

# 2012 San Geronimo Golf Ladders

## February Kickoff

### March - September Season

#### Match Play Golf Ladder

- Initial Rankings Based on Kickoff Month
- Challenge Seven Spots Above You on the Ladder
- Matches Played Under Rules of Golf at San Geronimo
- Each Player Must Play Two Matches Per Month
  
- Each Player Must Play 15 Matches During the Season

#### Post-A-Score Golf Ladder

- Initial Rankings Based on Kickoff Month
- Scores Posted to NCGA are Automatically Posted to Post-A-Score Golf Ladder
- Your Best Net Score Each Week is Used to Compete
- You Automatically Challenge Three Players Who Have Posted Scores Above You Each Week - Best Net Score Wins the "Match"
- "No-Show" Players Who Do Not Post A Score Are Jumped By Players Winning a Match Above Them

\$ 20 Match Play Ladder Entry Fee Due in February  
\$ 5 Fee Paid By Match Loser for Each Match Played

\$ 20 Post-A-Score Ladder Entry Fee Due in February  
\$10 Per Month Fee, Discounted to \$60 for the Season

San Geronimo Golfers:

We are happy to officially announce the beginning of Golf Ladder Season at San Geronimo. This year we will conduct two Golf Ladder Games: **Match Play Golf Ladder** and **Post A Score Golf Ladder**.

**Match Play Golf Ladder** is a game for the "purist". Match Play is the essence of golf and handicapped Match Play ingeniously allows players at different skill levels to compete head to head. The Match Play Golf Ladder attracted serious golfers at San Geronimo last year and has been popular at San Geronimo for more than ten years.

Last year the original creator (Art von Waldburg) of Match Play Golf Ladder developed a web-based application to make challenges and updates easily accessible to all players. Of course, players must still coordinate a date and time to meet and play. We found that the match play nature of the Ladder **restricted** the number of players who were drawn into the Match Play Golf Ladder competition last year and wanted to create a new offering that all members could participate in.

This year Art has created **Post A Score Golf Ladder**, a game for the masses and a game that will be fun for all other members at San Geronimo. Anyone who plays golf, has an NCGA membership and posts his scores to the NCGA computer can **automatically** be a participant in San Geronimo's **Post A Score Golf Ladder**. There are no requirements for coordination of tee times. You can continue to play with your regular group or any time. In fact, there is a reason to play even when (and especially if) your "opponents" are not playing -- you can jump up the Ladder over "no shows". There is also an incentive to play often - "matches" are posted every Wednesday night and only your **best** round (best **Net Score**) during the "scoring period" each week is used to determine who moves up and who gets jumped.

**Both Ladders** are "great games" that are fun to participate in, are considered as "fair" by the participants and are known to produce winners who play often, play consistently and show improvement through a serious interest in golf. Both games are rewarding to all participants because, even if you do not end on top of the Ladder, the "random" nature of handicapped golf outcomes means that you are very likely to have periods where you move above your friends. There is bragging room for everyone.

The best part is that proceeds accumulated throughout the season are used to pay off the winners at the top rungs of the Ladder at the end of the Ladder Season. Prizes are in Pro Shop "dollars" and are awarded at the Annual Club Party.

In order to get started with either Golf Ladder competition this year you only need to post scores during February and register in the Pro Shop. You may enter either or both Golf Ladders. The registration fee for each one is twenty dollars.

The Match Play Ladder will be the same as last year: A Match Loser contributes \$5 to the "Ladder Fund". Since each Match Play Ladder player must play two matches per month and a total of 15 matches during the season, a 50-50 win percentage will cost a minimum of about \$35. We expect Match Play Ladder players to play an average of 30 matches during the eight month season so we are expecting the pot to grow by about \$75 per player.

The Post-A-Score Ladder is different in that no head-to-head "matches" are required. Players simply post their scores to the NCGA as usual. The Ladder web site will retrieve scores from the NCGA computer database. Only your best score for the week (Thursday through Wednesday) will be used to determine if you can beat a player in reach and advance up the Ladder. The "Ladder Fund" must be fed, however, so we are charging a Monthly Fee of \$10. If you pay in advance, the total fee for the season is reduced to \$60. We expect a lot more players to enter the Post-A-Score Ladder and a big "pot" so make sure you enter before the Kickoff period is over.

The last day of the Kickoff period for both Ladders will be Saturday, March 3rd. All scores posted during the Kickoff period will be examined and each player who registers will be ranked on his best Net Score. In the case of ties, a lower handicap player will be seeded above the higher handicapper.

You may be curious about your chances in Post-A-Score Golf Ladder. We simulated the competition for the entire year of 2011 for all NCGA members at San Geronimo. There were 3855 rounds posted by 174 players. We did the weekly calculations using each player's best net score for the week and making Ladder adjustments each week. The results through December 21, 2011 are shown on the next page.

December 21, 2011

LadderRank	UsrFullName	LadderIndex	RecentNetScore	RecentScoreDate
1	Morse, Dan	11.7	67	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
2	Healy, Robert	12.6	70	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
3	Hudson, Will	9	74	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
4	Cantello, William	19.7	69	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
5	Keast, Mike	6	73	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
6	Parrilla, H V	17.4	76	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
7	Isler, Saul	18.7	78	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
8	Giesin, Dan	15.7	73	2011-12-16 00:00:00.000
9	Burns, Gary	4.3	75	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
10	Sorensen, Joseph	15.6	75	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
11	Gill, Chris	16.8	75	2011-12-16 00:00:00.000
12	Lind, Pete	12.4	81	2011-12-09 00:00:00.000
13	Burnett, James	10.8	66	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
14	Tyson, Art	7	74	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
15	Seramin, Rick	10.1	71	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
16	Saia, Seb	28	69	2011-12-16 00:00:00.000
17	Bowen, Tom	11.4	83	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
18	von Waldburg, Art	9.1	70	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
19	Conyers, Gayne	11.2	77	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000
20	Pence, Steve	3.7	77	2011-12-23 00:00:00.000

If you know the people in the Ladder on the previous page, you know that 12 months of competition resulted in some pretty consistent players coming to the top of the Post-A-Score Ladder. That was the results of a simulation with 174 players. We can hope, but we really don't expect 174 players to join this year (and pay fees). That means that \*you\* have as good a chance as Dan or Will or Saul to rise up the Ladder and grab some of the payoff in October.

In the meantime, we can guarantee that you will have a lot of fun during the year as your position on the Ladder goes up and down in relation to the people you know and play with on a regular basis.

Good luck!