

# The SGANC Golf Tradition Continues in Northern California

**The Senior Golf Association of Northern California (SGANC) is proud to announce its tournament venues for the 2014 season. Discover how you can be a part of its storied California golf history and future.**

In 2014, the SGANC Club Championship is scheduled April 28-29 at Round Hill CC in Alamo and Blackhawk CC in Danville. The SGANC Four-Ball Championship will be held Sept. 29-30 at Corral de Tierra and Quail Lodge, both in Carmel Valley.

## A Great Past

On a cold foggy day in September, 1928, 63 participants competed in the final round of the Senior Championship conducted at the Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco.

The tournament was held during the Prohibition era, so alcohol was not available at the clubhouse. A group of four convened in the locker room over a bottle of scotch, and discussed the situation. The four included John G. Sutton, Horace Guitard, J. E. (Jack) French and Brace Carter, then secretary of the NCGA.

The idea of a golf association created to promote the spirit of friendly, congenial competition for golfers of senior age was discussed. That idea became the Senior Golf Association of Northern California (SGANC). A committee comprising a dozen senior



Alister MacKenzie

members of different clubs in Northern California was appointed to contact members over 50 at their clubs to join.

In less than three months, 300 applicants were on the original roster. This was the beginning of the Senior Golf Association of Northern California. Golf course architect Alister MacKenzie, a member of Claremont Country Club, was active in SGANC events in the 1930s as was former baseball great Ty Cobb, a member of The Olympic Club at the time. Honorary Members would later include C. Grant Spaeth and Sandy Tatum, former USGA presidents.

## A Great Future and Unique Membership Opportunity

Today the SGANC boasts nearly 250 members from 65 different golf clubs in Northern California. It is a non-profit organization of amateur golfers stretching from San Luis Obispo County to the

Oregon border. The SGANC was the first senior golf association established in California. The first championship was held in 1929. Today the club conducts two events each year, the Club Championship in April and the Four-Ball event in Sept., both two-day events. There are 18 governors from various areas of the region who conduct the affairs of the association. Club headquarters is located at the NCGA offices in Pebble Beach.

The current SGANC Board of Governors and membership is looking to increase membership to their authorized maximum of 350 members in 2014. The SGANC is actively recruiting qualified members from clubs that do not currently have any members in the SGANC, or from clubs where there may be just one or two members.

Membership in the SGANC is by invitation only to a senior male golfer who has reached the age of 50 by the first day of the current year's championship, and is a member in good standing of a regular (green grass/permanently sited) golf club that is a member of the NCGA. This includes members of private golf clubs, semi-private or resort golf clubs, or men's or senior men's golf associations at public golf courses.

There is a one-time initiation fee of \$75 that covers the purchase of the Association's Crest, tie and name tag. The annual dues are currently \$75.

## SGANC Membership Benefits

The SGANC was formed with the idea of facilitating friendly competition among senior men and to meet fellow senior golfers from different areas and clubs. If you enjoy playing golf at some of the best clubs in Northern California such as The Olympic Club, Claremont CC, Los Altos CC, plus numerous other great courses, and like meeting new golfers from various areas, you will enjoy being a member of the SGANC.

- Two tournaments a year at exclusive private country clubs and/or prestigious public courses
- Ability to meet, network and forge friendships with like-minded, successful golf enthusiasts
- Low initiation fee and annual dues
- Reasonable tournament fees
- Professional tournament administration and management
- Enjoyable tournament set-ups and fast pace of play
- Friendly competition for all skill levels, including super seniors over the age of 75
- Tournament prizes and recognition given at all flight levels.
- Fun on and off the golf course

## SGANC Membership Contact

If you are interested in joining, or learning more about the SGANC, please contact SGANC Membership Chairman Doug Beaumont at [dougbeaumont@comcast.net](mailto:dougbeaumont@comcast.net).