

HISTORY

O'DONNELL GOLF CLUB was built by Thomas A. O'Donnell, an oilman who came to Palm Springs in the mid-1920s. He purchased the land upon which the O'Donnell Course is now built in two parcels, in May and December of 1925. Mr. O'Donnell also purchased 750 shares of Whitewater Mutual Water Company and helped it bring fresh water 11 miles from Whitewater Canyon to the desert before anyone knew there was water under the drifting sands of Palm Springs Village. He bought property at the corner of Stevens Road and North Palm Canyon Drive and built a reservoir through which Whitewater Mutual routed its pipeline to the area that was to become the golf course. The reservoir also acted as a desalting basin. Mr. O'Donnell was one of the five incorporators of Whitewater Mutual Water Company, which was incorporated on May 5, 1927. The other four were Prescott L. Stevens, J.J. Kocher, A.E. Hicks and Warren B. Pinney. In 1927 Mr. O'Donnell then carefully planned and, in the next few years, built at his own expense our beautiful golf course with its magnificent palm trees, oleanders and tamarisks, and its green carpet of Bermuda and rye grasses. The course never has been allowed to die during all the years since it was constructed and now forms the cushioned turf so greatly appreciated by our golfing members and guests. The course includes nine holes with two tee positions for each hole and is SCGA rated. O'Donnell Golf Club is also very unique in that there are no "tee" times. One can just come out and play. After operating the golf course for more than fifteen years at his own expense, Tom O'Donnell in 1944 organized O'Donnell Golf Club as a private, non-profit club to which he gave a 99-year lease for the golf course, the reservoir property and the 750 shares of Whitewater Mutual stock.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Experience The Legend

**ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020,
THOMAS O'DONNELL'S
"DESERT GOLF COURSE"
WAS APPROVED TO BE ON THE
NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES.
THIS FOLLOWS**

**THE O'DONNELL GOLF COURSE
DESIGNATION AS A
CLASS 1 HISTORIC SITE
ON OCTOBER 23, 2019.
THOMAS O'DONNELL'S
"DESERT GOLF COURSE" NOW JOINS
A SMALL PRESTIGE'S GROUP OF
PALM SPRINGS' OTHER
NATIONAL REGISTER
OF HISTORIC PLACES.**

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Join us today to enjoy a
vibrant community,
historic facilities,
and unforgettable
experiences
at our club!



Join Our Exclusive Club

GOLF MEMBERSHIP

EXPERIENCE THE BEST OF OUR CLUB WITH A GOLF MEMBERSHIP, WHICH INCLUDES FULL ACCESS TO ALL FACILITIES FOR YOU AND YOUR IMMEDIATE FAMILY.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS:

- **INITIATION FEE:** \$17,500
- **MONTHLY DUES:** \$585
- **ANNUAL DINING MINIMUM:**
 - COUPLES** \$900
 - SINGLE** \$600

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

OUR SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP OFFERS ACCESS TO ALL CLUB FACILITIES AND SOCIAL EVENTS, EXCLUDING THE GOLF COURSE. HOWEVER, SOCIAL MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO PLAY UP TO TWO ROUNDS OF GOLF EACH YEAR ON OUR HISTORIC COURSE.

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS:

- **INITIATION FEE:** \$4,500
- **ANNUAL DINING MINIMUM:**
 - COUPLES** \$900
 - SINGLE** \$600

ALL NEW MEMBERS MUST BE SPONSORED BY A CURRENT CLUB MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.



THE HISTORIC O'DONNELL GOLF CLUB IS THE OLDEST GOLF COURSE IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY. BEAUTIFUL VISTAS, IMPECCABLE CONDITIONS, NO TEE TIMES, A UNIQUELY CHALLENGING GOLF EXPERIENCE WITH A CASUAL, RELAXING ATMOSPHERE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN PALM SPRING

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"If you watch a game,
it's fun. If you play it, it's
a recreation. If you
work at it, it's golf." ~
Bob Hope

AN ACTOR AND A SINGER WAS A
MEMBER OF O'DONNELL FOR OVER 40
YEARS