Mount Si Men's Golf Club

By-Laws

Article I – Objectives

The objectives of the Mount Si Men's Club are; the enjoyment, enrichment, and encouragement of Golf; the conduct of tournaments and competitions; establishment and maintenance of handicaps; and the promotion of Golf to all players, particularly our members, in accordance with the current United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf and the local governing bodies thereof.

Article II – Membership

Section 1. Regular Membership is open to all males eighteen (18) years of age or older regardless of race, creed, or national origin who have a GHIN # through the Mount Si Men's Club.

Section 2. Social Membership is open to all males eighteen (18) year of age or older regardless of race, creed, or national origin who have a GHIN # through a men's club other than Mount Si Men's Club.

Section 3. Junior Membership is available to all males seventeen (17) years of age and younger, or who are still High School students, regardless of race, creed, or national origin. Junior Members have a GHIN # provided through the Mount Si Men's Club.

Section 4. There shall be no limit on the number of club members.

Section 5. All members shall be accorded equal privileges in the club and be subject to the same rules and regulations, except as noted in Article IV, Section 4, Board of Directors.

Section 6. Membership does not include greens fees or any other special privileges pertaining to the Golf course or the operation thereof, e.g. preferred starting times, equipment storage.

Section 7. A member shall be eligible for prizes and awards in all Club tournaments and competitions if he chooses to participate and comply with the conditions and regulations pertaining thereto.

Section 8. A member in good standing shall be one who has paid his Dues and complies with the By-Laws of the Club.

Article III – Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be sufficient to provide for the expenses of tournaments, competitions, awards, General Club expenses, and such other matters that are necessary in pursuit of the objectives of the Club.

Section 2. No portion of the Dues shall be refunded.

Section 3. Dues for each year are due on or after January 1st of each year. Dues paid between the 15th day of November and December 31st of the current calendar year will be applied to the next calendar year starting January 1st. Dues may be paid to the club Treasurer or the Mount Si Pro Shop. Each year in January all previous year's members will be marked as inactive in the GHIN system and on the Treasurer's membership roster, a player will be placed into active status when their current year dues are paid. Dues must be paid before a member is eligible to participate in any Club tournament, competition, or function.

Article IV – Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall consist of Nine (9) members in good standing, elected by the membership.

Section 2. The term of office for all Directors shall be three (3) years or until successors are elected and qualified. The terms of office are staggered such that no more than (4) of the Directors' terms expire in any single year to maintain consistency of direction within the Board.

Section 3. A Director shall forfeit his office if he fails to attend two-thirds (2/3) of the Board's meetings within a year without being excused by the President. If for any reason a Director is unable to perform the duties assigned him, he may be removed by a four-fifths (4/5) majority vote of the remaining members. At any annual or special meeting of the membership, a Director may be removed for the above reasons by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those members present.

Section 4. All members of the Board of Directors are exempt from payment of yearly dues. In addition, other members will be exempt from payment of yearly dues as the Board of Directors designate. (See Section 5 of Article IX). No Director shall be entitled to any other compensation for his services as such Director except as specifically provided for by the Board.

Section 5. Directors will be reimbursed for expenses incurred at the direction of the Board upon presentation of receipts to the Treasurer.

Section 6. Vacancies shall be filled by Board for unexpired terms.

Article V – Duties of the Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of directors shall determine and govern all activities of the Club in accordance with these By-Laws, the USGA Rules of Golf and their local governing bodies.

Section 2. They shall, at their first meeting after the annual election, elect from among their number a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Further, the President shall appoint such standing committees as are required to fulfill the requirements of the Club.

Section 3. They shall fix the amount of Dues at their last meeting of the previous year, for the ensuing year.

Section 4. They shall approve and issue a schedule of tournaments, competitions, and events to encourage maximum participation by the membership.

Section 5. They shall create such committees, other than standing committees, as they deem necessary.

Section 6. They shall designate depository banks and execute such instruments as are required thereto and cause the books of account to be examined annually and a summary thereof prepared for presentation to the Board at their first meeting.

Section 7. They shall reserve the right to review and approve/nullify all decisions of any officer and/or committee.

Article VI – Officers

Section 1. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 2. The President shall be the administrative officer and preside at meetings. He shall appoint all committee chairmen and members subject to the approval of the Board. He shall be ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 3. The Vice-President shall serve in the absence or disability of the President, and during such times shall have all his duties and powers. He shall also perform such other duties as fixed by the President and approved by the Board.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes, attend to the correspondence, and send out notices of meetings. The Treasurer will maintain an up-to-date list of all Club members, have charge of the monies and books of accounts, pay all bills and perform such other duties as fixed by the President and approved by the Board. The Secretary shall compile the votes from annual Board of Director elections and, after certification by the Board President, notify the elected members.

Article VII – Standing Committees

Section 1. **Tournament Committee**. The Chairman and such other members as shall be appointed and approved shall establish, promote, and supervise all Club tournaments, competitions, playing rules and golf events subject to the approval of the Board. They will maintain permanent records of the winners of all major Club tournaments. They shall be the determining body for all disputes, protests, and other such questions that may arise during, or as a result of, Club tournaments and competitions, in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf and local governing bodies thereof, and these By-Laws.

Section 2. **Handicap Committee.** The Chairman and such other members as shall be appointed and approved shall monitor the posting of tournament scores into the GHIN system and see that all scorecards are properly completed.

Section 3. **Publicity Committee.** The Chairman and such other members as shall be appointed and approved shall be the informing body to the membership of all forthcoming tournaments and such other matters of interest. They should publicize the results of all events and other information which the Board may deem appropriate.

Section 4. **Nominating Committee.** The Chairman and such other members as shall be appointed and approved shall initiate solicitations for nomination for candidacy to the Board of Directors by (1) newsletter, (2) by personal interview, and/or (3) by recommendations of individual members. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be made to the Secretary in a timely manner to allow for mail-in ballots as provided for in **Article VIII – Section 1**.

Article VIII – Elections and Meetings

Section 1. At such time as the Board of Directors shall determine, during the fourth quarter of each year, an election will be conducted for the purpose of electing members to fill positions of directors whose terms have expired. Such election will be conducted by mail-in ballot distributed to all members by Newsletter following nominations as provided for in **Article VII – Section 4.** The ballot will include a deadline by which ballots must be mailed to the secretary or turned in at the Pro Shop at the Mount Si Golf Course.

Section 2. General membership meetings may be called for any purpose at the discretion of the President with the approval of the Board of Directors or by ten (10) members who shall file such a request with the Secretary. Such a request must include the purpose of such a meeting, and a quorum of twenty-five (25) members must be present.

Section 3. Notice of all general membership meetings may be given in any way fixed by the President with the approval of the Board, including by telephone.

Section 4. Parliamentary Rules shall govern the procedure in accordance with Roberts' Rules of Order except as herein otherwise provided.

Article IX – Board Meetings

Section 1. The board shall hold its first meeting following the annual election or as soon thereafter as is practicable. Officers will be elected, and committee assignments will be made at this time.

Section 2. Regular meetings of the Board shall be fixed by resolution and are open to all members. Non-members will not be eligible to vote on matters under consideration.

Section 3. Fife (5) members shall constitute a quorum for all Board meetings.

Section 4. Except as otherwise stated herein, a simple majority vote, a quorum being present, shall decide the question. Method of voting shall be determined by the President.

Section 5. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board, a quorum being present, shall be required to approve members of the Club that the Men's Club will pay for membership.

. Article X – Undesirables and Grievances

Section 1. An undesirable is defined as one who commits any of the following acts: theft, willful destruction of the golf course or golf course equipment, falsifying of handicaps, scorecards, and willful violation of playing rules or violating the Mount Si Men's Club Code of Conduct.

Section 2. Any member accused of committing acts as defined in **Section 1** will appear before the Board of Directors who shall set penalty, including expulsion, as they deem necessary. A two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Board, a quorum being present, shall be required to expel an undesirable member of the Club. Method of voting shall be determined by the President.

Section 3. Grievances, other than those arising from playing events, shall be presented to the Board of Directors, in person, by the grieved party. The Board shall vote in secret and advise the grieved party of its decision.

Article XI – Termination of the Golf Club

Section 1. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3 or 6) of the full Board of Directors shall be required for approval of the Termination of the Golf Club.

Section 2. Upon termination the Treasurer shall disburse all remaining unused funds to paid active members of the Club. Board Members and other members who have their dues paid by the Club are not eligible to receive any disbursement of funds. Regular and Social Members will receive a full portion of the funds and Junior members will receive a partial portion based on their dues in relation to Regular or Social members dues.

Section 3. Funds disbursed will be done as credit at the Mount Si Golf Course or as determined by the Board of Directors if the Mount Si Golf Course will cease to operate within 90 days after the Golf Club is Terminated.

Article XII – Amendments

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall prepare proposed amendments to these By-Laws. Amendments proposed by non-board members shall be submitted to the Board in writing or in person for consideration.

Section 2. An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3 or 6) of the full Board of Directors shall be required for approval of any amendment to the By-Laws.

Section 3. Amendments to the By-Laws will become effective immediately upon approval.

These amendments to the By-Laws have been prepared by the members of the Board and are submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Date of Board of Directors Acceptance, 01/28/2025
Date of Acceptance

Tim Nappen, President Tim J. Nappen