

Welcome Letter – rev. 1/26/24

On behalf of Club President Tony Salerno and the rest of SBRBMA board, I want to welcome you to the SaddleBrooke Ranch Men's Golf Association (SBRMGA). You may have already received your GHIN number, but for your convenience it is XX. You should always post your scores to GHIN, either through their phone app or on their website <https://ghin.com> - once you have posted at least three 18 hole scores or six 9 hole scores you will have a handicap established. Once you have a handicap you are welcome to play in club events. You are responsible for posting your scores after each round. We strongly encourage members to post their scores the same day they play and ideally use the "hole by hole" option.

We have a website, <https://sbrmga.com> . There is a lot of information about the club on our website, including a calendar of events, game descriptions, all the organizational documents, outreach partners and much more. It is a good first place to consult when you have a question. There is also a directory of all club members under the membership section. Understanding the diverse backgrounds of our membership we have a password to gain access to the directory. The password is (not listed).

Let me take a minute to introduce you to **Mick Borm**, who is our Weekly Events Chair. He is visible each Thursday prior to the start of our events at the driving range. What are our weekly events? Briefly, each week is a new game. Some are computer picks, some team, some individual, some partner games flighted and not flighted net and gross. They run from soup to nuts. You can see a full calendar of games scheduled for 2024 on our website at <https://www.sbrmga.com/calendar-of-events.html> and a description of each game on our website at <https://www.sbrmga.com/game-descriptions.html>

The entry for these weekly events is \$5 and it will be charged to your homeowner's card when you check in at the Pro Shop. Every penny of the entry fees collected is distributed to that event's winners in the form of credit to be used in the Pro Shop. **Starting time is always an 8 AM Shotgun. Range balls are provided on Thursday for each member for the purpose of warming up.** Mick sends out parings, scorecards and game information by Tuesday afternoon for each Thursday event. After each event you are welcome to gather with a number of the other golfers in the Sports Bar area of the Ranch House Grill where the results of the day's contest will be announced.

IMPORTANT: Signup for Thursday events is open 30 days in advance. **Signups close at noon on the Friday preceding the event.**

Sign-up is easy. Once you have an initial handicap sign into Chelsea through a web browser, click on the tab Request and then the drop down Add an Event Request. At that time, a page opens with various events listed. Find the Thursday SBR Men's event you want and click on it. It opens another page that you simply make certain your information is correct and submit. **You will receive a confirmation email and another later with a "tee time". IGNORE the Chelsea generated tee time as our event is a shotgun at our regular time of 8:00 AM.** This process applies to special events as well though you usually must sign up for both days of the special event in Chelsea. The process is similar on the Chelsea smart phone app, except you select "Club Events" from the app's Home Screen.

The day of the event we check-in at the Pro Shop. If you are an annual it's a tap in, if a play card it's a punch and if a daily they'll take care of you at the register. The entry fee is via our HOA charge account. Our entry fee is charged to your HOA charge account simplifying both the entry fee payment and the ultimate payouts for the event. Payouts are credited to your credit book at the Pro Shop. Your credit book is used to purchase soft goods, hard goods, and tokens at the Pro Shop. You may spend it at any time during the year, but it must be spent before the end of the year.

Another tidbit ... you can choose the tees you wish to play each Thursday and most special events. The options are Pine (25%), Pine/Rust (the default 30% of members), Long Combo, and Rust (30%). Recently we also introduced the Rust/Plum tee as we are getting older and dealing with all the stuff that goes with it. Please make sure Mick is aware of your preferred tees for your first event and you will automatically be assigned to those tees each week. **You can change your preferred tee box one time per calendar year.**

The next individual I want to introduce to is **Jack Dyck**. Jack is our 2024 Special Events Chair. We have 6 special events each year. These are 2-day events, Wednesday / Thursday, except the Ryder Cup which is a 3-day event. You can find information for all these events on our website at <https://www.sbrmga.com/special-event-overview.html> As we get close to each special event Jack will send out emails to members providing details for the event including how to sign up. Entry fees for special events are \$25.

Lastly, please take a moment to look at the graphic at the top of this email.

<https://www.sbrmga.com/sponsorship.html> These are the businesses that sponsor our golf club. They are extremely supportive and help us keep down the cost of club membership. If you are ever in need of any of the services they offer, I would encourage you to contact them.

Hey that's a lot to get started with but I just want you to know that we're a competitive but fun golfing group. We're continuing to grow with new members just like you. Look us up on the range. Mick is the easiest to locate (he has the best fashion sense in the entire club) and I am almost always wearing a black "Aussie" type hat. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at tschaal@pacbell.net and I will be happy to help.

Welcome!

Tim Schaal

SBRMGA Membership Chair