place your entry fees in an envelope at the golf shop when you check in and drop it in the fee/scorecard bin.

Course Handicap

A “course handicap” indicates the number of handicap strokes a player receives from a specific set of tees at the course being played to adjust the player’s scoring ability to the level of zero-handicap golf. A course handicap is determined by applying the player’s handicap index to a course handicap table (see <http://cdn.cybergolf.com/images/1587/Mens-Slope-Tables.pdf>)

Handicap Policy

A local handicap index (LHI), which is based on scores from only SOMC events, will be used if it differs from the player’s GHIN HI by more than one stroke. This change addresses past concerns about potential advantage for some players who consistently posts higher scores outside of our club events. The proposal to use a local index was approved by the general membership on September 16, 2018. The requirement for an active GHIN handicap remains with this new policy and the Tournament Committee will continue to post all scores from club events to GHIN.

The Handicap Committee may also adjust the LHI for a player who shoots two exceptional scores that exceed a probability, as defined in the USGA Handicap Manual, of 1 in 200 within a rolling period of six months. The full SOMC Handicap Policy may be downloaded from the Silver Oak website at <http://www.silveroakgolf.com> under Sunday Men’s Club.

Play by the Rules of Golf

Members are expected to know and play by the rules of golf. This is particularly important next season as several changes to USGA rules take effect on January 1, 2019. A summary of the more commonly applied USGA and local rules can be downloaded from the Silver Oak website at <http://www.silveroakgolf.com> under Sunday Men’s Club.

Pace of Play

All groups are expected to **play ready golf** and complete their rounds in less than 4½ hours. Groups are encouraged to book tee times according to their usual pace of play to reduce potential backups on the course and to enable compliance with the pace-of-play policy by all. The Tournament Committee will enforce the guidelines for penalizing slow groups as described in the SOMC Pace-of-Play Policy, which can be downloaded from the Silver Oak website at <http://www.silveroakgolf.com> under Sunday Men’s Club.

Score Cards and Posting Scores

1. First and last name (legible)
2. All scores must be dated, signed and attested.
3. For holes that are unfinished, post your “most likely score,” which is the actual number of strokes taken plus the number of strokes, in the player’s best judgment, which would

be needed to finish the hole from that position more than half of the time. The score for those holes should be preceded by an X on the scorecard.

4. Incomplete or unreadable cards will be disqualified.
5. Scorecards are exchanged prior to play for Club Championship and President's Cup. You will be keeping the score for another person in your foursome.

The Tournament Committee will post scores to the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) for SOMC sponsored events. Members are expected to post all other 9-hole (7 to 12 holes completed) or 18-hole (13 holes or more completed) scores of stroke play throughout the year as governed by USGA posting procedures. Score holes that are not played as par plus the number of strokes that you are entitled to according to your handicap. Don't forget to apply the appropriate Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) adjustments. ESC is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make a handicap index more representative of a player's potential ability. The maximum score on any hole is: double bogey for course handicap of 9 or less; 7 for 10 through 19; 8 for 20 through 29; 9 for 30 through 39.

Tournament Results and Payouts

Tournament game winnings are paid out to the lowest net scores for a quarter of the field in each flight (except major championships) plus \$20 for low gross and \$15 for closest to the pin. Championship winnings are paid to low gross and net over field and to the lowest net scores for a quarter of the remaining field in each flight. Payouts (except skins) are in scrips redeemable for green fees, merchandise, lessons, food and beverages at the Silver Oak Pro Shop (excludes food service on the second floor). FredEx Cup points are allocated according to the tables in the membership packet. Players who submit scores for unfinished rounds or with an X on any hole will be disqualified from the game without refund of the mandatory entry fee, but will be eligible for skins and FredEx Cup points. For purposes of awarding points, unfinished holes will be counted as par plus the extra strokes based upon the player's handicap.

The Scoring Team (Larry Johnson and Dan Wilson in 2019) will post the preliminary tournament results for review on the web portal after conclusion of play. Click on results tab and select a date. Results for tournament and skins games are shown on separate pages. Reveal individual score cards by clicking on a player's name and click on expand all in the skins sections for details of each winning skin. Contact the Scoring Team if you suspect an error in the scoring. Challenges to a posted score will be rejected if it matches the score on the signed and attested score card. The schedule for posting of results, review and challenges, and collection of game and skins awards will be announced prior to the start of the season.

FredEx Cup, Playoffs and Annual Awards

FredEx Cup, named after our club's founding member Fred Coons, is a season long points race from March 17th through September 1st culminating in a one-day playoff on September 8th to determine qualifiers for the NNGA 6-Man Team event in September 2019. Points are awarded every week with each flight playing for first place points. Points range up to 500 points for regular tournament, up to 1000 for Monthly Masters, and up to 2000 for major tournaments (Club Championship and President's Cup). Winners of the Monthly Masters in each flight gain

entry into the Master of the Masters, a parallel tournament during the playoff. The top 20 point earners and ties qualify for the playoff with the Club Champions (low gross and low net over field) and President's Cup Champions (flights 1, 2 and 3) gaining automatic entry. Accumulated points reset to zero for the playoff and the field is divided equally into two flights.

SOMC plans to enter two six-man teams consisting of the qualifiers in Team 1 and 2, shown below. While entry for Team 1 is assured, Team 2 is contingent upon acceptance of the second team based on the number of teams that have entered. Team 1 will represent SOMC if NNGA accepts only one team from our club.

Team 1

1. FredEx Cup Champion (automatic qualifier)
2. Player with lowest gross in playoffs.
3. Player with lowest net over field in playoffs.
- 4-6. Players with lowest net score in flight 1, 2 and 3 among remaining players. Additional players may qualify for Team 2 if one or more automatic qualifiers for Team 2 earn spots on Team 1.

Team 2 – Automatic qualifiers for Team 2 if not already qualified for Team 1.

1. Club Champion, low gross
2. Club Champion, low net over field
3. President's Cup Champions, low gross
4. President's Cup Champions, low net over field
5. Master of the Masters, low gross
6. Master of the Masters, low net over field

The NNGA limits the allowable handicap for all of its events to a maximum of 27. Therefore, only players with course handicaps of 27 or less will be eligible for Team 1. Players with a course handicap greater than 27 will be placed on Team 2 and replaced on Team 1 with an automatic qualifier on Team 2 in the order listed, if not already qualified for Team 1

Annual Awards

- FredEx Cup Champion (personalized golf bag)
- Club Championship – low gross (personal trophy and name on perpetual plaque)
- Club Championship – Flight 2 (personal trophy and name on perpetual plaque)
- Club Championship - Flight 3 (personal trophy and name on perpetual plaque)
- President's Cup Champion – flight 1 (name on perpetual plaque)
- President's Cup Champion – flight 2 (name on perpetual plaque)
- President's Cup Champion – flight 3 (name on perpetual plaque)
- Master of the Masters – flight 1 (name on perpetual plaque)
- Master of the Masters – flight 2 (name on perpetual plaque)
- Master of the Masters – flight 3 (name on perpetual plaque)
- NNGA Six-Man Team 1 and 2 (team cap)
- Most club events played
- Most improved player

Silver Oak Men's Club (SOMC)
Handicap Policy (revised 1/13/2019)

An active handicap index (HI) from the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN) is required for entry into SOMC games and skins. GHIN enables players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis and is provided by the United States Golf Association (USGA) to participating golf associations and clubs. GHIN is administered in our region by the Northern Nevada Golf Association (NNGA) and access to GHIN is through Silver Oak (Service #55 - Sunday Men's Club). The annual service fee for GHIN is included with your SOMC membership. GHIN handicaps will remain active for returning members until March 31, 2019 and will be deactivated thereafter if membership is not renewed. A secondary club membership is available as an option for players who choose to maintain an active GHIN handicap (and pay their service fee) at another NNGA-affiliated club. Players who are also members of the Silver Oak Senior Men's Club (SOSMC) will need choose to have their GHIN service through either SOMC or SOSMC (Service #54), **but not both**.

Beginning in 2019, a local handicap index(LHI) will be used to calculate a player's course handicap (CH) for SOMC events if it differs from the player's GHIN HI by more than one stroke. This local handicap index is based on scores from only SOMC events. This change was approved by the general membership (September 16, 2018) to address past concerns about potential advantage for some players who consistently posts higher scores outside of our club events. The requirement for an active GHIN handicap index remains and the Tournament Committee will continue to post all scores from club events to GHIN. The LHI will be based on scores from club events as defined below.

Differential (Diff) = (Adj Gross – Course Rating) x (113/Slope)

GHIN Handicap Index: HI = (Average best 10 Diffs from past 20 rounds) x 0.96

Local Handicap Index: LHI = (Average best 10 Diffs from past 20 club events) x 0.96

Course Handicap: CH = (HI x slope)/113 if difference of HI and LHI < 1 stroke

CH = (LHI x slope)/113 if difference of HI and LHI ≥ 1 stroke

LHI will be updated on the 1st and 15th day of each month during the season and posted for each member on the club bulletin board along with their corresponding HI from GHIN. Scores from a minimum of five SOMC events will be required for a valid LHI. The lowest HI in the past 12 months will be used for new members who have an active HI from GHIN until they acquire the required number of five scores from club events. New members without an active GHIN HI may enter gross skins game only until a local or GHIN handicap is established.

The Handicap Committee may also adjust the LHI for a player who shoots two exceptional scores that exceed a probability, as defined in the USGA Handicap Manual, of 1 in 200 within a rolling period of six months. The adjusted LHI (LHIa) will be the average of the LHI and average differential of the two exceptional scores. No adjustments will be made for LHI - LHIa < 1. Members will receive written notice from the Handicap Committee of possible adjustment of their handicaps and will have an opportunity to discuss this with the Committee.

2019 Handicap Committee: Eric Fujita (Chairman), Bert Wells, Dan Wilson, Larry Johnson and Robert Mason (Adviser and Head Professional)

Silver Oak Men's Club (SOMC)
Pace-of-Play Policy (Revised 1/13/19)

All groups are expected to **play ready golf** and complete their rounds in less than 4½ hours. Note that this is the maximum and all groups should finish well within the allowable time if everyone plays ready golf. Check your progress during the round against the time check points corresponding to your tee time in the table on the next page. Ideally, the groups in front, middle and back of the field will play in less than 4, 4¼ and 4½ hours, respectively. The elapsed times at the turn for these groups should be at least 15, 10 and 5 minutes earlier than the time check points respectively. If not, your group will need to pick up the pace. Groups are encouraged to book tee times according to their usual pace of play to reduce potential backups on the course and to enable compliance with the pace-of-play policy by all. Commit to the following guidelines for playing ready golf and make it a habit.

1. **On the Tee.** Player who is ready should hit (no honor system). Tee-off as soon as the group ahead is clear. Watch your partners' balls so you may assist in search.
2. **On the Fairway.** Drop your partner at his ball, then continue to yours. Take appropriate clubs to your ball and hit without delay (do not use honor system). Limit search for lost balls to **3 minutes**.
3. **On and Around the Greens.** Take extra club(s) if you're not sure about club selection. Leave extra clubs between the cup and cart. Be alert to tend the flag for other players when necessary. Repair ball marks and read your putts while other players are reading their putts. Be ready when it's your turn.
4. **Pre-shot Routine.** Consider shortening your pre-shot routine if you consistently take longer than 30 seconds to hit your shot from the time it's your turn to play.
5. **Golf GPS Apps.** Enter score and other information for the previous hole(s) prior to reaching your approach shot so that your yardage for the current hole is immediately available.

The Tournament Committee will enforce the following guidelines for penalizing slow groups:

1. Groups may be penalized if they play in excess of 4 ½ hours. Duration of play will be determined by your group's actual tee time confirmed by the Starter and the time you hand in your scorecard to the Tournament Committee (minus 5 minutes). If no one is available to receive your scorecard, write the time your group leaves the 18th green on the scorecard before placing it in the fee/scorecard bin.
2. Groups will not be penalized if they finish #18 within 14 minutes of the group in front of them (9-minute starting times plus a 5-minute grace period). Distances between starting/finishing hole and the clubhouse will be considered.
3. A group in violation of the above guidelines will be notified when submitting their scorecard and in writing at the time the preliminary tournament results are posted for review. Each player in the group may appeal to the Tournament Committee either in person immediately after the round or in writing no later than Monday. In the interest of fairness, the Tournament Committee will consider differences in pace-of-play among individuals in the group as well as adverse playing conditions due to weather or exceptional game format (e.g., playing from tips).
4. Multiple penalties will result in the following action.
 - 1st offense – warning.
 - 2nd offense – 2 stroke penalty for that day's game.
 - 3rd offense – disqualification from that day's game.
 - Continued repeat offenses – membership may be terminated for players that do not show an effort to comply with the club's guidance for playing ready golf.

2019 USGA and SOMC Local Rules (revised 1/8/19)

Members are expected to know and play by the rules of golf. This is particularly important next season as several changes to USGA rules take effect on January 1, 2019. Review the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chPOtfLUHC0> for explanations of the most important changes. Commonly applied rules are summarized below with the 2019 changes to rules in *italic*.

1. Summer Rules – Play the ball down for all tournaments.
2. Ball lost or out of bounds – Rule 27. If you hit a shot out of bounds or if the ball is lost, you must play your next shot from the original spot with 1 stroke penalty (i.e., stroke and distance penalty). Hit a provisional ball if you suspect your original ball might be lost or OB. You must announce your intention to play a provisional and do so before leaving the tee box or spot of the original shot. If you search and find your ball in play, you **MUST** play the ball. Consider your options on a hole like #6 where a ball hit left of the green may not be playable and a legal drop after a penalty stroke may result in yet another unplayable lie. It may be more prudent to abandon the ball after a “cursory” search and take your chances with a playable provisional ball. The following areas are OB:
 - a. OB defined by white stakes including decorative white rock area on #11 (behind green), #14 (right and left of green) and #15.
 - b. All boundary fences. There is no free relief if your ball lies close to a boundary fence.
 - c. Left of split rail fence along cart path on #6 is OB, but cart parking area on #6 beyond the white stakes with green tips is not OB.

Alternative to Stroke and Distance. A new optional local rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is out of bounds or lost outside a penalty area. This option allows the player, with a two stroke penalty, to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway that is not nearest to the hole. See diagram of allowable drop area in the following link: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>. The player may not use this option if the ball is likely to have come to rest in a penalty area, or the player has already played a provisional ball under penalty of stroke and distance. Note that this rule addresses pace-of-play issues at the recreational club level and is not intended for professional or elite amateur level competition. ***The SOMC Board has elected not to adopt this local rule for 2019.*** Any change will involve a vote of the general membership at its meeting in September 2019.

3. Water Hazards (yellow stakes) - Rule 26-1: holes #13. You have 3 options if you hit a ball in a water hazard. (1) Play the ball as it lies in the hazard (no penalty). (2) Go back to the spot where you last hit from and drop a ball (1 stroke penalty). (3) Take a point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, in line with the flagstick, and drop on the line as far back as you want (1 stroke penalty). Any ball that hits on the green side, but rolls back into the water, must be played from the fairway side under option 2 or 3.
4. Lateral Water Hazards (red stakes) – Rule 26-1: #1, #11 (including unplayable wet area left of fairway), #15 and #18. You have 5 options if your hit a ball in a lateral water hazard:
 - 1) Play the ball as it lies in the hazard (no penalty).
 - 2) Go back to the tee and tee up the ball or to the spot where you last hit from and drop a ball (1 stroke penalty).

- 3) Take a point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard, in line with the flagstick, and drop on the line as far back as you want (1 stroke penalty).
- 4) Take the point where it last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop within two club lengths and no closer to the hole (1 stroke penalty).
- 5) Go to the opposite side of the hazard, equal distance from the hole, and drop within two club lengths (1 stroke penalty) [This option is not always feasible].

“Penalty Areas”. *Under the new rules, “water hazards” will be superseded by the expanded concept of “penalty areas”. A penalty area will include both (1) all areas currently define in the Rules as a water hazard or lateral water hazard and (2) any other area the Committee chooses to define as a penalty area (e.g., desert, rock fields, etc.). New rule will provide the same basic options for relief that exist under current rules for water hazards. Areas on the course that could potentially be considered penalty areas are: white rock areas behind the green on #11, right of the fairway and left of the green on #14, right of fairway on #15; and sage brush area right of the cart path going up to the green of #5, Left of green on #6, and right of #7. We have not heard anything definitive about how this new rule will affect play at Silver Oak or the course rating. Continue to play these hole as in past years until we receive clarification of the ruling from Silver Oak and NNGA.*

5. Embedded ball – Rule 25-2. Ball embedded in its own pitch mark in closely mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty, no nearer to the hole.

The new rules extend this relief to anywhere through the green, whether or not in a closely-mown area (except when embedded in sand). Previous rule permitted a Committee to adopt this extended relief as a local rule, but this is now the default position in the rule.

6. Free drop areas include: roads and cart paths; marked ground under repair; drainage areas on left side of fairway on #13 (left of fairway and behind green) and #15 (left of fairway beyond the pond); ball in hole caused by burrowing animals; sprinklers and other man-made obstructions (excluding boundary fences). No penalty. Drop ball one club length with no penalty, nearest the point of relief and no nearer the hole.
7. Drop from unplayable lie – One stroke penalty. Drop ball within two club lengths, nearest the point of relief and no nearer to the hole.

Additional rule changes in 2019

- *Height of ball drop changed from shoulder height to knee height.*
- *No penalty for a double-chip. Count double hit as one stroke.*
- *No penalty for accidentally moving a ball on the green unless it is “virtually certain” you caused it to move on purpose.*
- *Can putt with the flagstick in.*
- *Can repair spike marks or other damage on the green.*
- *No penalty for touching the line of the putt.*
- *No penalty for moving or touching loose impediment. There is no penalty for incidentally touching sand in bunker, but you may not ground the club or take a practice swing.*
- *No longer required to announce when lifting a ball to identify or see if it’s damaged.*
- *Allowed **three minutes** to look for a lost ball instead of the previous five minutes.*