



# EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

I walked out of the airport in North Bend, Oregon, and called my ride to ask where he was. "Playing the 11<sup>th</sup> hole!" I found a ride, so it all worked out, but that's what happens at Bandon Dunes – golf takes over your brain, and you forget everything else. If you want to play golf like it was a hundred years ago, then Bandon is a great trip. No golf carts, no casinos, just five golf courses: each with their own personality, merchandise, food, and drink; a 36 hole putting course; a 3-par course; and an enormous practice facility. Combine that with onsite lodging and shuttle service, and you are completely consumed by golf everything.



Five El Prado members were on the trip as part of the [SCGA Member Outings](#) program. The SCGA has a full calendar of outings each year, available to club members like you. These are mostly Monday outings at private clubs, giving you an opportunity to play a club you usually can't get access to. These are not competitions – they are strictly social outings to play golf. You can go alone or get a group together. You sign up online and show up – it's that easy. They also have some travel trips, and some of us decided it was time to check Bandon off our bucket list. We were warned that these trips were very popular, and to be online the moment signups opened. Five of us signed up, and the trip sold out to 80 players in less than 15 minutes.

We ended up with a little drizzle and very little wind - excellent weather for this time of year. On the way home some of us played Pasatiempo, which was very challenging. I've watched the Western Intercollegiate tournament on TV for several years, but now I have a new appreciation for the difficulty of the Augusta like greens and the importance of approach angles.

So, whatever is on your bucket list, I urge you to do it. And if it includes Bandon, do it while you can still walk 18-36 holes a day!

Mark Rief, President.

## UPCOMING DATES

**May 7**  
Online Tournament  
Signups Close

**May 11**  
2 Man Better Ball  
4 Club Red Tees

**May 14**  
Derby

**May 30 – June 1**  
Getaway to  
Mesquite, NV

## SIGNUPS

**Saturday Skins**  
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[Tuesday Skins](#)

## Tournament News

When the clouds broke and the sun came out, we enjoyed a great day of weather for this year's ILN 5-4-3 out tournament. We had 103 golfers and paid out \$4,409 to 55 players. The 50/50 drawing winners were: Albert Armijo, Sean Verne, and Nick Sanchez - each received \$95 pot money. Congratulations to all the winners!



Golf Genius update: Online signups were opened on March 27th for the 5-4-3 out tournament. Maybe a little early but allowed plenty of time to register. We had 35 messages from members received in Golf Genius' email inbox, which is a big increase in usage over what we've been averaging for tournaments. Keep in mind that once we close signups and calibrate flights in GG, the golf course is notified, and they sell our unused tee times to the public. Regarding the latter, I thank Art and the Golf Shop for being flexible with tee times always accommodating our tournaments and skins games. But we as a club must do our part too, by remembering to sign up on time and understanding that once the field is set, last-minute additions typically cannot be accommodated. However, if you missed signing up for an event, inquire with us anyway as it never fails that there are a few last-minute cancellations, and it might work out.



For new club members, it's important to get familiar with signing up for our events online and on time. Be sure your handicap reflects your true golfing abilities. For all members, I share one observation from the results of the ILN 5-4-3 Out tournament in how close the final leaderboard was in all flights. No one golfer ran away from the field once the dust settled! Trust me, we're getting better as time passes using the tools and analytics available through the USGA which helps provide fair competition. New members are encouraged to participate in our Tuesday's and Saturday's Skins games. This will allow us to meet you, and you meet us! So please come out and play more rounds at El Prado Golf Courses!

May 11th is our next tournament, the 2 Man 4 Clubs – Red Tees Better Ball.

Look for on-line signups to open early again! Tournament signups will close Tuesday May 7th. Sign your team up early to guarantee a spot. Online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before May 7th. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday May 8th before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings Friday May 10th.

It's a TEAM event and only one member needs to signup/register the team in GG.

When signups open, please follow these steps to register:

Step 1. You or your Playing Partner will need to navigate through the signup confirmation buttons by checking playing.

Step 2. Click on the signup other members link and add your playing partner's name.

Step 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.

Step 4. Hit the SEND button.

The tee sheet link in Golf Genius will populate names for the confirmed list of players. Pairings will not appear until TEAMS are made on the back end in Golf Genius. 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.

Finally, it will be important this month to talk early with your team partner and make sure they are playing before you sign up! 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 in the signup process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

This month is the 2 Man 4 Clubs – Red Tees Better Ball tournament - AB flights will be on Chino Creek and CD flights will be on Butterfield.

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

## Bye Bye Preferred Lies

Beginning with the April tournament, **we are playing the ball down for all skins games and tournaments**, unless posted or announced at check-in. The course is drying out so it's time to get back to real golf. It also speeds up play and produces a more realistic handicap.

We had some reports of players bumping the ball in the tournament, which is not allowed. There were three signs on the check in table, and it was printed in the rules, so no excuses for not knowing. There is no free relief from bare spots or divots or footprints, except as described in [our local rules](#). If you question a player taking free relief, and they don't agree with you, they should play two balls and then talk to the committee for a ruling before you turn in your scorecard.

So once again in case you missed it ...

**PLAY THE BALL DOWN!**

## TOP 25 - 2023-2024

Rank	Name	Total
1	Jones, Brad	648
2	Mouw, Billy	634
3	Lovell, Ron	597
4	Barber, Darnell	526
5	Kramer, John	517
6	Tapia, Mike	505
7	Johnson, Kelly	502
8	Bretado, Henry	482
9	Barrow, Boone	473
10	Lizarraga, Richard	468
11	Ostergaard, Chris	448
12	Barcenas, Cristhian	445
13	Springer, Marc	441
14	Poh, Colby	432
15	Alva, Luis	432
16	Oaks, Timothy	426
17	Clark, Thomas	420
18	Verne, Sean	418
19	Moir, James	408
20	Ignacz, Ken	386
21	Irizarry, Mario	385
21	Williams, Anthony	385
23	Vicario, Gil	359
24	Tharp, Richard	356
25	Oaks, Nevan	355

*(includes President's Cup)*

## Handicap News

Do you have "P" round in your GHIN scores and wonder what it is? It's a penalty round. If we know that you played and didn't post by midnight, you get a penalty round, which is your lowest score in your last 20.



Last month we talked about timely posting of scores, but in case you missed it, [our club's policy for posting scores](#) is on the rules page of the web site.

As always, if you have extenuating circumstances, or make a mistake, let me know ASAP and I will correct your posting.

And if you hear about somebody's great away round aren't sure if they posted, you are welcome to send me an anonymous tip, and I will check on it. That's how peer review works 😊.

Tim Sleeper, Handicap Chairman  
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## President's Cup

As usual, the match play format that is the President's Cup was a big hit. For the most part the weather cooperated this year, with only one rainout. I want to thank all the members that participated in the President's Cup tournament and bracket play for the great communication and orderly scheduling of matches.

Congratulations to Henry Bretado for winning the President's Cup Matchplay. Appropriately, the match went an extra hole to complete. Congratulations to second place finisher Dylan Haagsma from the B Flight. Kudos also to the semi-finalists Cali Cabezas from the C Flight and Brad Jones from the A Flight.

The one thing that came up this year quite often was how matches are played. For those that play golf, be sure and familiarize yourself with the rules of match play. Matches are played on a hole-by-hole basis. Once that hole is passed, it's over. Total score doesn't matter at the end of the day. Once a player has won more holes than are left to play, the match is over. If there are ever any questions about how to play the matches, please reach out to any board member, they can help you or direct you.

These are payouts for those that made the final 16:

Place	Name	Flight	Wins	Scrip
1	Bretado, Henry	D	6	120
2	Haagsma, Dylan	B	5	100
T3	Jones, Brad	A	4	80
T3	Cabezas, Cali	C	4	80
T5	Freeman, Craig	A	3	60
T5	Tharp, Richard	B	3	60
T5	Anderson, Marc	C	3	60
T5	Potts, Dean	D	3	60
T9	Earhart, Tom	A	2	40
T9	Mouw, Billy	A	2	40
T9	Harlin, Jeff	B	2	40
T9	Tapia, Mike	B	2	40
T9	Verne, Sean	C	2	40
T9	Barcenas, Cristhian	C	2	40
T9	Ostergaard, Chris	D	2	40
T9	Armijo, Albert J	D	2	40
	<b>TOTAL Scrip</b>			<b>940</b>

Thanks,  
 Doug Benc, Tournament/Skins

## Derby Time!

We had 9 teams compete in our second derby of the year. We made a rare appearance on Chino Creek and finished on the par 5 6<sup>th</sup> hole, which challenged the 4 remaining teams. With three drives in the trees, we saw a lot of creative golf.



Derby killers Tom Clark and Pat Bates ran out of luck as they were eliminated first. The other 3 teams tied with bogies and went to a sand shot chip off.

The team of Mark Rief and Lance Ford took home first place and \$90 with their sand shot finishing closest. Tim Sleeper and Roger Gass came in second with \$60. Dylan Haagsma and John Agan took third and \$40 as their sand shot sailed over the green at high speed.



If you haven't had a chance to play in one of the derbies, you really should try and make it. A \$5 entry fee gets you potentially 5 holes of golf with cart and a chance at a share of the pot. No teams are eliminated on the first hole and where else can you play golf, have fun and have a chance to win some money for \$5?

The next Derby is scheduled for May 13 at 4:30, following the Tuesday skins game. We would love to see you there!

Lance Ford, Social Chairman

## Getaway News

Here comes the Getaway!

Thanks to everyone for their support, as signups went relatively smoothly. I hope you all remembered to make your room reservations!



Everyone who is going should have received an email confirmation on April 26 for each day they are playing golf. **If you signed up and did not receive these emails, contact me ASAP.**

We have 54 playing golf Thursday, and 72 on Friday and Saturday. The formats will be similar to last year, and we will send details to everyone before the tournament starts. If you want to double check that you are signed up, the daily rosters are in the [Golf Genius portal](#).

One change from last year is that we are using the handicap index from Monday April 22, except for out-of-towners and a couple members with "adjustments" for exceptional performance – they know who they are 😊.

We are still finalizing tees and flights, and will publish those on the portal when they are complete.

For questions about signups or payment, contact [Rich Lizarraga](#) or [Scott Harlin](#)

For questions about the golf competitions, contact [Mark Rief](#) or [Gary Abbott](#)

Scott Harlin, Co-Treasurer

## Pro's Corner



Shout out to the Men's club starts at 27:45

**Southern California Business Report with Art Guevara, PGA, El Prado Golf Course**

[youtu.be](https://youtu.be)

## Tournament Results – ILN 5-4-3 Out – April 20, 2024

Complete results are always available at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>  
All payouts are per TEAM and will be split.

### Individual Low Net 5-4-3 Out (Scrip)

A Flight	Player	Total To Par	Total	Purse
1	Dyer, Joe	-6	54	\$120
2	Lorenz, Dave	-5	55	\$110
3	Lindsay, David	-4	56	\$100
T4	Johnson, Kelly	-3	57	\$80
T4	Pierce, James	-3	57	\$80
T4	Siakisini, Esela	-3	57	\$80
T7	Davis, Bruce	-2	58	\$15
T7	Ford, Lance	-2	58	\$15
T7	Harlin, Troy	-2	58	\$15
T7	Jones, Brad	-2	58	\$15
B Flight	Player	Total To Par	Total	Purse
T1	Alva, Luis	-8	52	\$115
T1	Tharp, Richard	-8	52	\$115
T3	Hurtado, Octavio	-5	55	\$85
T3	Mercado, Ted	-5	55	\$85
T3	Slavin, Troy	-5	55	\$85
T3	Vicario, Gil	-5	55	\$85
T7	Cerda, Mario	-3	57	\$20
T7	Deshay, Stan	-3	57	\$20
T7	Moore, George	-3	57	\$20
C Flight	Player	Total To Par	Total	Purse
1	Bates, Patrick	-4	56	\$120
T2	Anderson, Steve	-2	58	\$95
T2	Becerra, Ralph	-2	58	\$95
T2	Harlin, Scott	-2	58	\$95
T2	Ortiz, Danny	-2	58	\$95
T6	DelGado, Robert	-1	59	\$45
T6	Hederman, Joseph	-1	59	\$45
T6	Peniata, Oscar	-1	59	\$45
D Flight	Player	Total To Par	Total	Purse
T1	Albany, Ramy	-7	53	\$115
T1	Pacheco, John	-7	53	\$115
T3	Baker, Robert	-6	54	\$95
T3	Cox, David	-6	54	\$95
T5	Armijo, Albert J	-5	55	\$75
T5	Grinder, John	-5	55	\$75
T7	Hogate, Scott	-4	56	\$30
T7	Street, Fred	-4	56	\$30

Total Purse Allocated:  
\$2,525.00

## Gross Skins – (cash pots)

### A Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Lorenz, Dave	2	\$67	Birdie on 8, Birdie on 10
Kelاهر, Ryan	1	\$33	Birdie on 1
Jones, Brad	1	\$33	Birdie on 5
Oaks, Timothy	1	\$33	Birdie on 4
Johnson, Kelly	1	\$33	Birdie on 14
Abbott, Gary	1	\$33	Birdie on 2
Ford, Lance	1	\$33	Birdie on 7

### B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Lizarraga, Richard	2	\$62	Birdie on 12, Birdie on 17
Banic, Kevin	1	\$31	Birdie on 5
Cerda, Mario	1	\$31	Birdie on 9
Tharp, Richard	1	\$31	Birdie on 18
Slavin, Troy	1	\$31	Birdie on 8
Vicario, Gil	1	\$31	Birdie on 13
Hughes, Daniel	1	\$31	Birdie on 11

### C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Verne, Sean	1	\$62	Birdie on 6
Torres, Ramiro	1	\$62	Birdie on 11
Harlin, Scott	1	\$62	Birdie on 16
DelGado, Robert	1	\$62	Birdie on 17

### D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Hall, Justin	1	\$62	Par on 8
Baker, Robert	1	\$62	Birdie on 11
Kramer, John	1	\$62	Birdie on 1
Cox, David	1	\$62	Birdie on 6

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,009.00

## Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Mouw, Billy	\$67	#14 12 ft 7 in
	Oaks, Timothy	\$67	#17 6 ft
	Lorenz, Dave	\$67	#2 4 ft 3 in
	Harlin, Jeff	\$67	#7 8 ft 5 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$268.00

B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Evans, Cary	\$62	#14 10 ft 11 in
	Lizarraga, Richard	\$62	#17 12 ft 7 in
	Cerda, Mario	\$62	#2 8 ft 7 in
	Oaks, Nevan	\$62	#7 8 ft 1 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00

<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Bruder, Thomas	\$62	#14 21 ft 3 in
	Harlin, Scott	\$62	#16 6 ft 11 in
	Verne, Sean	\$62	#4 13 ft 3 in
	Anderson, Marc	\$62	#7 11 ft 3 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			

<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Avila, Michael	\$62	#14 6 ft 6 in
	Lopez, Justin	\$62	#16 18 ft 10 in
	Ostergaard, Chris	\$62	#7 5 ft 10 in
	Street, Fred	\$62	#4 26 ft 2 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			