



# EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

I've had several members lately tell me they didn't know something was going on. Either they didn't know how to sign up for something, or they didn't know their tee time, or they didn't get the newsletter. The key to receiving communications from our club is your email. I know you have an email address because it's required in GHIN to maintain a handicap, but if you don't check it, you're not going to know what's going on. Here are a few tips to keep you informed:

- To make sure our emails are not being rejected by your email, you need to add [info@elpradomensclub.com](mailto:info@elpradomensclub.com) and [noreply@golfgenius.com](mailto:noreply@golfgenius.com) to your "safe senders" or "contacts" list in your email.
- If an email from us says "DO NOT REPLY to this email", don't reply!
- Before a skins game or tournament, please check your email for updates.

Now that we are well in to the holiday season, I want to remind everyone to not drink and drive. When you're on the road, be aware that there are a lot of holiday parties going on, so be on the lookout for other drivers. And if you're celebrating with somebody who's in no shape to drive, step in and find them a ride. We all get carried away once in a while, and we all need to look out for each other.

2023 not only brings a new Tournament Calendar, but also several minor changes to the rules of golf. Most of these adjustments to the 2019 rule changes either add clarification, or fix snafus that have occurred on the PGA tour. 5 Key changes are included in this newsletter, and you can read more on [the USGA website](http://theUSGA.com).

This time of year, I'm reminded of Steve Elliott's unique Christmas spirit, as seen here. We hope to see you back soon!

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mark Rief, President.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 10**  
Online Tournament  
Signups Close

**January 14**  
2 Man Better Ball

**February 7**  
Online Tournament  
Signups Close

**February 11**  
Individual Low Net  
and President's Cup  
Qualifier

## SIGNUPS

### Monthly Tournament

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## Tournament News

This month's Individual 4 Club Red Tees tournament had 4 flights with 119 golfers. At tournament signup closing, we had 131 registered to play in Golf Genius (more on this later). Thank you to those members who willingly adjusted their tee times to balance the pairings on Saturday. Unfortunately, we had one group that had to play as a twosome. The signup table went smoothly and was set in the El Prado GC Lobby making it a festive morning. The tournament paid out \$4,780 to 50 players. Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Tom Clark, Al Marquez, and Les Luzar, who each received \$125 pot money. Congratulations to all the winners!



In Golf Genius news - our first tournament using online signups for the 4 Club Red Tees tournament was a learning experience. As mentioned above, we had 131 signed up which initially made us over booked. The Golf Genius waitlist feature didn't activate as anticipated at a preset 120 player field... I guess my study skills failed me. Anyway, with last minute cancellations and the few no-shows we ended up with 119 players. A big field! EPMC has grown such that tournaments will likely fill more frequently. Look for the waitlist feature in Golf Genius to be activated and working properly as we move forward. I am happy to report we had 61 messages from members to the manager in Golf Genius which really helped managing player requests. I am sure Doug enjoyed a reprieve from the barrage of text messages and email requests he's accustomed too. Thanks to those who used the "Send message to Manager" function.

This month's 2 Man Better Ball online signups will be opening soon in Golf Genius. This will be our first TEAM Golf Genius signup event. We ask for prayers, kindness and patience... The entire board and your fellow members already comfortable using Golf Genius signups are here to help if you're lost in the process. All regular EPMC golfing members should receive an email invitation for sign-ups. The email will look familiar with what we have been sending out every week for Tuesday Skins signup.

The upcoming tournament is a TEAM event and requires only one member to signup/register the team.

When Signups open, please follow these steps to register:

1. You or your Playing Partner will need to navigate through the signup confirmation buttons by checking playing.
2. Click on the signup other members link and add your playing partner's name.
3. If you choose - you or your Playing Partner can SEND message to the manager either noting your TEAM PAIRING and/or include any special requests in your message.
4. Hit the SEND button.

The tee sheet link in Golf Genius should populate names for the confirmed list of players. Pairings and TEAMS will likely not appear until a few days before the tournament. Be assured we will monitor signups closely and communicate with you if there are any issues. Registered players should get a Golf Genius automated signup confirmation email. Please understand that one of the biggest challenges and time consumers is trying to manage member requests. Sometimes requests cannot be accommodated for various reasons and your understanding in this regard is appreciated.

Finally, it will be important this month to talk early with your team partner and make sure they are playing. If you are a single with no partner, please sign up as a single making a note in Golf Genius to the manager and we will try our best to pair you up with another single. Remember that we cap our tournament size and will place players on a waitlist if reached. If you're lost with this process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

Signups will be opening online in Golf Genius soon. The Signup Portal will close January 10th. Please sign up early to guarantee a spot. Online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before January 10th. Remember, once we commit tee times to the course, the rest of the tee sheet sells out, so no more adding tee times. We will confirm the roster of signed up players in email on Wednesday January 11th before the tournament, and release pairings by Friday January 13th.

Helpful hint - January 14th 2 Man Better Ball Tournament - AB flights will be on Chino Creek and CD flights will be on Butterfield. Partners this time - so choose wisely.

Gary Abbott, Tournament/Skins  
Doug Benc, Tournament/Skins

## Social News

I want to thank everyone that either brought a toy or donated money to our Toys for Tots toy drive at the December tournament. This year, we donated the toys to the Chino Valley Fire Department, who will hand them out to kids in need in the City of Chino.

I also want to thank you for your generosity as we collected several hundred dollars for the golf course staff Christmas tip.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Thanks,  
Scott Harlin, Social



## Tournament Results – 4 Clubs Red Tees – December 16, 2022

Complete results are always available at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>

### Low Net (Scrip)

#### A Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
T1	Cole, Mike	-1	71	\$105
T1	Dancses, Kirk	-1	71	\$105
T3	Dancses, Brian	1	73	\$75
T3	Mundy, Robert	1	73	\$75
T3	Tamashiro, Wes	1	73	\$75
T3	Dyer, Joe	1	73	\$75
7	Abbott, Gary	3	75	\$50
T8	Mercado, Martin	4	76	\$10
T8	Marquez, Alfonso	4	76	\$10
T8	Marquez, Robert	4	76	\$10
T8	Waasdorp, Pete	4	76	\$10

#### B Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Patterson, Ronald	-2	70	\$110
2	Hughes, Daniel	2	74	\$100
T3	Deshay, Stan	3	75	\$85
T3	McArdle, Joseph	3	75	\$85
T5	Lindsay, David	4	76	\$55
T5	Becerra, Rafael	4	76	\$55
T5	Ford, Dane	4	76	\$55
T5	Briggle, Thomas	4	76	\$55

#### C Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
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1	Moir, James	-1	71	\$110
2	Barber, Darnell	E	72	\$100
3	Tapia, Mike	1	73	\$90
4	Fanning, James	2	74	\$80
T5	Ferguson, Lyle	4	76	\$65
T5	Hederman, Joseph	4	76	\$65
7	VanPelt, Jeff	5	77	\$50
8	Torres, Ramiro	6	78	\$40

#### D Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Barrow, Boone	-6	66	\$110
2	Nomura, Jonathan	-1	71	\$100
3	Skoglund, Bradley	E	72	\$90
T4	Hall, Justin	1	73	\$70
T4	Lopez, Ramiro G	1	73	\$70
T4	Martin, Gary	1	73	\$70
7	Jones, Kim	2	74	\$50
8	Jensen, Paul	3	75	\$40

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,400.00

### Gross Skins – (cash pots)

#### A Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Dancses, Brian	1	\$106	Eagle on 12
Mundy, Robert	1	\$106	Birdie on 14
Pierce, James	1	\$106	Birdie on 2

#### B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Alva, Luis	1	\$58	Birdie on 5
Deshay, Stan	1	\$58	Birdie on 7
Sleeger, Tim	1	\$58	Birdie on 13
Wilson, Darrell	1	\$58	Birdie on 2
Vicario, Gil	1	\$58	Eagle on 12

#### C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Hederman, Joseph	2	\$72	Birdie on 4, Birdie on 17
Edmondson, Richard	1	\$36	Birdie on 13
Ferguson, Lyle	1	\$36	Birdie on 1
Rivera, Albert	1	\$36	Par on 15
Anderson, Marc	1	\$36	Birdie on 5
Fanning, James	1	\$36	Birdie on 2
Barber, Darnell	1	\$36	Par on 18

#### D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Jones, Kim	2	\$96	Birdie on 1, Birdie on 11
Barrow, Boone	2	\$96	Birdie on 6, Birdie on 9
Hall, Justin	1	\$48	Birdie on 18
Tellez, Robert	1	\$48	Birdie on 7

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,184.00

### Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Ortega, Mario	\$80	#14 9 ft 6 in
	Mundy, Robert	\$80	#17 10 in
	Pierce, James	\$80	#2 3 ft 10 in
	Anzora, Nelson	\$80	#7 8 ft 2 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$320.00

<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Becerra, Rafael	\$146	#2 8 ft 8 in, #17 5 ft
	Ford, Dane	\$73	#14 5 ft 4 in
	Deshay, Stan	\$73	#7 3 ft 5 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$292.00

<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Bates, Patrick	\$73	#14 1 ft 1 in
	Torres, Ramiro	\$73	#14 20 ft 9 in
	Esparza, Aaron	\$73	#16 7 ft 10 in
	Lovell, Ron	\$73	#7 10 ft

Total Purse Allocated: \$292.00

<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Jones, Kim	\$73	#14 7 ft 5 in
	Barrow, Boone	\$73	#16 14 ft 1 in
	Martin, Gary	\$73	#4 7 ft 8 in
	Nomura, Vino	\$73	#7 18 ft 4 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$292.00

# 2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

## HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES

### New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



### Replacing Damaged Clubs

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



### Ball Moved by Natural Forces

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



### Simplified Back-on- the-Line Relief

When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.



### Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.

This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.



For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](https://www.usga.org) or [randa.org](https://www.randa.org).



# El Prado Men's Golf Club 2023 Tournament Schedule

Date	Description
January 14	2 Man Better Ball
February 11	President's Cup Individual Low Net
March 4	Member/Member – Mixed Format
April 15	ILN 5-4-3 Out
April 27-29	El Prado Getaway Classic – Laughlin
May 20	2 Man 4 Clubs – Red Tees Better Ball
June 17	2 Man Scramble
July 15	Invitational - 2 Man 9 Scramble/9 Better Ball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guests play to Low Index and have 6 recent verifiable rounds.</li> </ul>
August 12	2 Man Pinehurst
September 8 Championship Gross Senior Gross  September 9-10 All Net Flights	Club Championship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have played in 3 tournaments or 9 skins games, or be club champion within the past 5 years. (to be determined)</li> <li>• Must be an active member as of June 30.</li> <li>• Sunday handicap is based on index that morning.</li> <li>• Sunday pairings are based on standings after previous round(s).</li> <li>• Net flights play 2 rounds. Championship gross plays 3 rounds. Senior SCGA TOCC candidates play 3 rounds.</li> <li>• Gross champion must play blue tees all three rounds.</li> </ul>
October 14	2 Man Better Ball
November 18	Individual Low Net
December 16	4 Clubs – Red Tees
Notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 4 flight events, A plays blue tees; B plays white tees on Chino Creek or blue tees on Butterfield Stage; C and D play white tees.</li> <li>• 2 Man better ball events are maximum 8 stroke course handicap difference.</li> <li>• Course Handicap and flights are based on the index of the previous Wednesday.</li> <li>• Tee Times and Results are at <a href="https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc">https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc</a></li> <li>• Formats and rules are subject to change.</li> </ul>	