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President's Message

We've had a couple weeks of good weather, so keep your fingers crossed that golf cancellations are behind us. The courses are still wet in many areas, so please keep the carts out of those places to avoid further damage to the course. We all want smooth fairways, so let's take care of them.

I am amazed every month that some members still don't understand why they can't get into a tournament after the signup deadline. The course allocates tee times for us, and we give back any unused times when signups close. Saturday tee times are hard to get everywhere, so we are grateful to Art for taking care of us. But when we close the signups, the remaining tee times are sold. The same thing happens on Saturday skins, and sometimes on Tuesday skins. If you really want to play, simply sign up on time.

Our annual President's Cup match play is almost finished! Thankfully, we have had less scheduling drama this year, so thanks for your cooperation. Payouts to the top 16 will happen after the final match.

It looks like I missed a great derby this month. 20 players is a great turnout for the first one of the year. I'm sure we will get more in April when the word gets out that Lance is running the show!

We have almost 70 players signed up for the Getaway in Mesquite, so it should be a great trip. If you signed up, don't forget to book your hotel room! I booked mine and it was easy peasy - the phone number and group code are on the signup form. Special thanks to Scott Harlin and Rich Lizarraga who are taking care of all the signups.

Lastly, I want to extend a special welcome to members who have joined over the past couple years. I hear a lot of comments like "I don't know a lot of these people" or "Who are these people winning money that I don't know?". Well, "these people" are what keeps our club going. As old members move on, we need new members to assure our future. We have been holding steady at around 300 regular members for some time, due to the influx of new members. As much as we like playing with our regular buddies, if you have a chance to play with somebody you don't know, take it! And if you're new and trying to fit in, please be patient. I promise we're a fun bunch of guys once you get to know us.

Lastly, some of you have expressed shock at the sight of me walking a few rounds lately. Although I usually ride, I'm in training for four days in Bandon, where walking is required. And no need to worry – the course has a defibrillator.

Play well!
Mark Rief, President.



UPCOMING DATES

April 16
Online Tournament
Signups Close

April 20
ILN 5-4-3 Out

April 23
Derby

May 11
2 Man Better Ball
4 Club Red Tees

May 14
Derby

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
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[Tuesday Skins](#)

Tournament News

The March 2024 El Prado Men's Club Member/Member tournament was a sellout – 16 teams per flight and 128 members participating. Thanks to those who played. The Member/Member tournament paid out \$5606 to 76 players. The 50/50 drawing winners were: Jim Moir, Clarence Baker, and Mitch Apao - each received \$135 pot money. Congratulations to all the winners!



Online signups for our Member/Member tournament opened 2 weeks before the closing date allowing plenty of time to register. Unfortunately, the cutoff date for sign-ups caused a few members the opportunity of playing or were left on the waitlist... Sign up early! Remember the best way to communicate with us during open signups is through Golf Genius. I am happy to report most members are becoming more comfortable using the online signup process.



The Tuesday Skins game is showing an increase in member participation averaging 40 players a week. The first Tuesday Skins game **after** our monthly tournaments is always booked as members play then stick around for derby time! Furthermore, I report Tuesdays "walk up" members are now finding it increasingly difficult to get in a group; even more reason to use Golf Genius to sign up! You might be asking, "why not get more tee times?" Well, we can if we have a solid idea of our number of players and can let the course know in advance of selling the tee times to the public. Finally, remember that GG allows you to cancel or change your status from Playing to Not Playing any time the event portal is open for signups. If you cannot play and your name is confirmed on a Tuesday or Saturday tee sheet, please call the golf shop, or reach out to a board member so we can open your spot for those last-minute walkup members.

In President Cup match play – we are now in quarterfinals matches. For competitors reaching quarterfinals congratulations! Members can find match results in Golf Genius under 2024 Presidents Cup Matches. If you have any issues or competition questions, please contact Doug.

April 20th is our next tournament - the ILN 5-4-3 Out. This is an individual event with plenty of forgiveness. At the end of the round, your highest net 3, 4, and 5 par scores are thrown out! So, if you triple the first 5 par, no worries! Just don't do it again. On the other hand, if you birdie the first three 5 pars, go for the eagle on the last one, as there's nothing to lose!

Look for ILN 5-4-3 Out on-line signups to open early again! Tournament signups will close Tuesday April 16th. Sign up early to guarantee a spot. Online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before April 16th.

We will confirm the roster of signed up players in email on Wednesday April 17th before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings by Friday April 19th.

The ILN 5-4-3 Out is an individual event, and YOU must sign up in Golf Genius yourself.

When signups open, please follow these simple steps to register:

Step 1. You will need to navigate through the signup confirmation buttons by checking Playing or Not Playing. Look, or scroll to the bottom of the invitation email and click.

Step 2. If you choose - you can also SEND a message to the manager with any special request. Example – Tee time and pairing preference. (We'll try our best to accommodate)

Step 3. 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 tee times are made in Golf Genius April 19th. Registered players will get a Golf Genius automated signup confirmation email.

Helpful hint – April 20th 5-4-3 Out Tournament - AB flights will be on Butterfield and CD flights will be on Chino Creek.

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

TOP 25 - 2023-2024

Rank	Name	Total
1	Lovell, Ron	597
2	Mouw, Billy	527
3	Barber, Darnell	526
4	Jones, Brad	520
5	Barrow, Boone	473
6	Tapia, Mike	465
7	Kramer, John	455
8	Springer, Marc	441
9	Poh, Colby	432
10	Clark, Thomas	420
11	Moir, James	408
12	Barcenas, Cristhian	405
13	Johnson, Kelly	389
14	Ignacz, Ken	386
15	Irizarry, Mario	385
15	Williams, Anthony	385
17	Bretado, Henry	362
18	Ostergaard, Chris	346
19	Lizarraga, Richard	344
20	Prisock, Aaron	343
21	Oaks, Timothy	326
22	Alva, Luis	317
23	Luzar, Les	314
24	Patterson, Ronald	312
24	Rocovitz, Mark	312

Tuesday Derby is Back!

With the time change last Sunday came the return of our once-a-month Derby. Following the Tuesday skins game, 20 players (10 teams) teed off at 4:30 vying for a top 3 finish in the blind draw, alternate shot team competition. A \$5 entry fee gets you potentially 5 holes of golf with cart and a chance at a share of the \$200 pot. \$100 was collected from entry fees and a \$100 sweetener was provided by the club.



Pat (DERBY KILLER) Bates and Tim Sleeper took home the top prize after winning a chip off against derby rookies Alex Abbott and Tom Clancy, who came away with the 2nd place prize of \$60. 3rd place and \$40 went the team of Scott Harlin and Nelson Anzora.

If you haven't had a chance to play in one of the Derby's, you really should try and make it. 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 a \$5 entry fee. The next Derby is scheduled for April 23 at 4:30, following the Tuesday skins game. We would love to see more players.

Lance Ford, Social Chairman

Skins Game Pace of Play

For those that are unaware, El Prado Men's Club sponsors one of the largest skins games in Southern California. I have played in some other club's games as a guest. It's interesting to see how they are run and how they work payouts.

When I explain how large our game is and what flights and payouts are, their jaw drops! They cannot believe that we have such a large game AND they are amazed at our pool of prize money.

As such, it's an important part of our club tradition and should be for a long time to come. We are always evolving and want to offer the best experience for the widest group of members. For this and many reasons, the game has evolved over the years.

We are ALWAYS looking for suggestions on making the games better for all; so please reach out and offer any ideas you might have!

One major issue has been "Pace of Play" during our skins games and tournaments. There are days that it has taken over 5 plus hours to finish a round for mid to late groups. That's an unacceptable time to play a round of golf for our club. This is NOT an indictment on any one player, but the responsibility of all club members.

We are not talking about rushing to hit a shot or running to the green! It's all about finding ways to pick up the pace in between shots. I have observed some of the following over the past few years. Although each of these may only take 10-20 seconds; that adds up to 3-5 minutes in a round. You add that to each group and we can be up to an hour behind by the end of the day.

- First and foremost, we should always be directly behind the group in front of you. This means you should be waiting to hit your shot between 8-10 times in a round.
- Write the score from the last hole, on the next tee box. While you are writing down the score near the green, the group behind you is waiting as well.
- After hitting a shot, get in the cart with your club in your hand. Clean it and put it away while your cart partner is getting ready to hit his shot.
- Play ready golf!! If you are ready to hit, but someone behind you on the other side of the fairway is still looking for his ball or lining up the distance, HIT.
- Don't wait to line up your putt when it's your turn. While others are putting, walk around them and be ready to putt when it's your turn.

- On the first tee, there should be a ball teed up while the group in front of you is still in the fairway. Don't wait until it's clear to be ready.

Lastly, I must thank all players from Saturday March 16 skins game. I put out a note that explained we needed to keep up with the group directly in front of each group, with no exceptions.

To this end, I am happy to report that every single group finished in under 4 hours and 45 minutes!!! That is all we want from all members.

Thanks to all of you for responding to well and making it more enjoyable for all members!!

Thanks,
Doug Benc, Tournament/Skins

Getaway Signups

Signups for the Mesquite Getaway have closed, and we are at 68 players! Thanks to everyone who got their forms and payment in on time, so that we can guarantee our reservations with the golf courses. If you missed the deadline and still want in, contact me ASAP to we'll get you in if space is still available. Details are on the signup form [online](#) .



Scott Harlin, Co-Treasurer
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Handicap News

As you may have read, there are a few changes to the World Handicap System this year. Three of us board members who were previously certified attended a seminar, and I am happy to report I passed the new test so our club remains certified to manage USGA handicaps.



In case you didn't know it, [our club's policy for posting scores](#) is on the rules page of the web site.

Thanks to the GHIN app on everyone's phones, we see fewer posting problems with away rounds than we used to. But I need to remind you that you are required to post by midnight the day you play. If you post after that, you will get a penalty round.

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

If you ever have a handicap or posting question, please ask!

Tim Sleeper, Handicap Chairman
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Tournament Results – Member/Member – March 9, 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 (Scrip)

A Flight

Pos.	Team	Total To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	Furgeson, Anthony + Springer, Marc	-5	35	68	103	\$220
T2	Mouw, Billy + Mouw, Trea	-4	30	74	104	\$190
T2	Lizarraga, Richard + Rodriguez, Eduardo	-4	34	70	104	\$190
4	Lovell, Jim + Tamashiro, Wes	-3	33	72	105	\$160

B Flight

Pos.	Team	Total To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	Aleemuddin, Azam + Ozols, Craig	-4	33	71	104	\$220
2	Johnson, Kelly + Moore, George	-3	30	75	105	\$200
3	Poh, Colby + Rincon, Julio	-2	31	75	106	\$180
4	Hurtado, Octavio + Montelongo, Cruz	-1	34	73	107	\$160

C Flight

Pos.	Team	Total To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	Barber, Darnell + Prisock, Aaron	-10	29	69	98	\$220
2	Becerra, Rafael + Torres, Ramiro	-5	34	69	103	\$200
3	Ostergaard, Chris + Verne, Sean	-1	31	76	107	\$180
4	Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	E	35	73	108	\$160

D Flight

Pos.	Team	Total To Par	BB	AG	Total	Purse
1	Bruder, Thomas + Travis, Brian	-14	29	65	94	\$220
2	Barrow, Boone + Lovell, Ron	-7	33	68	101	\$200
3	Irizarry, Mario + Siliceo, Miguel	-3	34	71	105	\$180
4	Agan, John + Yurgans, Donald	-2	37	69	106	\$160

Total Purse Allocated: \$3,040.00

Gross Skins – (cash pots)**A Flight**

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Mouw, Billy + Mouw, Trea	1	\$64	Birdie on 7
Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	1	\$64	Birdie on 16
Lovell, Jim + Tamashiro, Wes	1	\$64	Birdie on 15
Clark, Thomas + Sleeper, Tim	1	\$64	Birdie on 4
Ford, Dane + Ford, Lance	1	\$64	Birdie on 14

B Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Moir, James + Sanchez, Victor	2	\$92	Birdie on 8, Birdie on 14
Abbott, Alex + Abbott, Gary	2	\$92	Birdie on 11, Birdie on 12
Johnson, Kelly + Moore, George	1	\$46	Birdie on 1
Waasdorp, Pete + Younger, Mike	1	\$46	Birdie on 18
Fanning, James + Tharp, Richard	1	\$46	Birdie on 4

C Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
DeVries, Christopher + Siakisini, Esela	2	\$72	Birdie on 11, Birdie on 14
Jensen, Paul + Nichols, Wayne	1	\$36	Birdie on 8
Biscocho, Art + Estacio, Rod	1	\$36	Birdie on 17
Garispe, Mike + Green, Scott	1	\$36	Birdie on 7
Alberto, Mel + Slavin, Troy	1	\$36	Birdie on 13
Clancy, Tom + Haagsma, Dylan	1	\$36	Birdie on 10
Barber, Darnell + Prisock, Aaron	1	\$36	Birdie on 2
DelGado, Robert + Ortiz, Danny	1	\$36	Birdie on 9

D Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Hill, Kevin + Williams, Anthony	3	\$240	Birdie on 7, Birdie on 8, Birdie on 12
Irizarry, Mario + Siliceo, Miguel	1	\$80	Birdie on 9

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,286.00

Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

A Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Evans, Cary + Oaks, Timothy	\$80	#14 9'11"
	Sutton, Theodore + Vicario, Gil	\$80	#16 6'6"
	Clark, Thomas + Sleeper, Tim	\$80	#4 "6
	Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	\$80	#7 6'7"
Total Purse Allocated: \$320.00			

B Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Moir, James + Sanchez, Victor	\$80	#14 4'7"
	Anderson, Steve + Pierce, James	\$80	#16 2'10"
	Banic, Kevin + Banic, Paul	\$80	#4 9'10"
	Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	\$80	#7 6'3"
Total Purse Allocated: \$320.00			

C Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	\$80	#14 4'6"
	Biscocho, Art + Estacio, Rod	\$80	#17 4'6"
	Barber, Darnell + Prisock, Aaron	\$80	#2 8'2"
	Garispe, Mike + Green, Scott	\$80	#7 7'3"
Total Purse Allocated: \$320.00			

D Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Dominguez, Philip + Jones, Kim	\$80	#14 16'8"
	Deshay, Stan + Kramer, John	\$80	#17 2'2"
	Barrow, Boone + Lovell, Ron	\$80	#2 7'2"
	Hill, Kevin + Williams, Anthony	\$80	#7 45'
Total Purse Allocated: \$320.00			