

The Senior Golfers of New Mexico (SGNM) has been established for the purpose of sponsoring senior recreational golf tournaments. The organization is a New Mexico non-profit corporation. SGNM is governed by a Board of Directors representing many participating regional golf courses and an Executive Committee which conducts operations and supervises individual tournaments. Requirements for membership are that you be at least fifty years old in the year you join and a legal resident of the State of New Mexico. Currently, the organization has approximately 140 members statewide.

Each year, SGNM organizes approximately twenty golf events around the state for its membership. Many of our events are held at Albuquerque area courses; however, every season we may host one or more tournaments in Farmington, northern or central New Mexico, Las Cruces or southern Colorado. Flighted events are held approximately every two weeks during the spring, summer and early fall. Tournament activities culminate in October at our 3-day State Championship where participants compete for a coveted "green" jacket. Awards to flight winners take place at our annual awards banquet following the Championship tournament.

Gross and net prizes are tournament gift certificates from Bullseye Golf in Albuquerque. Gift certificates are deposited directly into Bullseye accounts in the winners' names, so there is no need to wait around after tournaments to collect your winnings. Certificates are redeemable in the store.

Certificates do not expire and they are good on all merchandise and club repair. Another plus is that certificates can be accumulated for that "big" merchandise buy. All purchases at Bullseye Golf earn an additional 3% rebate redeemable in the store.

SGNM calculates and issues their own handicaps based on an individual's performance in SGNM tournaments, which helps us control sandbagging. It is not necessary to have a handicap when you join. If an individual has a GHIN handicap index it will be used to calculate a starting handicap or an initial handicap will be assigned by our handicap chairman.

All SGNM tournaments are filled on a first-come basis. If an individual wants to play in a specific tournament, it is important that they send in their entry form as soon as possible after the tournament entry forms are available. Waiting lists may be generated for our most popular tournaments. The average cost of a SGNM tournament is about \$65.00. This cost covers green fees, a cart, and prize money. Free range balls and a light lunch may be provided at some tournaments. Depending on the tournament format, participants may form their own foursomes by annotating their desires on the specific tournament entry form.

Information about SGNM activities is always available here on our web site. It includes our officers, local rules, members' names, a tournament schedule, tournament results and entry forms, as well as other important information.

The lifetime initiation fee for new members is \$40.00. Annual membership dues are currently \$55.00 per year and there is a \$10.00 savings if an individual renews before Dec 31.

We know you will enjoy being a member of the SGNM and we look forward to seeing you on the course.