

Carmichael Golf Club FAQ Sheet

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With so many new members joining the CGC in the past few years, we felt it was time to address some issues about how the Club operates. We hope these notes will be beneficial to all members – as the year progresses, we will probably provide additional FAQ sheets as issues arise:

Q. How are payments for events handled?

A. Checks are cashed after an event is completed – our experiences with cashing checks prior to the event have not gone smoothly when rainouts or cancellations occur. In cases where a refund is appropriate (rainout or cancellation where payment is not required to the course played), checks will either be returned to the member – or, at the request of the member, can be applied to a future event.

Q. What is the CGC's cancellation policy for an event?

A. Prior to 72 hours leading up to an event, cancellations will be refunded or applied to a future event. Within the last 72 hours, the member who cancels is responsible for finding a replacement if the CGC does not have a waiting list of players to fill an available spot. If the course requires payment for a cancelled and unfilled spot within the last 72 hours, the cancelled members' original entry payment will be used to cover this cost. If the course does not require payment for a cancelled and unfilled spot within the last 72 hours, entry will be either returned to the member or applied to a future event if requested by the member.

In certain events, some courses will have stricter guidelines on payment requirements. We will make every effort to inform members in advance if stricter requirements will be in effect for a particular event.

Q. How do I find out my tee time for an event?

A. Between Monday and Wednesday of the week of the event (example – event is Saturday the 10th, so between Monday the 5th and Wednesday the 7th) the starting time sheet will be entered on the website (www.carmichaelgolfclub.com). On the main page of the website, in the box on the right hand side where the event is listed with entry forms, the time shown will have an underline (link) – click on this link to go to the starting times. If you are unable to access this link, you then need to contact Alan or Debbie at the email or telephone at the bottom of this FAQ sheet. We will only call members with starting times who do not have an active email address with the Club.

Q. How are prize payouts handled from an event?

A. Prize payouts are made in announcements at the course after scoring is completed after each event. For members who win cash or gift certificates, but who have left prior to the prize payouts, we will maintain a listing of payouts not made and attempt to pay these out prior to the next event the member participates in. Mailings of payout winnings not received at an event will generally only happen twice a year – following our away trip (where prizes are not paid during the trip) and at the end of the year. We have found that many small amount checks written throughout the year don't get cashed and clog up our check balances of the CGC checking account.

Q. Can I pay for entries or skins on the day of the event?

A. We will accommodate these payments occasionally, especially when a late entry makes receiving a payment in the mail in time for the event problematic. However, please consider two things when making this a more common practice – 1) payments are not cashed until after the event, there is no really good reason (saving the price of a stamp IS NOT a good reason) not to pay in advance, and 2) Alan is also there on the day of the event to play golf. Every occurrence of him collecting or paying out money prior to the round is taking away from his time to prepare for his round of golf. A little courtesy in this would be greatly appreciated!!

Q. Why are there not Women's flights?

A. In the early years of the CGC, the Women members were quite adamant that they did not want separate flights from the Men – they wanted to compete equally with the Men based on handicaps. With all the efforts made by the USGA and the NCGA to accurately capture handicaps via indexes, course rating and slopes from various tees, we have remained a strong proponent of playing together as a group – letting the distinctions being by handicap flights, not gender.

Q. How are skins determined?

A. At each event, within each flight, \$ 5 from every member who wishes to participate is put into a pool. Net scores are used for each hole for all members who pay into the pool – the number of holes won outright are divided by the pool to determine the skins payout for that flight for that event. Skins are not determined by a carryover of holes between each winning hole.

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