

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE  
MEN'S NINE HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION  
HISTORY SINCE 1976

In 1976 Claire Lingen began working to start a nine-hole group. In 1977 Allen Bishop, who at the time was on the POA Recreation Committee, proposed that members of the Men's Golf Association (MGA) be offered the choice of playing either nine holes or eighteen holes and having a separate program for the golf season which was accepted by the MGA.

An organizational meeting was held at the Coronado Center with about 20 prospective members, Roger Kluska, the PGA pro and John Meinhardt from the MGA. John Meinhardt explained the point system of tournament play and suggested it would probably work better for the group than the regular handicap system.

The point system works as follows: awarding 1 point for a double bogey, 2 points for a bogey, 3 points for a par, 4 points for a birdie and 5 points for an eagle. The player's handicap is determined by using all of his accumulated points divided by the number of nine-hole rounds played in competition. Winners of each event are determined by the player having the most points over the handicap. Handicaps are adjusted after each nine holes played in the men's nine-hole competition. It was agreed to start playing as a nine-hole division. After several events it was decided that contestants would contribute fifty cents at each event for prize money to be apportioned to the top four winners.

In 1978 it was agreed that members would transfer between the eighteen and nine holers provided both groups were notified. However, no one could belong to both organizations. It was also decided that prize money would be given to the POA pro shop against which merchandise could be purchased. Paul Plambeck was elected to the board of the MGA so that there would be liaison between the two groups.

On August 31, 1978 the Board of Directors set up rules of order. Beginning in 1979, the nine holers received \$300 from MGA dues for the season and the fifty cents contribution was discontinued.

In 1980 the members voted 80% in favor of forming a separate league which was named the Hot Springs Village Men's Nine Hole Golf Association (MGA 9). Dues were set at \$15 for the full season and \$10 for the second half of the season. This was believed to be fair as the fall luncheon would probably be paid for from the dues. At the fall luncheon, October 16, 1980, a new constitution and by-laws, as written by Charles McClelland, were submitted and adopted by unanimous vote.

The association began having its membership and schedule, along with special instructions, in a printed bulletin in 1982. Also in 1982, we were told by the DeSoto Pro Shop that members could establish a regular handicap by paying a \$3 fee and complying with all other regulations concerning a round of 18-hole golf.

No changes in format were made between 1982 and 1987. Membership fee was \$15 in 1985. Starting with the spring luncheon, March 24, 1987, the Association began having its spring and fall meetings at the Coronado Center with a continental breakfast rather than an open bar and regular meal as in the past.

Beginning in 1988 prize money was awarded directly to the winners in place of merchandise awards through the pro shop. Membership voted that no donations be made to any requesting organization.

In 1989 a rule was adopted to pick up the ball when par plus 3 strokes were reached on any hole and score a triple bogey. An exception was when playing a low putts event to play through all the way. The POA pro, Garth Welshear, noted a problem with slow play, "play ready golf, standing on greens is intolerable."

MGA 9 membership in 1990 was 250. Membership fee was raised to \$20.

MGA 9 membership in 1992 was 293. Ponce de Leon was adopted as the home course by the MGA 9. Voted to sign up with Bob Lamczyk Enterprises utilizing the proposed computer system for sign up, pairing, and handicap for the coming year.

MGA 9 membership in 1998 was 234. In 1998 tournament signups and other league information was begun on the Internet website with subscription software. David Beattie was the computer support member.

MGA 9 membership in 1999 was 215.

MGA 9 membership in 2000 was 177. Member James (Burt) Stowell wanted to expand the league to play more days. Meeting resistance he decided to form a separate group that would play a scramble format on Wednesday afternoons. The Wild Bunch was started with 4 captains each calling one fourth of the MGA 9 members and asking if they wished to play in the scramble. Players showed up at the tournament course and the first groups teed up at one o'clock followed by the rest. There was no preliminary tee time information available in the beginning. A fee of two dollars was collected from each player and paid back to daily winners on the play date. All scoring records were kept manually, and signups were handled by Stowell. Joe Seffense made the weekly pairings and handicaps. Joe Dejanovich substituted for Seffense when needed.

MGA 9 membership in 2001 was 164.

MGA 9 membership in 2002 was 216. J.E. Joe Seffense took the reins of the Wild Bunch when Stowell was unable to continue due to failing health. Joe continued to keep the records manually until joining the MGA 9 to utilize the subscription computer software. The Wild Bunch paid one-half the annual fee incurred by the MGA 9 for the software. Rich Mcallister was recruited to collect the two-dollar tournament fee soon to be replaced by Dennis McCaughey. Starting tee times were moved back to 12:28 for the in season play and 12:04 during the winter shotgun start season when Friday afternoons were added to the schedule. The weekly prizes were paid to the winners on the play date.

MGA 9 membership in 2003 was 239.

MGA 9 membership in 2004 was 252.

MGA 9 membership in 2005 was 299. Membership fee was \$30.

MGA 9 membership in 2008 was 299.

MGA 9 membership in 2009 was 286.

MGA 9 membership in 2010 was 254.

In September 2010 the dues were increased from \$35 to \$40 annually citing increased costs and decreasing membership. The increase was approved by the membership to take effect for the 2011 fiscal year. Survey of the membership showed number one complaint was pace of play. Members suggested changing from white tees to gold at Coronado – presented to the membership it was defeated – twice. Rules were changed to allow improved lie from six inches to one club length in the fairway.

The 2011 fiscal year saw a deficit in finances due to decreased membership numbers. MGA 9 membership was 228.

In 2012 a rule change was approved to allow removal of a ball from a bunker when the entire course was under cart path only requirement. The change was approved. The Lady Duffers will have an annual Founder's Days tournament at Coronado to celebrate Joan and Claire Lingen for their founding of the Lady Duffers and the Men's Nine Hole Golf Association in 1976. Participation by the Men's Nine Golf Association was approved by the members at the spring breakfast meeting. President Lee Cordes asked the membership to please write first and last names on the score cards to reduce errors and eliminate any confusion. The fall meeting was changed from a luncheon to a breakfast meeting citing a lower cost for breakfast and elimination of a conflict with the Wild Bunch tee times. MGA 9 membership was 239.

In 2013 the handicap system in use was scrapped in favor of one that mimics the USGA and GHIN system so members can use their handicap when playing outside the MGA 9. A proposal to change the constitution to allow dual membership in the MGA 9 and MGA was not approved by vote of the membership. MGA 9 membership was 208.

MGA 9 membership in 2014 was 203.

In 2015 Joe Seffense passed away after turning over the management of the Wild Bunch to the MGA 9 and Al Houck agreed to become the coordinator.

MGA 9 membership in 2017 was 205. In March 2017 the Constitution was revised and updated in consideration of changing times and technological advances. The changes were approved by the membership at the spring breakfast meeting. Rules were changed to allow removal of a ball from a bunker at will without penalty and to allow improved lie of one club length through the green.

MGA 9 membership in 2018 was 201.

MGA 9 membership in 2019 was 209. Dual membership between the MGA9 and MGA18 was approved.

MGA 9 membership in 2020 was 196. Due to COVID-19 the spring and fall breakfast gatherings were not held. We extended the playing season through February 2021. The regular play season began on 10 July 2020. During the March, April, May, and June 2020 season we played an extra day of "Wild Bunch".

MGA 9 Officers 1978 – Present

|      |      |                   |      |      |                  |
|------|------|-------------------|------|------|------------------|
| 1978 | Pres | Joe Flynn         | 1979 | Pres | Paul Plambeck    |
|      | VP   | Paul Plambeck     |      | VP   | John Gray        |
|      | Sec  | Arnold Jorgensen  |      | Sec  | Paul Merriman    |
|      | Tres | Clare Lyngen      |      | Tres | Dick Jones       |
| 1980 | Pres | Howard Winchester | 1981 | Pres | Joe Flynn        |
|      | VP   | Wyman Hammond     |      | VP   | Ralph Smallman   |
|      | Sec  | Robert Anderson   |      | Sec  | Lynn Darin       |
|      | Tres | Joseph Frederick  |      | Tres | Charles Roth     |
| 1982 | Pres | Robert McKee      | 1983 | Pres | Robert McKee     |
|      | VP   | Lynn Darin        |      | VP   | Glenn Lund       |
|      | Sec  | Lewis Halverson   |      | Sec  | Lewis Halverson  |
|      | Tres | Glenn Lund        |      | Tres | Frank O'Malley   |
| 1984 | Pres | Glenn Lund        | 1985 | Pres | Jack Mockabee    |
|      | VP   | Jack Mockabee     |      | VP   | Harold Switzer   |
|      | Sec  | Lewis Halverson   |      | Sec  | Allen Booth      |
|      | Tres | Frank O'Malley    |      | Tres | John McDermott   |
| 1986 | Pres | Harold Switzer    | 1987 | Pres | Harold Switzer   |
|      | VP   | Gordon Schultz    |      | VP   | Robert Bachmeyer |
|      | Sec  | Jesse Orr         |      | Sec  | Jesse Orr        |
|      | Tres | John McDermott    |      | Tres | John McDermott   |
| 1988 | Pres | Don Palmer        | 1989 | Pres | Robert Bachmeyer |
|      | VP   | Robert Bachmeyer  |      | VP   | Ray Smith        |
|      | Sec  | Jesse Orr         |      | Sec  | Clarence Bachman |
|      | Tres | Doug Holden       |      | Tres | Doug Holden      |
| 1990 | Pres | Bob Maher         | 1991 | Pres | Al McColloum     |
|      | VP   | Al McColloum      |      | VP   | L J McCoun       |
|      | Sec  | Clarence Bachman  |      | Sec  | Clarence Bachman |
|      | Tres | Ralph Schmitz     |      | Tres | Ralph Schmitz    |

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|------|------|--------------------|------|------|--------------------|
| 1992 | Pres | Wayne Stoneking    | 1993 | Pres | Bob Crow           |
|      | VP   | Bob Crow           |      | VP   | Ed Horn            |
|      | Sec  | Steve Cutt         |      | Sec  | Walter Chojnowski  |
|      | Tres | Ed Horn            |      | Tres | Ken Cox            |
| 1994 | Pres | Robert Melick      | 1995 | Pres | Walter Chojnowski  |
|      | VP   | Walter Chojnowski  |      | VP   | Stan Leer          |
|      | Sec  | Ed Gorsuch         |      | Sec  | Ed Gorsuch         |
|      | Tres | Ken Cox            |      | Tres | Jack Hornecker     |
| 1996 | Pres | Stan Leer          | 1997 | Pres | Ed Gorsuch         |
|      | VP   | Ed Gorsuch         |      | VP   | George Meyer       |
|      | Sec  | Bill Hornsby       |      | Sec  | Bill Hornsby       |
|      | Tres | Jack Hornecker     |      | Tres | Bill Shepard       |
| 1998 | Pres | George Meyer       | 1999 | Pres | Barney Barnhart    |
|      | VP   | Barney Barnhart    |      | VP   | Frank Benda        |
|      | Sec  | Bill Hornsby       |      | Sec  | Ed Pearson         |
|      | Tres | Bill Shepard       |      | Tres | Bill Shepard       |
| 2000 | Pres | Frank Benda        | 2001 | Pres | Ed Davis           |
|      | VP   | Ed Davis           |      | VP   | Jim Stowell        |
|      | Sec  | Ed Pearson         |      | Sec  | Ed Pearson         |
|      | Tres | Jack Matteson      |      | Tres | Jack Matteson      |
| 2002 | Pres | Jim Stowell        | 2003 | Pres | Tom Gavos          |
|      | VP   | Tom Gavos          |      | VP   | Bob Edscorn        |
|      | Sec  | Bob Edscorn        |      | Sec  | George Chamberlain |
|      | Tres | Jack Matteson      |      | Tres | Dave Beattie       |
| 2004 | Pres | Bob Edscorn        | 2005 | Pres | Bill Rhoades       |
|      | VP   | Bill Rhoades       |      | VP   | George Chamberlain |
|      | Sec  | George Chamberlain |      | Sec  | Bill Evans         |
|      | Tres | Dave Beattie       |      | Tres | Dave Beattie       |
| 2006 | Pres | Bill Evans         | 2007 | Pres | Bill Janser        |
|      | VP   | Bill Janser        |      | VP   | Mark Anable        |
|      | Sec  | Mark Anable        |      | Sec  | Richard Landers    |
|      | Tres | Wayne Franks       |      | Tres | Wayne Franks       |

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| 2008 | Pres | Mark Anable     | 2009 | Pres | Richard Landers |
|      | VP   | Richard Landers |      | VP   | Bob Blocker     |
|      | Sec  | Bob Blocker     |      | Sec  | Lee Cordes      |
|      | Tres | Jim Ladron      |      | Tres | Jim Ladron      |
| 2010 | Pres | Bob Blocker     | 2011 | Pres | Lee Cordes      |
|      | VP   | Lee Cordes      |      | VP   | Tom Paprocki    |
|      | Sec  | Tom Paprocki    |      | Sec  | Lou Eichler     |
|      | Tres | Jim Ladron      |      | Tres | Jim Ladron      |
| 2012 | Pres | Tom Paprocki    | 2013 | Pres | Lou Eichler     |
|      | VP   | Lou Eichler     |      | VP   | Jim Davis       |
|      | Sec  | Jim Davis       |      | Sec  | Al Houck        |
|      | Tres | Jim Ladron      |      | Tres | Jim Ladron      |
| 2014 | Pres | Jim Davis       | 2015 | Pres | Al Houck        |
|      | VP   | Al Houck        |      | VP   | Bill Ballou     |
|      | Sec  | Bill Ballou     |      | Sec  | Bill Magyar     |
|      | Tres | Thomas Liles    |      | Tres | Thomas Liles    |
| 2016 | Pres | Bill Ballou     | 2017 | Pres | Bruce Limozaine |
|      | VP   | Bill Magyar     |      | VP   | Daryl Gress     |
|      | Sec  | Bruce Limozaine |      | Sec  | Duane Ninke     |
|      | Tres | Art Holzman     |      | Tres | Art Holzman     |
| 2018 | Pres | Daryl Gress     | 2019 | Pres | Bruce Limozaine |
|      | VP   | Tom Higgins     |      | VP   | Frank Foote     |
|      | Sec  | Frank Foote     |      | Sec  | Dan Fitzgerald  |
|      | Tres | Duane Ninke     |      | Tres | Duane Ninke     |
| 2020 | Pres | Frank Foote     | 2021 | Pres | Dan Fitzgerald  |
|      | VP   | Dan Fitzgerald  |      | VP   | Marc Bayer      |
|      | Sec  | Marc Bayer      |      | Sec  | Harv Shelton    |
|      | Tres | Duane Ninke     |      | Tres | Duane Ninke     |