

CONSTITUTION OF MIRAMAR MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE MEN'S CLUB

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Marine Corps Air Station Miramar

San Diego, California 92145

Article I – ESTABLISHMENT

Section 1. The name of this golf club shall be Miramar Memorial Golf Course Men's Club (hereinafter "Club.")

Section 2. This Club shall remain in existence until such time as a three-fourths majority of its voting membership shall vote to disband.

Section 3. No member shall have any right, title, or interest in any of the assets of the Club, unless the same is disbanded, in which event, only members in good standing at the time the Club is disbanded may participate pro-rata in the assets.

Section 4. This organization does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to the members thereof and is organized for nonprofit purposes.

Article II – PURPOSE

This Club has been formed and exists for the following purposes:

- a) To stimulate interest in golf at the Miramar Memorial Golf Course by bringing together a group of golfers desirous of forming a golf organization.
- b) Promoting good fellowship and sportsmanship.
- c) Learning and promoting the rules and etiquette of golf among the members.
- d) Promoting tournaments among the members of the Club and between members of the Club and other clubs.
- e) Establishing and maintaining handicaps for members which shall be recognized by other clubs and golf associations in the State of California.

This Club shall not substantially engage in activities that are not in furtherance of these purposes.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The Club shall be composed of the following five classes of members:

- a) **Regular Members.** Any male who is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States in one of the following categories: active duty; retired; reserve component. If by virtue of change of status, a member no longer qualifies for Regular Membership, his membership will expire on the first renewal date after the year in which the status changed.
- b) **Lifetime Members.** Any Regular Member of the Club shall be eligible for Lifetime membership by meeting the following criteria.
 1. Age 75 or older as of the date at which application for Lifetime membership is made.
 2. Have been a member of the Men's Club for five (5) years or more as of the date on which application for Lifetime membership is made, not necessarily consecutive.Lifetime members shall be assessed lower dues and fees than Regular Members as established by Article III, Section 8.
- c) **Honorary Members.** Honorary membership shall entitle the holder to all privileges of the Club except to vote at the Club and to hold office either as a Governor or Officer of the Club. An Honorary Member may serve on any committee of the Club. Honorary Members are exempt from all dues and fees.
- d) **Associate Members.** Associate membership may be granted to male personnel over 18 years of age. Associate membership shall entitle the holder to all privileges of the Club except to vote at the Club and to hold office either as a Governor or Officer of the Club. An Associate Member may serve on any committee of the Club.
- e) **Junior Membership.** Junior membership may be granted to legally dependent male family members of

Regular, Lifetime, Honorary, or Associate Members with valid identification card and who are under 18 years of age. Junior members may not compete in Club tournaments, hold elective office, nor vote at membership meetings. Junior memberships will expire on the date of renewal after the Junior reaches the age of 18.

Section 2. Memberships in the club are individual and non-transferable.

Section 3. Membership confers no special privileges in connection with any golf course and no voice in the operation of any golf courses, clubhouses, nor any facilities of the courses.

Section 4. Each candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded in writing by two Regular Members in good standing on the form prescribed by the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors shall act on each proposal for membership by ballot of Governors present at a Board of Governors meeting. Two negative notes shall disqualify any candidate for Regular or Lifetime membership, and one negative vote shall disqualify any candidate for Honorary, Associate, or Junior membership. The decision of the Board of Governors on any application or proposal for membership is final and not subject to appeal to the membership.

Section 5. Any member may resign by giving notice in writing to the Secretary and paying all dues and other obligations accruing to date of resignation.

Section 6. Any Regular or Lifetime Member may request and be granted absentee status in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed by the Board of Governors. Absentee status will provide relief from payment of dues for members who shall be absent from the San Diego area for a considerable length of time, but who expect to return and resume active participation in the Club. As such, the absentee member may resume his Regular or Lifetime membership status without a second payment of the initiation fee (if imposed by the Board) and without a second formal acceptance for membership.

Section 7. In the event that any member of the club shall commit any act which reflects discredit or disrepute thereon or shall refuse or neglect to comply with the rules and regulations adopted by the Board of Governors or the duly appointed officers, such member shall be subject to suspension or expulsion after ten days' written notice and the right to be heard, by a vote of two-thirds of the Board of Governors at any regular meeting or special meeting called for such purpose.

Section 8. All membership fees and dues shall be established by the Board of Governors from time to time in such amounts as they deem to be adequate to operate and maintain the club. Members shall be liable for dues until their written resignation has been received and accepted. All monies collected shall accrue to the benefit of the membership.

Article IV – CLUB MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Club shall be at the discretion of the Board of Governors, but one Regular meeting shall be held at least once annually on the date and at the place specified by the Board of Governors.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Club may be called by the President, the Vice-President acting for the President, by the Board of Governors, or by written request of any five members in good standing, said request to state the object thereof.

Section 3. Two weeks prior to the date of all meetings, the Secretary shall post the time, date, and place of such meetings on the Club bulletin board or Club website.

Section 4. Only Regular and Lifetime members of the Club shall have voting privileges in Club meetings.

Section 5. Twenty Regular or Lifetime members shall constitute a quorum in any meeting of the Club's general membership.

Article V – BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Governors consisting of a minimum of six and a maximum of twelve Regular or Lifetime members of the Club.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution and to such action as may be taken from time to time by

the Club itself at a Regular or Special Meeting, the Board of Governors shall have control and management of the affairs, property, and policy of the Club. The Board of Governors may make and alter any policies or other rules consistent with this Constitution.

Section 3. At least two months prior to the annual election, the Board of Governors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of three Regular or Lifetime members who shall nominate candidates for the Board of Governors. The Nominating Committee shall submit its report to the Club Secretary at least ten days prior to the first full calendar week in September.

Section 4. Independent nomination of candidates for the Board of Governors may be made by any five members jointly, in writing, to the Secretary at least ten days before the first full calendar week in September.

Section 5. The Board of Governors shall be elected by means of a ballot. Up to six members shall be elected each year for a two-year term. The ballot will be mailed (electronic mail is acceptable) to all Regular and Lifetime members during the first full calendar week in September. All ballots must be returned so as to reach the Club Secretary or designee not later than the date indicated on the ballot. Ballots received after such date will be invalid. If a member who has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors declines to serve, the nominee with the next highest number of votes will be considered elected to the Board.

Section 6. In the case of any vacancy through death, resignation, disqualification, or other cause, the remaining Governors, even though less than a quorum, may elect a successor by majority vote to hold office for the unexpired term of the Governor whose place shall be vacant, and until the election of his successor.

Section 7. The Board of Governors shall normally meet monthly or at the call of the President, the Vice-President acting for the President, or at the request of any three members of the Board of Governors. At least ten days' notice of the time and place of a meeting shall be given to each member of the Board of Governors.

Section 8. Two consecutive unexcused absences by any member of the Board of Governors shall be considered detrimental to the interest of the Club and the seat will be declared vacant at the discretion of the Board of Governors by a majority vote. Any vacancy thus created on the Board of Governors shall be filled as provided by Article V, Section 6.

Section 9. A majority of the Board of Governors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any meeting of the Board of Governors, and the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Governors constituting a quorum shall be necessary to pass any resolution.

Section 10. Voting by proxy shall not be permitted in meetings of the Board of Governors.

Section 11. No indebtedness or liability shall be incurred by the Board of Governors exceeding in amount the available funds on hand. No liability shall be incurred by any member of the Club or member of any committee of the Club, unless the same shall be authorized by the Board of Governors.

Article VI – OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Club shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be elected by the Board of Governors, following the annual election, from its own members.

Section 2. Officers shall hold office for a period of one year and until their successors are chosen and installed.

Section 3. The Officers and Governors chosen shall be duly installed and shall assume their duties no later than November 1st following their election.

Section 4. Any vacancy in the officers occurring between annual elections of the Club shall be filled by the Board of Governors from its own members, officers so elected shall hold office only during unexpired terms of the officers whom they succeed.

Section 5. The following defines the powers and duties of each of the officers.

- a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Governors. He is to perform all the duties of his office and shall advise such action as may be deemed by him to increase the effectiveness of the Club. At the close of his "term of office" the President will render a report to the

membership.

- b) **Vice-President.** In the absence or inability to act of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President, and in the absence or disability of the Vice-President, the Board of Governors shall elect from its members a President Pro-Tem.
- c) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the records of all meetings of the Club and the Board of Governors. He shall give and serve notice of all meetings. He shall be responsible for and have charge of all correspondence, files, records and papers of the Club except for those pertaining to the office of the Treasurer. He shall present at each Regular meeting of the Club a full report relating to the affairs of the Club, including a summary of all actions taken during the preceding quarter by the Board of Governors.
- d) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of all money received, and shall deposit the same in the name and the credit of the Club in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Governors. He shall disperse all monies under the direction of the Board of Governors. He shall have the authority to receive and give receipt for all monies due and payable to the Club from any source whatsoever, and to endorse on behalf of the Club all checks, drafts, notes, warrants and orders, and to give full discharge for same. He shall have power to sign all checks, drafts, notes, warrants, and orders for the payment of money. He shall present at each Regular meeting of the Club a written report of the money affairs of the Club, and he shall make a like report whenever requested by the Board of Governors.
- e) **Secretary and Treasurer.** The office of the Secretary and the Treasurer may, but need not, be held by the same person. This is at the discretion of the Board of Governors.

Article VII – Committees

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall authorize and define the powers and duties of all committees.

Section 2. Chairs and members of all committees shall be appointed by the president, and the president shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

Section 3. The following committees shall be appointed each year, with such other committees as the president may deem necessary or advisable:

- a) **Tournament Committee** to arrange and schedule with the management of any golf course as necessary, and conduct all intra-club and inter-club competitions.
- b) **Handicap Committee** with the responsibility to establish a fair and proper system of handicaps in accordance with procedures set forth in the USGA Handicap System Manual and requirements of the Southern California Golf Association.
- c) **Membership Committee** to investigate and act upon all applications for membership and to recommend appropriate action to the Board of Directors.
- d) **Entertainment Committee** to encourage and arrange social entertainment features and events for special occasions.

Article VIII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any meeting of the Club provided that a quorum is present, a two-thirds majority of votes cast exists, and prior written notice of proposed amendment(s) have been made available to all Regular Members by posting on the Club bulletin board, posting on the Club website, or electronically mailed to all.

Original constitution adopted 18 May 1966

Present constitution adopted 19 November 2022



Dale Winstead
President



Kelvin Chew
Secretary