For a number of years, a couple of dedicated amateur golfers conducted the region's major competitive events from the trunk of a car. But as the number of competitors grew, so did the need to have a uniform handicap system, a tournament operations team, and an administrative body to oversee it. And so the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association was founded in 1976 and provides administrative services for all amateurs playing in the geographic area of New Mexico and West Texas.

Our purpose is to promote mutual trust and friendly relationships among members: by encouraging and promoting successful golf operations; by aiding courses and clubs through study and research in the care, maintenance and improvement of greens and fairways; by developing educational programs related to the Rules of Golf; by conducting tournaments; by providing a handicap system for members; and by cooperating with other golf associations in the region.

Congratulations on your new or renewed SCAGA Membership. We're glad to have you part of the Sun Country family. Please take this opportunity to view and refresh your memory on all the benefits of your membership. Then please forward this to any friends and family that aren't SCAGA members yet. By doing this, you will help us grow the game and ensure the health of SCAGA for many years to come.
When you sign up for a Men's or Women's Golf Association at your local club that includes handicapping services, you also become a member of the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association.

Many of our members don’t even realize they have a membership with us and have access to the many services we provide!

This booklet will give you an overview of the benefits you have as a SCAGA member and the many ways our association is serving golf

How it works:

1. You love to play golf
2. So you join your local Men's or Women's Association at your club
3. They add you to their GHIN Handicap system, which creates your handicap record
4. Your information is transmitted through GHIN to Sun Country and you become a member
5. Now you can play in SCAGA Events!
SCAGA has a variety of tournaments, in a variety of formats, no matter your handicap. The association conducts 9 major tournaments a year. These include: Spring Stroke Play, Wimberly Cup, Four-Ball, NM-WT Amateur, NM-WT Women's Amateur, Match Play, NM-WT Senior Amateur, Team & NM-WT Mid-Amateur.

SCAGA has a strong affiliation with the USGA. Every year, SCAGA conducts 9 USGA qualifying events. These include qualifiers for the U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, U.S. Boys & Girls Junior Amateur, US Amateur, US Senior-Amateur, US Mid-Amateur & Amateur Four-Ball.

SCAGA provides handicapping services to more than 90 member clubs and over 15,000 golfers using the GHIN Handicap System. Developed in 1981, GHIN is the largest handicap system in the world with more than 9,700 clubs and 2 million golfers just in the United States.
Along with conducting competitions, SCAGA has a course rating liaison that coordinates course ratings & tee-to-green measurements with volunteers around the region.

Course Rating & Measuring

SCAGA is the member (both club and individuals) resource for all questions related to The Rules of Golf, tournament administration, course marking and local rules to adopt at your club. SCAGA staff also conducts rules seminars at sites throughout the area, and is available to conduct personal seminars at member clubs.

Rules Education

The Dwight Teed Scholarship Fund has been distributing scholarships to worthy recipients for over 20 years. The scholarship allocates four $1,500 scholarships to students that achieved excellence in the classroom, present themselves as excellent citizens, have a connection with the game of golf, need financial assistance and come highly recommended by credible sources.

College Scholarships
MEMBER BENEFITS
Traditionally SCAGA's first event of the year, the Spring Stroke play is a two day stroke play event that serves as the season opener.

Traditionally in the Southern region, this March or April event is flighted for all skill levels and open to all SCAGA members. The event provides an opportunity to start the golfing year with a SCAGA Championship.

As a spin off of SCAGA's most popular event, the Wimberly Cup brings partners (both 50 and older) together for two days of four ball (colloquially known as 'best-ball') competition. The Championship, whose namesake is for Guy and Herb Wimberly, is flighted for all skill levels, and offers great competition for all golfers 50 and older.

Often the most popular SCAGA Event, the Four-Ball Championship brings partners together for 3 days of four ball (colloquially known as 'best-ball') competition. The Championship, perennially hosted at Santa Ana Golf Club, is flighted for all skill levels and offers great competition for a wide variety of golfers.
The flagship event of the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association, the New Mexico-West Texas Amateur is open to all male golfers with an index of 10.0 or less. The goal of the event is to find the best amateur player in the Sun Country with Championship style conditions and major championship feel.

The premier Women's Championship in the Sun Country, this event is open to all women and presents a championship style event, providing playing opportunities for everyone, as there are flights for all skill levels.

SCAGA's only Match Play Championship, this event uses stroke play qualifying to seed the field and place them into brackets for a match play championship style event. This event runs over the course of four days, is gross only, match play, and single elimination, with the goal to determine the best match play player in each division.
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<td><strong>Team Championship</strong></td>
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<td>The flagship, 25 and older, event in the Sun Country, the New Mexico-West Texas Mid-Amateur is the most exclusive championship for mid-amateur golfers. A two day flighted championship with divisions for all skill levels, this event provides a Major Championship for those golfers which are 25 &amp; above, mirroring the USGA Championship of the same name.</td>
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The Sun Country Amateur Golf Association provides members with an USGA Handicap Index, as run by the GHIN system. State and regional golf associations, such as the SCAGA, are authorized by the USGA to issue a Handicap Index and monitor the USGA Handicap System.

As part of the GHIN handicap network, SCAGA members have an opportunity to locally post scores at more than 10,000 courses across the country and have the scores routed to their home club. In addition, with the SCAGA Mobile GHIN app, these posting features are always at your fingertips, being able to post from an iPhone or Android smartphone.

SCAGA members can verify their Handicap Index through links at SunCountryGolf.org. Members can see all of their information from GHIN.com on the SunCountry Golf website, using the association website for all of their handicapping needs. The eRevision allows SCAGA members to receive their Handicap Index and recent scores via email on the 1st and the 15th of every month.
The Sun Country Amateur Golf Association is a volunteer based organization. With a small staff, we rely on a team of dedicated volunteers to provide superior services. Besides being guided by an entirely volunteer run Board of Directors, SCAGA and its staff work with expert course raters and rules officials to keep our region's golf courses up to date and to run high caliber golf tournaments.

Who are our volunteers? They are members just like you, who previously didn’t have any specialized training. In fact almost every one of our volunteers started out the same way: they joined us at one of the association activities and shadowed one of our volunteers.

If you’re interested in furthering the game you love so much, consider becoming a SCAGA volunteer! All you need to do is call our office and we will get you in touch with our volunteer coordinators. They will assign you to one of our volunteer mentors at an upcoming event. As an association, we also offer two free rules seminars every year to help grow the knowledge of our volunteers.
How is your handicap calculated? There's a lot of math involved, and it's all based on the golf course slope and rating, those numbers you see next to each set of tees on the scorecard. Without those, you can't calculate your handicap. Without us, those numbers can't be calculated.

We have a team of expert course raters who travel to all the golf courses in the region to take detailed measurements and crunch the numbers to determine the difficulty of each course from each set of tees. Those numbers are then used to calculate your score differentials and ultimately your handicap index. It's the surest way to achieve an equitable handicap system for all golfers across the board, and it's thanks to your local golf association.
SCAGA is the member resource for all questions related to The Rules of Golf, tournament administration, course marking and local rules to adopt at your club. The SCAGA staff also conducts rules seminars at sites throughout the area, and is available to conduct personal seminars at member clubs.

In addition to tournament rules, the SCAGA handles questions and issues concerning the USGA Rules of Amateur Status and monitors reinstatement applications for all of New Mexico as well as West Texas.
Three times a year, in the spring, summer and fall, the SCAGA meets as a membership to discuss current issues and how to improve the association. The fall meeting is open to every member of the association.
Golf professionals, amateurs and junior golfers commit to play 100 holes of golf in one day! Your pledge will help our efforts to grow the game of golf for young people in New Mexico and El Paso, TX, as well as supporting other worthy causes. Proceeds from the Golf Marathon are shared between the Foundation and a charity of the marathoner’s choice.

In its first three years, committed volunteers made up of PGA Professionals, amateurs and junior golfers have raised nearly $100,000! Part of the proceeds have gone back to many deserving charities in New Mexico, Texas and across the country, while the balance has gone to the Sun Country Junior Golf Foundation, a joint charitable effort of the Sun Country PGA and Sun Country Amateur Golf Association. With the Junior Golf Foundation’s share, we are bringing a golf curriculum to P.E. classes in elementary and middle schools and funding other growth of the game and junior golf programs. This is only the beginning! Help us keep young people active in the game of a lifetime!
Since its inception in 1984 by Mr. and Mrs. Max Webb, the Dwight Teed Scholarship Fund honors the memory of Dwight Teed. Mr. Teed served as an original member of the Sun Country Board of Directors. The fund has been distributing funds to worthy recipients for over twenty years. Currently the Scholarship Fund allocates four $1,500 scholarships to students that achieved excellence in the classroom, present themselves as excellent citizens, have a connection with the game of golf, need financial assistance and are come highly recommended by credible sources. The scholarship is not dependant upon golfing ability, but rather an award of excellence encouraging the student to continue his or her involvement in school and golf.

Since 1984, the SCAGA Four Ball Championship has been essential to raising additional monies for the fund. About one-half of the funding comes from the Dwight Teed gift accounts, and the other half is raised through tournament sponsorship and individual contributions. You can assist us in our efforts to help deserving students by sponsoring the Four Ball Championship or by becoming part of the scholarship committee. Please contact the Sun Country Golf House for more information on getting involved: (505) 897-0864.

Student Eligibility:

In order to be considered for a SCAGA scholarship, an applicant must:

- Have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher to apply and must maintain a 3.0 or higher during the entire four-year duration of the scholarship period.
- Have your most current high school or college transcripts sent directly from you school to the SCAGA office. Be sure they include your most current SAT or ACT exam results.
- A letter from you outlining your goals and objectives for college, addressed to the scholarship committee.
- Three letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a SCAGA member.
- A copy of your parents' tax return for the year in which you apply for the scholarship (form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ). If the student filed a tax return separately, that must be submitted as well.
- Complete the Scholarship Application Form

Application deadline is 3 pm MST of the last Friday in April. Visit our website at www.SunCountryGolf.org to apply.
**District 1 - Northwest**
Coyote del Malpais GC, Grants, NM
Fox Run GC, Gallup, NM
Pinon Hills GC, Farmington, NM
Riverview GC, Kirtland, NM
San Juan CC, Farmington, NM

**District 2 - North**
Angel Fire GC, Angel Fire, NM
Black Mesa, Espanola, NM
Clayton GC, Clayton, NM
Las Campanas, Santa Fe, NM
Los Alamos GC, Los Alamos, NM
Marty Sanchez, Santa Fe, NM
Pendaries GC, Rociada, NM
Quail Run GC, Santa Fe, NM
Raton GC, Raton, NM
Santa Fe CC, Santa Fe, NM
Taos GC, Taos, NM
Towa GC, Santa Fe, NM

**District 3 - Albuquerque Area**
Albuquerque CC, Albuquerque, NM
Arroyo del Oso GC, Albuquerque, NM
Canyon Club at Four Hills CC, Albuquerque, NM
Championship GC, Albuquerque, NM
Cochiti GC, Pueblo de Cochiti, NM
Isleta GC, Isleta Pueblo, NM
Ladera GC, Albuquerque, NM
Los Altos GC, Albuquerque, NM
Paa-Ko Ridge GC, Sandia Park, NM
Paradise Hills GC, Albuquerque, NM
Puerto del Sol GC, Albuquerque, NM
Sandia GC, Albuquerque, NM
Santa Ana GC, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
Tanoan CC, Albuquerque, NM
Tijeras Arroyo GC, Albuquerque, NM
Twin Warriors GC, Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
UNM North GC, Albuquerque, NM

**District 4 - South Central**
Alto Lakes CC, Alto Lakes, NM
Apache Mesa GC, Holloman AFB, NM
Colonial Park GC, Clovis, NM
Cree Meadows CC, Ruidoso, NM
Desert Lakes GC, Alamogordo, NM
Farwell CC, Farwell, TX
Inn Mtn. Gods, Ruidoso, NM
Kokopelli Club, Alto, NM
The Links at Sierra Blanca, Ruidoso, NM
New Mexico Military Institute GC, Roswell, NM
Portales GC, Portales, NM
Rainmakers, Alto, NM
Roswell CC, Roswell, NM
Spring River GC, Roswell, NM
Tucumcari GC, Tucumcari, NM

**District 5 - Las Cruces Region**
Anthony CC, Anthony, NM
NM State GC, Las Cruces, NM
NM Tech GC, Socorro, NM
Picacho Hills CC, Las Cruces, NM
Red Hawk GC, Las Cruces, NM
Rio Mimbres GC, Deming, NM
Scott Park Golf Links, Silver City, NM
Sierra Del Rio GC, Elephant Butte, NM
Sonoma Ranch GC, Las Cruces, NM
T or C GC, Truth or Consequences, NM
Tierra del Sol CC, Belen, NM

**District 6 - El Paso Area**
Artesia CC, Artesia, NM
Ascarate GC, El Paso, TX
Butterfield Tail GC, El Paso, TX
Coronado CC, El Paso, TX
El Paso CC, El Paso, TX
Eunice Municipal GC, Eunice, NM
Hobbs CC, Hobbs, NM
Horizon GC, Horizon City, TX
Lake Carlsbad GC, Carlsbad, NM
Lone Star GC, El Paso, TX
Lovingston GC, Lovingston, NM
Painted Dunes GC, El Paso, TX
Riverside CC, Carlsbad, NM
Rockwind Community Links, Hobbs, NM
Underwood GC, El Paso, TX
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Instagram: @SunCountryGolf

Flickr: SunCountryGolfHouse

We send a bi-monthly newsletter via email that updates your GHIN handicap as well as gives you news updates on the happenings in Sun Country Golf.
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Allied Associations
We are part of the Sun Country Golf House, an alliance of the leading golf related organizations in the general areas of New Mexico and West Texas. It includes the Sun Country Professional Golfers Association, Sun Country Junior Tour and Sun Country Junior Golf Foundation. The alliance of these associations makes this entity the epicenter for golf in our area.

Learn more at
www.SunCountryGolfHouse.com