

# The Art Fristad Desert Classic 2021

The Golf Club at Terra Lago - South Course

84-000 Terra Lago Parkway, Indio CA 92203

Friday November 5 and Saturday November 6

## Format and Rules

**Your Handicap Index as of 11/1/21 will be used**

### Friday - 1 2 3 Waltz

Each golfer plays his own ball throughout the round, regular stroke play (No gimmies). Handicap strokes will be marked with dots on the official scorecard as applicable.

- Record the **gross** score for each golfer on every hole

The Tournament Committee - Jim Hileman, Marty Marion, and Phil Greco will review the scorecards and enter the team score as follows:

- On par 3 holes the three lowest net scores are used
- On par 4 holes the two lowest net scores are used
- On par 5 holes the one lowest net score is used
- Team awards are based on low net score

Par on a par 3 is 9, on a par 4 it's 8, and on a par 5 it's five. Using this format, 136 is par on the South Course at Terra Lago.

There will be individual awards

- Closest to the pin on par 3s
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Low net score
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Low gross score

**Balls Lost or Out of Bounds:** A Local Rule is available, permitting committees to allow golfers the option to drop the ball in the vicinity of where the ball is lost or out of bounds (including the nearest fairway area), under a two-stroke penalty. **That option will be used in this tournament.** See page 3 for an illustration of the proper use of this option. You can still choose the Stroke and Distance option for balls lost or out of bounds.

At the end of your round, give your official scorecard to Jim Hileman, Marty Marion, or Phil Greco.

Awards will be presented after completion of rounds on Saturday.

## **Saturday - Yellow Ball and Scramble**

There are 2 events in one. Golfers play in groups of four. On each hole 1 golfer plays the yellow ball, and the 3 remaining play a scramble. Handicap strokes will be marked with dots on the official scorecard as applicable. The strokes will only be used with the Yellow Ball format.

### **Yellow Ball Rules**

- Each team is given 3 yellow balls with their team number on them
- Each golfer must play the yellow ball a minimum of 4 times
- No golfer can play the yellow ball more than 6 times
- Team captain has the final say on who plays the yellow ball
- There are no gimmies you must putt out on every hole
- Record the gross score for the golfer playing the yellow ball on every hole
- There is no disqualification if you lose all your yellow balls. Continue playing following the yellow ball rules
- If your team completes the round with at least 1 of your yellow balls remaining, 1 stroke will be deducted from the net score

The Tournament Committee - Jim Hileman, Marty Marion, and Phil Greco will review the scorecards and enter the Yellow Ball score using handicap strokes on the official scorecard.

### **Scramble Rules**

- Each of the 3 golfers, not playing the yellow ball, hits a drive (There is no required number of drives per player)
- The results of the drives are compared. Which one is best? That ball is selected and marked
- The other golfers in the scramble pick up their golf balls and move them to that location
- Place your ball within 1 club length of the marked ball. If the chosen drive is in the rough the other players play from the rough, in the fairway play from the fairway, in a penalty area play from the penalty area
- The second strokes are played, and the process repeats: Select the best ball, move the other balls to that spot and play the third strokes
- And so on, until the ball is holed for one team score, there are no gimmies you must putt out on every hole
- Record the scramble score on each hole of the official scorecard
- A team handicap will be deducted from your gross score to determine your net scramble score

There will be individual awards

- Closest to the pin on par 3s
- All 4 players (Yellow ball and scramble) are eligible for the closest to the pin award

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## GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

### BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



### LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

**A** **DETERMINE SPOT** where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

**B** **FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE** no closer to the hole.

**C** **DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA** as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

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