

Admiral Baker Men's Club



Welcome/General Information Booklet

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Welcome from the President

On behalf of the Admiral Baker Men's Club, I welcome you to one of Southern California's great golfing experiences. The Admiral Baker Men's Club was established to facilitate a golfing fellowship for the San Diego area military family and civilian guests. We are delighted to have Admiral Baker Golf Course with its first-rate staff and 36 holes of outstanding course design as our Home Course.

As you will read in this Booklet, there are many golf-related activities that we manage throughout the year. All our activities are designed to provide the maximum availability and convenience for both the beginning golf enthusiast and the more experienced players. We have many tournaments throughout the year with the goal of golfers at all skill levels being able to compete against one another using the USGA Golf Handicap System. We have both Match Play and Stroke Play competitions, a Golf Team that competes against other military golf courses' teams, and very well attended weekly and major tournaments.

I encourage you to contact any Club member and specifically any member of our Board of Governors for information you would like about the golf course or our Men's Club. You can find information for our Board of Governors and many other matters posted in the men's club locker room and on our website at 1abmc.com.

We have a great time here at Admiral Baker and I know that you will too. I look forward to meeting you.

See you on the course,
John Bepko
President Admiral Baker Men's Club

Section 1: 2024 Board of Governors and Committees

President: John Bepko (619) 421-1623 - johnbepko@cox.net

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Blitz Committee: Fermin Ancho, Steve Sawyer, Richard Kreuger

Handicap Chairman: John Thomson

Membership Chairman: Tim Winder

Rules Chairman: Don Longacre

Rules Committee: Jerry Ross, Tim Winder

Golf Team Captains: John Bepko, Pat Weishan

Special Projects: John Bepko, Bob Bates

Webmaster: Dave Foy

Contacting the Board of Governors.

Members are encouraged to contact any member of the Board for information, to make recommendations, or express concerns. When possible, please contact the subject matter officer or Chairman first (e.g., handicap chairman for handicap questions), but feel free to contact any Board member.

Serve on the Board of Governors (BOG) or Committees.

Elections are held each year in November/December for the BOG. All regular members are eligible to participate. Each year half of the seats on the Board are up for election. An announcement for elections is included in the October All Members Email along with the names of the Nominating Committee. To seek office, simply include your name and inform the Nominating Committee.

Membership Types.

Regular members currently pay \$68 annually and include all Men's activities and tournament privileges sanctioned by the club. Associate members pay slightly less depending on SCGA rates in effect at the time. They are not tournament eligible.

Section 2: Golf Tournaments

General Information

In addition to our Tuesday Blitz, we have two general membership events, two Super Scrambles, a Member-Guest Tournament, a two-day Club Championship on both courses, a Match Play Championship, end of the year Turkey shoots, and we participate in the Southern California Military Golf League. Men's Club sponsored Major tournaments are almost always followed by a full buffet lunch and is no cost to the players.

Entering Tournaments

Tournament notices and applications are sent to all members by email well in advance. Players can mail entry forms and fees to the address listed or drop them off in the Men's club box in the locker room. Cut off times are normally a week in advance to allow for the committee to organize and plan all the details involved.

Tournament dates and Entry forms are also published in our composite Schedule and may be found on our website at 1abmc.com.

Tuesday Blitz

The Tuesday morning "Blitz" is conducted weekly. All players who want to play are accommodated in a format that assembles four-man teams, in which both individual and team excellence is rewarded. Tee times start close to daybreak and go every 8 minutes, until late morning, so Men's Club play fits both the early risers and those who prefer a later start. Usually close to 125+ players will participate and, while most teams are established, there are always absences which allow a new member, or one who does not usually play on Tuesdays, to join some group for the day and meet the other members. Blitz Team tee times are assigned once a year, at the Fall General Meeting by a blind draw lottery. This is the opportunity to join an existing team or to form a new team around a new set tee time. The last tee time may vary if the final foursome is present and there is an empty tee time(s) ahead of them.

For a member's score to be counted he must have entered the Blitz Team Competition and pay the entry fee of \$10 per player. Winnings are then split among individual low net (stableford) scores, team games, skins and closest to flag stick.

Every member who plays in the Tuesday Blitz is required to stand a "Duty Day" generally on a rotating basis. The Duty List is created by the Blitz Chairman based upon the input received from the players and is published along with the responsibilities of the Duty Person through emails and on the website. The Serving Board Members of the club receive selected tee times in appreciation for their time and duties.

General Meeting and Scramble

Twice a year, the Men's Club holds a general meeting for all members. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss club business, vote on new initiatives and to pass on important information. The meeting includes a luncheon which is free to all members. As a prelude to the meeting, the Men's Club sponsors a golf scramble. The scramble is on a first come, first serve basis so be sure to check the calendar and get your application in.

Club Championships

The Club Championship is held each year. It is a two-day tournament open to all members. There are three Club Championships:

1. Club Champion. The member (Amateur) with the lowest gross score over the two days.

2. Senior Club Champion-SCGA Division. The member (Amateur) between ages 55-69 with the lowest gross score over the two days.

3. Super Senior Club Champion. The member (Amateur) over 70 years of age with the lowest gross score over the two days.

Additional Net prizes are awarded to the individuals with the lowest net score in their respective flight. How many can win prize money depends on the number of event entrants.

Match Play

Each year a Match Play competition is held for those who wish to participate. Members sign in when the entry form is emailed, and individual matches are played from a posted ladder of players. Matches are arranged between the individual competitors (the first of the month individual events offer an excellent opportunity) and are fully handicapped from the players' current indexes. Each successful step on the ladder garners prize money and the Match Play Champion is given special recognition.

Super Scramble

In February and November, the Men's Club hosts a Super Scramble. This 4-man scramble is fast paced and always entertaining. The tournament is followed by a terrific luncheon with awards and prizes for the winners, door prizes and lots of opportunities for sea stories. Teams are made up of four flights, A, B, C, and D players on each team sorted by handicap.

Member-Guest

Each year the Men's Club hosts a Member/Guest Tournament. Each member may invite a guest to participate in this tournament. Competition is between the 2-man, member/guest teams. Provisions are made to accommodate players who do not have an established handicap. The tournament is followed by an awards luncheon. This is an excellent opportunity to show off our great facility to our friends.

Turkey Shoots

Turkey Shoots are held twice a year around Thanksgiving and Christmas. These are individual low net games with roughly the top 50 players receiving winnings. To allow all Men's Club members to participate the competition period is extended from the Tuesday Blitz through that following Sunday. A member may enter more than once (have a second chance) but only one prize will be awarded per person for any given Turkey Shoot.

The Southern California Military Golf League (SCMGL)

The SCMGL encompasses the Men's Clubs from the Southern California military area. They include Admiral Baker, NAS North Island, MCAS Miramar, and Camp Pendleton. Games are played at each of the courses throughout the SCMGL season (April to September). All members of the Admiral Baker Men's Club are eligible to play on the Admiral Baker Team.

The SCMGL is an ideal way to play on a variety of military courses. For more information and Base requirements, please contact the team captains, John Bepko, at johnbepko@cox.net or Patrick Weishan at weishanp@gmail.com

Section 3: ABMC Conditions of Play (1-25-24)

Code of Conduct (Rule 1): All members must follow the directives established by CNRSW for the Admiral Baker Golf Course, i.e. 8:00 AM observance of colors; adherence to appropriate dress code; and respectful behavior between Admiral Baker Golf Course staff and fellow competitors.

Bunker Rakes: All members are asked to place bunker rakes outside bunkers and parallel to the fairway.

No Play Zones (Rule 2.4): Relief must be taken from the following areas: Flower bed on South Course, #3 Hole; Sod farm on North Course between Holes #2 and #17; Environmentally protected areas on the North Course between Holes #6 and #7 and Holes #13 and #14.

Power Lines (Rule 11): A ball deflected by striking a power line or tower anywhere on either Course must be played as it lies.

GPS Systems (Rule 4): Devices which measure distance and direction only are allowed to be used during ABMC tournaments.

Winter Rules: Relief will be determined and announced by the tournament chairman prior to start of play.

Abnormal Course Conditions (Rule 16): Immovable obstructions, i.e., electrical or water structures, concrete structures, aeration holes, utility roads, fixed sprinkler heads, are considered abnormal course conditions and free relief is allowed.

ABMC MODEL LOCAL RULES:

A-6: Penalty Areas (Rules 17 through 19): In order to speed up play, if a ball is hit into the ice plant on the right side of the cart path on Hole #18, relief may be treated as if the ball went into a red-staked area. Relief of two club lengths from where the ball entered the area, and no closer to the flagstick, may be taken. A one-stroke penalty is incurred.

E-5: Alternative to stroke and distance for a lost or out of bounds ball: If a member knows, or is virtually certain, that his ball is lost or out of bounds, he may drop a ball two club-lengths into the fairway from where the ball crossed the out of bounds area (reference point) and play it from that relief area. Two stroke penalty.

Section 4: Club Handicaps, Player, and Committee Responsibility

Establish a Handicap

The Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) requires a minimum of 54 holes played (both 18- and 9-hole rounds may count) and be posted to begin calculation of a new player's handicap index. Upon joining Admiral Baker Men's Club part of the fee went to the SCGA which assigned a Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN), seven-digit number the member uses to post adjusted scores into the system.

For new members who want to participate in a Men's Club event and have yet to post 54 holes, contact the Handicap Chairman for a temporary handicap. With no scores on record expect to play at "scratch" until a posting record is established.

The ABMC Handicap Committee is responsible for players' compliance with the spirit and the rules of the USGA Handicap System whereby each member's Handicap Index is computed and published. The committee verifies that all acceptable scores are recorded for handicap purposes, are readily available for peer review, and scorecards are randomly audited for accuracy.

The member should be aware of and use the contents of the USGA Handicapping system which can be found at <https://www.usga.org/handicapping/roh/2020-rules-of-handicapping.html> and are summarized here.

Players' Responsibility

1. Post all acceptable rounds including 9-hole play.
2. Post immediately after the round is completed, or as soon as possible.
3. Post ADJUSTED score, using "Net Double Bogey" to adjust the gross score on holes where the final score is well over par.
4. Return of score cards for the postings listed below is requested:
 - a. "H"ome course
 - b. "A"way course not within the GHIN system that was not postable via GHIN or a similar posting system that will route the score to the GHIN system. The Handicap Committee will post those scores.
 - c. ANY round posted via the Internet Posting Feature as allowed by ABMC. All out of area games are postable via the internet, those cards must be returned to ABMC.
5. An accurately completed score card includes the date, the tees played, the player(s) last name(s) and GHIN number(s). Also, the card shall include the player's course handicap, raw scores, and adjusted scores. The card shall be signed and attested.

Methods of Posting

1. The posting computer at any golf course utilizing GHIN.
2. The posting computer at any golf course pro shop.
3. On line, [.http://www.scga.org/Handicap/OnlineScorePosting.aspx](http://www.scga.org/Handicap/OnlineScorePosting.aspx)
4. On line, using GHIN. <http://www.ghin.com/scorePosting.aspx>
5. Return Cards to ABMC Handicap Chair for posting.

Postable Rounds

All scores must be posted soon after you either complete your round, or if you quit playing before you complete 18 holes according to the following guidelines:

1. If you play only 9 holes you must post it as a "9-hole score" in the GHIN application.
2. If you play between 10 and 17 holes you must post the holes you played using the "Hole-by-hole" option in the GHIN application leaving the unplayed holes blank.
3. If you do NOT finish a hole, you must write down on the scorecard your "Most likely score" for that hole. Here is how that is done:
 - a. The "Most likely score" is the number of strokes already taken plus the number of strokes you would most likely require to complete the hole plus adding any penalty strokes incurred.
 - b. For example - If the ball lies on the Green NO MORE than 5 feet from the hole you must add ONE additional stroke to the strokes already played.
 - c. If the ball lies between 6 and 20 feet from the hole you must add TWO or THREE additional strokes depending on the position of the ball: the difficulty of the green, and the ability of the player.
 - d. If the ball lies MORE than 20 YARDS from the hole you must add THREE or FOUR additional strokes depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green, and the ability of the player.
4. Acceptable rounds include Match Play, Stroke Play, and Team competitions where the players each played their own ball tee-to-green.

Handicap Committee Responsibility

1. The Committee is composed of ABMC Members who ensure a level of peer review that follows USGA guidelines. Each member is trained in the details of handicap calculation and score file maintenance.
2. The Committee strives to correct posting errors or omissions when they are discovered or reported by the members. The primary method of calling the Committee's attention to posting errors is via the "Goof Book" next to the posting computer. It is reviewed at least twice a week.
3. The Committee may assess penalties for non-compliance with either the spirit or the rules of the USGA Handicap System as a tool to ensure that no undue irregularities are allowed:

- a. First failure to regularly post, or discovery of a repeated irregularity, intentional or not, results in verbal counseling.
- b. A second failure results in a written explanation of the infraction(s) and formal warning to avoid another repeat.
- c. A third failure of a posting irregularity, that has previously been noted, will result in a penalty score being issued by the Admiral Baker Men's Club.
- d. Any fourth failure or a repeated pattern of non-compliance, evidenced by numerous but not necessarily the same irregularities, will result in action as recommended by the Handicap Chair to the Board of Governors and can result in revocation of Membership in the ABMC.

General Discussion

Remember that a Handicap Index is an indication of a player's ABILITY to score. It is not an "average of all scores" but a mathematically derived number. In a harsher world it would be the lowest number a player ever shot because that EXACTLY reflects that player's "ability" to score. A player must earn a Handicap Index by providing full evidence of ability to the Handicap Committee, that is reviewable by ALL members of the Men's Club. The Handicap Committee Chairman has the ultimate authority and obligation to adjust a Handicap Index where it makes sense to do so. Please direct any questions or concerns to the Handicap Chairman.

Section 5: Other

Tee Time Booking Policy

Admiral Baker Pro Shop employs the following tee time allowances:

- Active-Duty Military: 10 days in advance.
- Retired Military: 9 days in advance.
- Vet/DOD/DD214: 8 days in advance.
- Civilian: 6 days in advance.

Join the "Hole-in-One" Club

All regular members are automatically in the "hole-in-one" club. When you play in any sanctioned Men's Club event and score a hole-in-one on an Admiral Baker Course, you are eligible to win the hole-in-one Prize of \$200. Sanctioned events include the Weekly Blitz, Major Tournaments, and SCMGL events played at Admiral Baker.

Wagering Policy

"The USGA does not object to informal wagering among individual golfers or teams of golfers when the players in general know each other, participation in the wagering is optional and is limited to the players, the sole source of all money won by the players is advanced by the players on themselves or their own teams and the amount of money involved is such that the primary purpose is the playing of the game for enjoyment."
[from USGA Policy on Gambling]

The Admiral Baker Men's Club allows wagering in conformance with USGA guidelines. The rules for placing wagers are simple:

1. Wagers are optional and members who choose not to place a wager are still eligible to participate in any Men's Club event; however, only scores from players who have placed wagers will be included in the determination of team or individual scores within the wager pool. A member who has paid the full entry fee into a tournament is presumed to have entered the wager pool. Players who do not wish to pay the tournament entry fee may play in a tournament but may be placed in separate four-somes/group as long as they pay the appropriate green fees to the Pro Shop. If a buffet is included in the event those not paying the full event entry fee will not be allowed to partake of the buffet.
2. All wagers must be placed prior to playing.
3. All players in any tournament, regardless of whether wagering or not, must provide attested score cards and ensure they post scores in a timely manner.

Pace of Play

Golf rounds at Admiral Baker golf course should be completed in less than 4 hours and 30 minutes. Longer rounds impact the time and enjoyment of all who play. Common sense and just being aware of your actions can eliminate most if not all excessive round times. Players will be advised and warned when falling behind. Multiple warnings will result in being moved to the bottom of the tee sheet.

Adopted: Nov. 14, 1957

Amended:	April 28, 1966		
	Jan. 02, 1974	/s/ Tex Ireland	President
	Jan. 03, 1975	/s/ Chesey Neil	President
	Mar. 04, 1982	/s/ Jerry Tingle	President
	Nov. 18, 1983	/s/ Jerry Tingle	President
	Nov. 15, 1985	/s/ Robert Evans	President
	May 05, 1988	/s/ P. Christensen	President
	Nov. 16, 1989	/s/ D. B. Williams	President
	Apr. 18, 1995	/s/ J. R. Mastronardi	President
	Apr. 17, 1996	/s/ J. R. Mastronardi	President
	Nov. 20, 1996	/s/ G.H. Ernster	President
	Nov 10, 1999	/s/ G. H. Ernster	President
	Apr 2, 2002	/s/ G. H. Ernster	President
	Apr 8, 2003	/s/ J. Shields	President
	Jan 22, 2007	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Apr 24, 2007	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Feb 5, 2008	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Apr 29, 2009	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Sep 15, 2009	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Apr 6, 2010	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Apr 10, 2012	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Oct 14, 2012	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Apr 30, 2013	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Apr 15, 2014	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Jul 31, 2015	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Feb 14, 2017	/s/ J. Bepko	President
	Feb 21, 2024	/s/ J. Bepko	President

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