

New Member Information – Green Team SCW Developmental and Educational Golf Program

Green Team's Mission Statement

- To provide playing and instructional opportunities at little or no cost for new and existing golfers to learn, grow and play in a fun, safe and comfortable environment.

Green Team's Goal

- For SCW residents to feel comfortable about their golfing experience. Green Team will guide beginner golfers, and all other golfers as well, in learning to shoot par or better in 9 holes by evaluating, learning, and developing their golf skills as well as the educational component in etiquette, ready play, and pace of play.

Who is Green Team for?

- SCW residents.
- Beginner golfers.
- Lightly experienced golfers.
- Golfers returning to the game after a time of not playing for assorted reasons.
- Golfers who want to improve their skill as they learn the game and then move on to traditional golfing leagues.

What is Green Team?

- A developmental and educational golf program for golfers of all abilities.

Where?

- Green Team plays the executive courses rotating between Desert Trails, Echo Mesa, and Stardust. Stardust is Green Team's home base.

When?

- Most Saturdays year-round. There are Saturdays throughout the year that Green Team does not play such as holidays, an event, course maintenance, or Fall overseeding of the golf courses.

Cost?

Green Team is not a chartered club or a golf league.

- No membership dues.
- No monitor fees.
- Pay for your green fees when you play golf and a golf cart if needed.
- Green Team's green fees while participating in Green Team 2.0 program is \$15.00.
- Specific hour-long golf-skill clinics during the week have a nominal fee.

When is Green Team's First Tee Time?

- During the busy season it is 11:00 a.m. using both the front and back 9 for 9-hole play. The summer hours will have an earlier start time.

How does Green Team Communicate with its Members?

- The Green Team communicates with its members via the newsletter under the “Members Only” tab from the Green Team page of the SCW website “suncitywest.com;” when necessary, via email; and on Saturday mornings at the golf course of play.

Golf Skill Clinics:

- They are held throughout the year. Start times of the clinics are earlier in the summer.
- Clinics are instructed by RCSCW’s PGA Professionals which are the management staff of SCW Golf Operations and the golf courses. They donate their time and talent to the Green Team and in addition, outside of the Green Team, conduct “In-House Lessons” with very reasonable rates.
- A maximum of seven (7) members are accepted per clinic and then a wait list is started.
- Green Team Golf Skill Clinics are held during the week and there is a nominal fee to attend these. Most Green Team Golf-Skill Clinics held on a Saturday are free.
- The clinics are instructed with the beginner golfer in mind.
- Beginners are ready to go out on the course when they reach a score of 36 or better for 9 holes on one of the SCW practice putting greens.

Green Team 101:

- Green Team 101 was created in 2022 to help facilitate the sharing of information to a beginner golfer, and to reinforce this same information for all that are not beginners.
- The first part of Green Team 101 is a presentation in the Lecture Hall at RH Johnson Recreation Center in a classroom setting. This classroom setting explains and reviews golf rules, policies and etiquette that often gets lost on not only the new golfer, but all other golfers as well. This includes situations golfers are responsible for on and off the golf course.
- The second part of Green Team 101 is an on-course review. A Green Team Mentor will take a maximum of six (6) members per session on Stardust Golf Course and walk (or ride) one or two holes explaining and pointing out what was learned in the lecture hall. Following up the classroom information with an on-course review will help drive the lessons home.

First Steps to becoming a Green Team member:

- Successfully complete level one of Green Team’s new program “**Green Team 2.0,**” which is the Putting Challenge, and it is on the “honor system.” The goal is to putt 9 different holes in 4 putts or less or a total of 36 putts or less for the total of the 9 holes.
- You will start out on the putting practice green at Stardust Golf Course:
 - Start at the hole nearest to the southeast corner of the green, nearest to the tree next to the green.
 - Measure 15 feet away from the closest hole and start the 9-hole round from this location.
 - Once you complete the first hole, record your score, and start the 2nd hole from a location one putter length (34 to 36 inches) from the first hole.
 - Putt to the 2nd hole and record your score.
 - Continue this process until the 9 holes are complete.
 - If your score is 36 or less, you are qualified to play from the 25-yard marker (the next challenge) on a Green Team Saturday and participate in Green Team’s 2.0 program.

- If your score is 36 or less, report this to the Green Team via email at greenteam@suncitywest.com. Indicate you have successfully completed the Putting Challenge and are qualified to play from the 25-yard marker. Also indicate which Saturday you would like to start on the course from the 25-yard marker.
 - If your score is higher than 36, you will need to re-take the putting challenge until you reduce your score to 36 or less.
- To complete your membership, please refer to the information below “How to Become a Green Team Member.”

How to Become a Green Team Member

- Complete the Putting Challenge as described above under “First Steps to Becoming a Green Team Member.”
- Send an email to greenteam@suncitywest.com with the following information:
 - Full Name (including your spouse/partner if he/she is joining)
 - Rec Card Number(s)
 - Telephone Number (of each person)
 - Email address
- After joining, new members will be invited to a Saturday Green Team Orientation held at the golf course of play for that Saturday. The orientations take approximately one hour depending on the questions at the end.
- All new members are also expected to read the following documents on the “Green Team” page of the Sun City West website, suncitywest.com:
 - ✓ “Green Team (GT) Ready Play / Green Team (GT) Golf Cart Etiquette”
 - ✓ “Green Team (GT) Etiquette Basics”
 - ✓ “How to Reserve a Green Team (GT) Tee Time”

Thank you for your interest in the Green Team. If you have any questions, please send us an email at greenteam@suncitywest.com. There is a direct link to our email address on the SCW website on the Green Team page.

Happy Golfing,

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