

Mission Bay Golf Course

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MISSION BAY
GOLF COURSE



Mission Bay Golf Course

Local Treasure

The City of San Diego Municipal Golf Committee (MGC) an 11-member group appointed by the Mayor and City Council to serve as a citizens' advisory group to the City's Golf Division.

- **Great practice facilities** with a unique 18-hole layout which provides a **complete golfing experience**.
- **Importance to younger and older golfers** because of its short length, walkability and healthy active **recreational activity**.
- **User friendly and affordable** to play the course, **beginning and medium skill** allows one to enjoy their round of golf.



Mission Bay Golf Course Overview

Mission Bay Golf Course and Practice Center is an 18-hole Executive Course designed 67 years ago by Ted Robinson, a well recognized American Golf Course Architect.

- Executive Course measuring 2,719 yards. It sits on **46 acres where most golf courses require 75-100 acres.**
- Par 58 Executive Course **features 4 par four holes** and 14 par-three holes.
- It is the only golf course in San Diego with **lighting for nighttime play**
- It is where **Tiger Woods** won a Junior World title.

TIGER WOODS



Mission Bay Golf Course Amenities

Golf Instruction



Junior Golf



Summer Camps



Mission Bay Golf Course Amenities



Night Golf

New Practice Facilities



Junior World



Mission Bay Golf Course Amenities



Senior Golf



Foot and Frisbee Golf

Habitat



Mission Bay Golf Course Amenities



**Woman's
Golf**

**Environmental
Sustainability**



New Clubhouse



Mission Bay Golf Course Data

Total Rounds – Target Goal is 75,000**

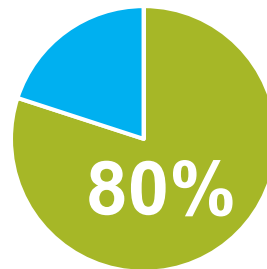
- FY 2023 – 85,583 114% of goal
- FY 2022 – 92,664 123% of goal
- FY 2021 – 102,025 136% of goal
- FY 2020 – 60,918 81% of goal
- FY 2019 – 66,404 88% of goal

Driving Range Sales*

- FY 2023 – 74,195 buckets
- FY 2022 – 79,392 (over \$1.1 million)
- FY 2020 – 91,879 (over \$1.2 million)
- FY 2020 – 0
- FY 2019 – 0

Total Revenue**

- FY 2023 – \$3,592,374
- FY 2022 – \$3,634,628
- FY 2021 – \$3,960,291
- FY 2020 – \$0
- FY 2019 – \$0



usage is from **City of San Diego residents**

**This is over 6,000 people each month, 200 people per day, who visit MBGC to use the driving range.*

***Course closures in 2022-2023 due to construction.*



Mission Bay Golf Course High Schools

- **20 local high schools** utilize Mission Bay Golf Course for team practices and matches throughout the year.
- A combined of 50-55 league matches take place per year at MBGC for Boys and Girls season.
 - ❖ On average, each high school golf team has 10 players.
 - ❖ With 20 teams, this is **200 high school players** who use MBGC to develop their game and team building per season.
 - ❖ Girls schedule in the Fall, boys schedule in the Spring.
 - ❖ Brings the total usage to **400 for high school students**.

High Schools Are:

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|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| - Bishops | - High Tech High | - Mission Bay | - Point Loma |
| - Canyon Hills | - Francis Parker | - Madison | - St. Augustine |
| - Cathedral | - La Jolla | - University City | - San Diego |
| - Coronado | - La Jolla Co. Day | - Morse | - Scripps Ranch |
| - Clairemont | - Lincoln | - Patrick Henry | - Mira Mesa |

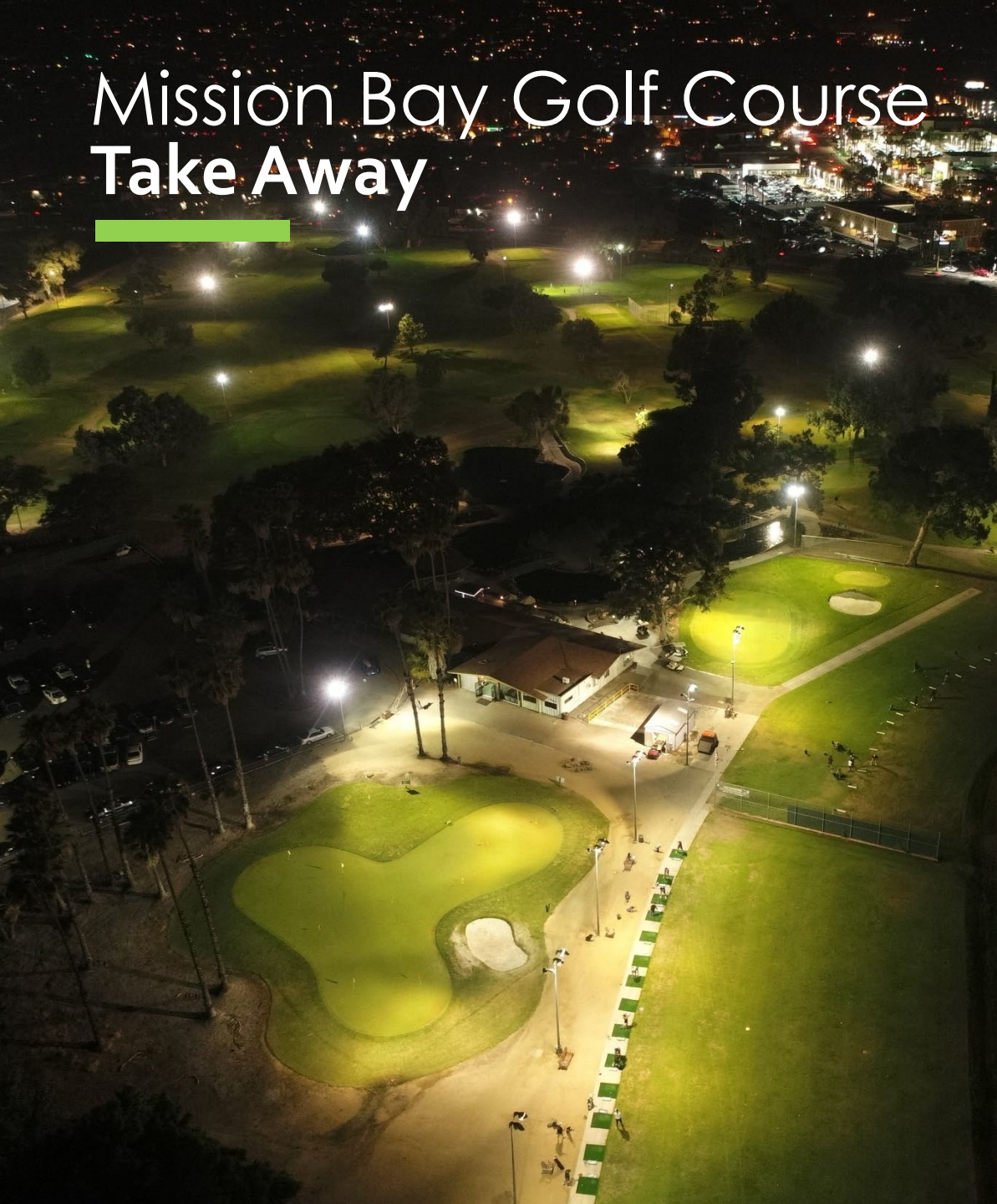


Mission Bay Golf Course Environmental Benefits

- Turf Grass **acts as a filter** that traps pollutants before they reach groundwater supplies & **reduces greenhouse emissions**.
- Golf courses **prevent erosion & thus mitigate flooding**.
- Golf course open space **provides habitat** for migrating birds & other wildlife.
- The San Diego golf division has long adopted and utilizes the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America – **BMPs**, to cover water management to pollinators to energy use.
- The **new irrigation** utilizes **smart** irrigation control systems, water and moisture sensors, and drought-tolerant choices for turf grasses.
- **Recycled water** will also improve water usage and conservation efforts when utilized.
- **Electric and battery-operated equipment** will provide additional **zero-emissions** opportunities, help reduce noise, air pollution, and provide a healthier environment for wildlife and landscape staff.



Mission Bay Golf Course Take Away



- MBGC provides affordable and accessible municipal golf services to the public. Municipal golf reflects diversity in California, via gender, ethnicity, racial, lifestyle, and economic status.



- Golf is a critical component of San Diego's economy, especially related to tourism. MBGC is the front-end pipeline to Torrey Pines and the more popular facilities that provide active recreation to thousands of San Diego residents.



- The golf course's tree canopies and 46 acres of turf grass have been sequestering Carbon and Greenhouse gases from the nearby streets and freeway for over 67 years.



- The golf course also protects and provides a significant habitat supportive of bird life and is a substantial buffer from Sea Level rise by being 3' above the adjacent Bay.



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- If the MBGC were reduced or turned into general parkland,
- the use of the 46 acres for parkland would increase the City's General Fund expenses per acre by over \$15,000 per year.



- The \$11 million investment in the current Mission Bay Clubhouse and infrastructure improvements comes directly from greens fees remitted by the patrons of the 3 municipal golf courses under the jurisdiction of the City's Golf Division. This is NOT public money.



- We urge that the city of San Diego recognizes the societal, environmental, and recreational benefits that MBGC brings to our community; and how vital it is in providing affordable and accessible public golf and active recreation for the citizens of San Diego.



Mission Bay Golf Course Supportive Organizations

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Save Mission Bay Golf Course!



Thanks

