



# EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

Spring is right around the corner and the golf course is starting to show some grass growth. This means that, soon, we will have some better fairways and deeper rough. Personally, I try to leave the course better condition than I found it! I would encourage you to do the same in the interest of our club, the course, and for the field. I hope you all continue to do what you can to keep our course in great shape. See Kevin's update for the latest information regarding sand bottles and lifting restrictions.

Beyond just the results and newsletter, we publish several important things on our website including the Tournament Schedule, Formats, Skins rules, Derby rules, Guest policy, EPMC Local rules and more. Check it out.

In that regard, I would like to remind everyone that you are responsible to know the **Rules of Golf**, the **EPMC Local rules**, any course local rules on the back of scorecard, and the **Terms of Competition** which are handed out at the check-in table for tournaments.

I am hearing rumors that some of you are not completing your holes. In stroke play Tournaments, there are no gimme or pick up putts. All balls in stroke play must be putted into the hole for the hole score to count. That is the rule.

In Saturday and Tuesday skins games we do encourage you to give putts to speed up play, but strictly under the following conditions; where there is nothing on the line:

1. You are not putting for a possible skin.
2. You are not concerned about winning low net.

For posting purposes, when a hole is not completed, USGA requires you to record your **most likely score**, up to your maximum of double bogey plus your strokes.

When the ball is picked up, the [USGA Rules of Handicapping guideline](#) is to add one stroke if the ball is within 5 feet, and 2-3 strokes if it is within 20 yards, as shown in this diagram:

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mar 16**  
First Derby of the season!

**April 10**  
Tournament Signups Due

**April 17**  
5-4-3 OUT

**May 13-15**  
Laughlin Getaway

**May 15**  
Tournament Signups Due

**May 22**  
2 Man Modified Pinehurst

**Saturday Skins**  
(772) 408-2421  
[dbenc@ap.org](mailto:dbenc@ap.org)  
by Tuesday Noon

**Tournaments**  
(772) 408-2421  
[dbenc@ap.org](mailto:dbenc@ap.org)  
by Saturday prior

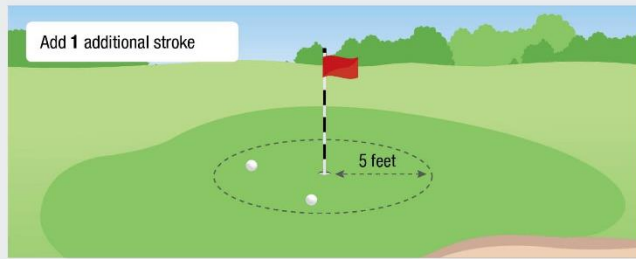
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## President's Message

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### DIAGRAM 3.3: MOST LIKELY SCORE WHEN A HOLE IS STARTED BUT PLAYER DOES NOT HOLE OUT

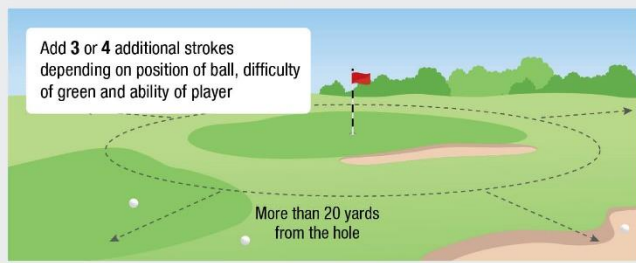
▼ If the ball lies on the putting green, no more than 5 feet (1.5 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies between 5 feet (1.5 metres) and 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



▼ If the ball lies more than 20 yards (20 metres) from the hole.



So the next time you're 4 feet away for bogey and not threatening low net, and your opponent says "that's good", pick it up and add a stroke.

Thanks,  
Dave Cox, President

## First Derby of the Year!



Daylight savings starts this weekend, and that means it's DERBY season! Our first derby of 2021 will be Tuesday March 16. We'll check in at 4:00, and tee off at 4:30. If that's too early for you, let us know! We draw players from those hanging around after Tuesday Skins, as well as those swinging buy after work, so we're looking for an ideal time.

For those not familiar with this circus, we run a 5 hole horse race in the afternoon. It is alternate shot with a blind draw partner, **focused on fun**. It's a great opportunity to play with somebody new, from places you may have never played from. We play the holes as one group, so if you've never seen 20 carts on the fairway at the same time, you won't want to miss it. When we reach the green, we putt out closest to farthest. The highest scores on each hole earn the team an early exit, with ties broken by a chip-off. Confused yet? It's only a \$5 buy in, so it's not a big



investment, and the club sweetens the pot with an extra \$100 for the payouts.

Special thanks go out to Kevin, Art, and the golf course for sponsoring the carts and golf for this fun event!

Danny Ortiz, Membership Chairman  
Rafael Becerra, Social Chairman

## Getaway News

We are now about two months away from for our getaway in Laughlin and I am now getting quite a few sign ups. If you plan on going, please remember I need entry form and funds by April 1st. I have dates I need to meet for Hotel and Golf courses to confirm the number of attendees and pay each venue.



Make sure that if you plan on playing golf with certain individuals, you add a note with the entry form advising who that would be, or you can email me that information at [boonegetaway@mail.com](mailto:boonegetaway@mail.com)

Thanks,  
Boone Barrow  
[boonegetaway@mail.com](mailto:boonegetaway@mail.com)

## Tournament News

Thanks for the great turnout at the March Member Member Tournament! We had 111 players, and for the first time in a long time – no no-shows! Thanks for checking the roster early in the week, so that we could make corrections and add late signups before we did the pairings.

We paid out \$4,356 to 66 different players, so most of you went home happy. Several teams lit up the front 9 in the better ball competition, but fell back with no wiggle room on the aggregate back 9. Hopefully, everyone is still friends.

Unfortunately, we had to disqualify 2 teams for not putting everything out on the back 9. I think we all get in the habit of giving meaningless putts in the skins games, but we need to remember that all holes must be completed to be eligible for a total score payout, which was is the case in the aggregate format.

Some of you have asked why both Doug and Kevin are scoring the tournament when you finish. For many years, Kevin has done a professional leaderboard so that everyone can see the results as they come in. In the past, we would later go through all the scorecards and doublecheck the math, check for par skins, etc., before we finalized the results. With our new Tournament Management system, we just input the gross hole scores as the cards come in, and the system does the rest. This becomes the official results that are seen online. Someday, when we return to the indoor 19<sup>th</sup> hole, we will look at using one of the big screen TVs as an electronic scoreboard, but who knows when that will be? Until then, we really appreciate Kevin creating and manning the outdoor scoreboards, so that we can all share the excitement and disappointment of seeing the results come in. There's nothing quite like bragging about your skin for an hour, only to have it cut by the last group.

President's Cup match play continues, and we are halfway through the third round, which must be completed by March 21. The latest bracket updates are on the web site and in this newsletter. In the first round we were overwhelmed with more signups for Saturday Skins than we have seen in several years, and ran out of tee times. For this reason, we extended the first round deadline by one week. Having lots of signups is a great problem to have, but we're still sorry for the inconvenience and confusion. As always, please work with Doug to get your matches completed on time. And remember, match play rules differ from stroke play, so read up! Get the USGA Rules app on your phone, and carry a copy of our president's cup rules – available from Doug and online.

The April Tournament 5-4-3 Out. This is an individual low net tournament with a twist – you toss out one 3 par score, one 4 par score, and one 5 par score. So if you blow up early, there is still hope! Conversely, if you birdie the first three 5 pars, take all the risk you want on the fourth! Signup by April 10 to guarantee a spot. We'll take signups as late as April 13 if we have room. Signup by emailing Doug at [dbenc@ap.org](mailto:dbenc@ap.org). We will publish the roster of signed up players on the Wednesday before the tournament, and release pairings on that Friday.

We're halfway through the tournament year, and the TOP 25 is very impressive. And before you ask, YES the board does take a close look at the handicaps of leading money winners.

Mark Rief, Communications

## TOP 25 - 2020-2021

Rank	Name	Total
1	Kramer, John	773
2	Ortiz, Danny	509
3	Barrow, Boone	430
3	Bruder, Thomas	430
5	Lo, Danny	423
6	Young, Larry	399
7	Iriart, J.P.	397
8	Anderson, David	394
9	Habermehl, Eric	393
10	Anthony, Michael	387
11	Alva, Luis	376
11	Barber, Darnell	376
13	Vicario, Gil	356
14	Diederich, Chris	349
15	Tapia, Mike	347
16	Nichols, Wayne	344
16	Young, Troy	344
18	Sullivan, Mike	336
19	Becerra, Rafael	315
20	Kaplan, Chris	281
21	Oshiro, David	278
22	Cole, Mike	264
23	Wallace, Fred	264
24	Lizarraga, Richard	255
25	Benc, Doug	254

## 50/50 Winners

We had three 50/50 winners at the check in table for the March tournament, as the pot exceeded \$500. Congrats to Pat McArdle, George Moore, and Dan Hughes; who each started the day of with an extra \$90 in their pocket. The club earned \$250, which will continue to support tournaments, derbies, and club social events.

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## From the GM's Desk

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### INTRODUCTION

For the first time since I can remember, there are members in the club that I haven't had the privilege of meeting yet. This is a direct effect of the fantastic membership numbers your club has seen the past year. My hats off to all of you for selling and recruiting and simply talking up the El Prado Men's Club. I've said this for years and I truly believe we have the most active men's club in Southern California. I encourage all of you to keep up the good work! And thank a board member next time you see one. They have been busier than ever making your club operate. Thank you to them and welcome to all of our new members!

### SAND BOTTLES

In 2020 as a response to Covid-19, we eliminated several high-touch areas such as bunker rakes, ball washers and sand bottles to name a few. No changes to rakes and ball washers at this time but starting April 1st, all carts will be sent out with two full sand bottles. We encourage all of you to get back in a routine of sanding your divots. Thank you in advance for your help.

### TOURNAMENTS TIPS

There are two main types of golf in my eyes; one is recreational golf and the other is tournament golf. Once a month the club hosts a tournament which many of you participate in. I think it's worth mentioning that this type of event does indeed have differences from your "recreational round" that most of you are used to. There are several differences, but I would like to highlight two. (1) The first is, all putts must be holed out. There are no "gimmies" in tournament golf. Find "gimmie" in the rule book and I'll change my mind. But seriously, you must putt everything out. It doesn't matter the circumstance; this is a must. (2) The second difference is you can be disqualified. The USGA Rules are in place for a reason. Infractions to rules do have consequences. Some penalties result in an added one-stroke, some two-strokes and others disqualification. A good example of how to be disqualified is signing for a lower number than you got. Make sure your scorecard is correct before signing it because most of rules are very black and white.

### COURSE CONDITIONS

Once a month I have the privilege of doing scoring for your club's tournament. I have been doing this for about 10 years. In the 3 hours I sit at the table I don't just get to hear everyone's shot-by-shot recap or how they should have won, but I also get to hear feedback on course conditions. Some of you present feedback in a professional manner, which I do indeed appreciate. While others do the opposite and share their thoughts in a bit cruder way. All-in-all I do hear most of your feedback. While I won't go into too much detail on the specifics, I do want you to know that I hear and more importantly respond to your comments. I work closely with our grounds crew and I am very proud of the work they do. Our 14-man crew cares for 214 acres. Next time you see them out on the course, rather than thinking about the areas that bothers you, try thanking them for what they do.

Kevin Knutson  
General Manager, El Prado Golf Courses

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## Pro's Corner

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We had another great turnout for our Callaway club fitting event, our members and guests took advantage of the club fitting experience and everyone seemed happy with the outcome. On behalf of Kevin and myself we want to thank all of you that participated to make this event successful. This past week I experienced a different kind of fitting and this pertained to the golf ball that I use. For those that are looking to improve accuracy and distance please don't overlook the golf balls that you put in play. In the next few weeks, we will have a Callaway ball fitting that will give everyone a great idea on which golf ball they should use. Please lookout for this invitation in the next few weeks, it will also feature a wedge fitting experience.

On the last newsletter I wrote a rules scenario that was received very surprisingly. I was very happy that a lot of members eligible to participate emailed me their answers on the rules question that I posted, and I am glad to report that the winner of the free round of golf is John Kramer. The answer to taking relief on Hole #12 Chino

when the players ball was underneath an electrical tower and the player tried to take a line-of-sight relief are as follows:

Rule 16.1 This rule does not give relief from movable obstructions or boundary objects or integral objects. (The electrical tower is an integral object thus no relief is permitted). Due to the player taking relief that was not allowed in the rules, Rule 14.7b comes into play. The player must go back to the original spot and play from that spot prior to the drop. The penalty is two strokes, and this must be done before teeing off on the next hole. If the player tees off on the next hole and the player did not fix the mistake done, the penalty is disqualification.

For our next rules scenario, all March Member-Member flight winners are eligible to email me with their answers. Player A is playing hole #14 on Chino creek, Player A's tee shot goes long and goes across the road to Hole #15's tee box. Can player A play a pitch shot from the tee box to the green? Let me know your answers and please quote the Rule that you are using. The winner gets a free round with a cart.

Happy Golfing,

Art Guevara, PGA  
Head Golf Professional, El Prado Golf Courses  
[art@elpradogolfcourses.com](mailto:art@elpradogolfcourses.com)

## Tournament Results – Member/Member - March 13, 2021

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

### Better Ball / Aggregate (Scrip)

#### A Flight

Pos.	Team	To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	Diederich, Chris + Perkins, Andy	-7	30	71	101	170
2	Evans, Cary + Sullivan, Mike	-6	34	68	102	150
3	Freeman, Craig + Habermehl, Eric	-1	34	73	107	130
4	Dancses, Brian + Jara, Aaron	E	33	75	108	110

#### B Flight

Pos.	Team	To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	Alva, Luis + Becerra, Rafael	-7	31	70	101	170
T2	Abbott, Gary + Slavin, Troy	-6	36	66	102	140
T2	Lovell, Jim + Tamashiro, Wes	-6	32	70	102	140
4	Young, Larry + Young, Troy	-5	30	73	103	110

#### C Flight

Pos.	Team	To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	DelGado, Robert + Ortiz, Danny	-8	35	65	100	170
2	Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	-5	32	71	103	150
3	Torres, Ramiro + van Asch, John	-1	34	73	107	130
4	Hughes, Daniel + Kramer, John	E	31	77	108	110

#### D Flight

Pos.	Team	To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	Moloney, Josh + Verne, Sean	-8	32	68	100	170
2	Alderete, Jacob + Alderete, Ralph	-4	36	68	104	150
3	Agan, John + Yurgans, Donald	-3	34	71	105	130
4	Barrow, Boone + Lovell, Ron	-2	30	76	106	110

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,240.00

## Gross Skins (cash pots)

### A Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Evans, Cary + Sullivan, Mike	2	93	Birdie on 10, Birdie on 17
Dancses, Brian + Jara, Aaron	1	46	Birdie on 14
Freeman, Craig + Habermehl, Eric	1	46	Birdie on 11
Fekin, Aaron + Fekin, Eric	1	46	Eagle on 9
Anderson, David + Mundy, Robert	1	46	Birdie on 8

### B Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Young, Larry + Young, Troy	2	62	Birdie on 4, Birdie on 16
Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	2	62	Birdie on 5, Birdie on 9
Lovell, Jim + Tamashiro, Wes	2	62	Birdie on 7, Birdie on 12
Gilley, Jason + Gilley, Roger	1	31	Birdie on 18
Alva, Luis + Becerra, Rafael	1	31	Birdie on 14
Esparza, Aaron + Lizarraga, Richard	1	31	Birdie on 3

### C Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Verne, Bryon + Verne, Eric	1	70	Birdie on 9
Lo, Danny + Nichols, Wayne	1	70	Birdie on 4
Jones, Kim + Lindsay, David	1	70	Birdie on 7
Irizarry, Mario + Pigeon, Russ	1	70	Birdie on 14

### D Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Barber, Darnell + Bruder, Thomas	2	112	Par on 5, Birdie on 9
Estacio, Rod + Sanchez, Nick	1	56	Birdie on 8
Cox, David + Walsh, James	1	56	Birdie on 4
Martin, Gary + Vicario, Gil	1	56	Birdie on 13

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,116.00

## Closest to the pin (cash pots)

A Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Diederich, Chris + Perkins, Andy	126	#2 7 ft 1 in, #7 5 in
	Dancses, Brian + Jara, Aaron	63	#14 20 ft 2 in
	Bach, Richard + Clark, Thomas	63	#17 6 ft 3 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$252.00

B Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Alva, Luis + Becerra, Rafael	126	#7 2 ft 9 in, #14 12 ft 1 in
	Waasdorp, Pete + Younger, Mike	63	#17 4 ft 9 in
	Oshiro, David + Tapia, Mike	63	#2 1 ft 9 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$252.00

C Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Irizarry, Mario + Pigeon, Russ	122	#7 15 ft 7 in, #14 6 ft 7 in
	Rief, Brian + Rief, Mark	61	#16 8 ft 9 in
	Lo, Danny + Nichols, Wayne	61	#4 5 ft

Total Purse Allocated: \$244.00

D Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Martin, Gary + Vicario, Gil	126	#4 13 ft 4 in, #16 17 ft 8 in
	Estacio, Rod + Sanchez, Nick	63	#14 6 ft 8 in
	Barrow, Boone + Lovell, Ron	63	#7 23 ft 1 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$252.00			

## President's Cup Brackets



## El Prado Getaway Classic 2021

Laughlin, NV – May 13,14,15 2021

**Thursday May 13 Skins game** Played as a Tuesday Skins game with gross/net skins, closests, and low gross/net. Laughlin Ranch. Shotgun start 11:00 A.M.

**Friday May 14th Skins game** gross and net with Closest to the pin at Mojave Golf at AVI shotgun start 7:30 A.M. (2 to 3 flights).

**Friday May,14th Breakfast for wife or companion 8:30 A.M. café in Aquarius Hotel Charlotte Barrow will be host**

**Saturday May 15th Tournament** at Los Lagos. 7:30 Shotgun Paying approximately 30% of the field low net with gross skins, closest to the pin 2 to 3 flights depending on entries.

**Saturday May 15th Award Ceremony and Dinner Rio Vista room in Edgewater Hotel** 6:00 to 9:00 P.M. Dinner starts at 6:30 P.M. with raffle. Dinner for significant others no extra cost, all others \$39 additional cost. Please check boxes on entry if you plan on not attending the dinner or if you will be bringing additional quests.

**Payment**-The prices on the entry form include everything: Hotel, Golf, Saturday Dinner, and prize money. Payment must be paid by March 15<sup>th</sup>, please note hotel, golf, and dinner must be paid by April 1<sup>st</sup> to all venues. If you know you're going to attend, please pay as soon as you can.

Once you send the check(s) please email me at [boonegetaway@mail.com](mailto:boonegetaway@mail.com) or text me at (909) 664-4838 that the money is on its way and I will send you a message once I receive the payment.

**Lodging will be at the Aquarius Hotel.**

**Dinner will be at the Edgewater.**

**Additional guests, friend, family members or anyone else you might want to bring are all welcome. Guests need a GHIN handicap, and are subject to adjustment by the committee.** If we have enough guests, we will have an extra tournament pot for Saturday golf game. The more attendees the bigger the money pots will be for skins and closest to the pins.

Boone Barrow

## Entry Form

Thursday Skins Game Golf \$95

### Hotel and Friday/Saturday Golf

Rooms	Golf	Golfers/Rm	Cost
Wed-Sat	Fri/Sat	One	\$695 <input type="checkbox"/>
Wed-Sat	Fri/Sat	Two	\$511 <input type="checkbox"/>
Thur/Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	One	\$629 <input type="checkbox"/>
Thur/Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	Two	\$478 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	One	\$564 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Fri/Sat	Two	\$446 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Sat	One	\$447 <input type="checkbox"/>
Fri/Sat	Sat	Two	\$388 <input type="checkbox"/>
None	Fri/Sat		\$330 <input type="checkbox"/>
None	Sat		\$195 <input type="checkbox"/>

Guests GHIN or Handicap number \_\_\_\_\_

### Award Ceremony

I will attend Yes No

First guest at no cost Yes No

\_\_\_\_\_ Additional guests at \$39 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**Check payable to El Prado Men's Club \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Bob Liese "game within the game"** optional buy-in of \$20 per day for a blind draw partner. You can pay cash in Laughlin or cash/check now.

Yes I will pay now for Friday \$20

Yes I will pay now for Saturday \$20

**Cash or Check payable to Boone Barrow \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

Smoking Room Yes No

**Final Deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Please send form and checks to**

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