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President's Message

The more something changes, the more it stays the same. One thing is certain. There will always be changes in every aspect of our lives. Recently, changes to the rules and changes to the handicap system are one example. In just 12 months, golfers have seen many different changes to a game that you must hold some love, just to attempt to play it. Although at first many of these changes sounded arbitrary and awkward, I think we have found the rule changes have helped to speed up play and make the game more fun.

I think the same will be said after a year of the new handicap system. By this time next year, the handicap system should be operating to its full potential and will feel very seamless to us all. One major change to the handicap system is a requirement to post the very day you play. As a result, we will be looking to update our rules and posting. Up until the new system took place, we gave each member 24 hours to post, but this will not work within the new system, so expect a note soon about that.

The same can be said about the changes at the course, like when they had to switch the two 9's on Butterfield and when the board makes changes to a few of the tournaments or even the ETS, our equitable stroke penalty system. One of those changes came in the last board meeting. After some careful consideration, we as a board decided the new handicap system should adequately control any extreme low rounds, and have subsequently dropped the ETS system for now. If after a while, we don't think it's working, we can always bring it back at any time.

The only thing certain, is that there will be more changes. Some good, some perceived as bad, but be ready for it!

Give them a chance to see if they work for everyone, and go out have fun and play some golf in 2020!

Doug Benc, President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 8
Tournament
Signups Due

February 15
Individual Low Net
President's Cup
Qualifier

March 7
Tournament
Signups Due

March 14
Member/Member
– Mixed formats

**Saturday Skins
Call/Text**
(909) 260-1717
Signup by
Wed 3 pm

**Tournaments
Call**
909-984-8220

Tournament News

We had a very good turnout of 81 players in the January 2 man best ball. This was fantastic! Each year, we are looking to improve on the turnout by giving you the tournaments and formats we think you want to participate in. We gauge this by looking at past participation and by your input as to what you want to play.

The new World Handicap System (WHS) was in affect and it has some rough spots in the administration side to say it mildly. This was probably the most difficult tournament I have had to set up in the many years I have been doing this. The daily updates and the data conversion were awful. Part of it was because so many people renew membership in January and if you go inactive for a few days, I cannot download your index to set up the tournament handicaps and flights. So when your renewal date approaches, **please renew before your membership expires and your GHIN number becomes inactive**, so that your handicap stays active and you can play in the tournaments and skins games.

We had a field of four flights and "A" and "B" flight played on Butterfield Stage blue, while C & D flights duked it out on Chino Creek white. We had very good California weather and no wind to speak of, so check out all the winners on the results page. Congratulations to all the winning teams.

Tournament Scorecards: Another reminder and clarification for all of you who add lots of markings to the score line: You only need to keep your **gross score** with only the following annotations. **"circle your real birdies" "triangle your real eagles" Do not "square your bogies"** (it has no meaning other than to you). **Do not** keep slash net scores on the gross line. **This is not the same as when you play skins on Saturday or Tuesday.** All skins in tournament competition are gross, not net. So please don't annotate all of that for tournament rounds. If there is a net score required, or such as in a team event, there will always be a separate team net score line provided, or just write in "Net" and keep your net scores on that line. Thank you.

I also remind you to pay close attention to your flight when recording closest to the pin distances. This month we had a player who did not get paid because he recorded his distance in the wrong flight, and another who did not record his distance because he was outside of the distance that was already recorded, but he looked at the wrong flight. If you are the closest in your flight, we really want to pay you, but you must use the correct column.

In Tournament events, If you have any issues, please discuss and resolve them with either Kevin,

Art, myself or one of the other Board members **before** you hand over your scorecard. Competitors are to **sign their scorecard** and ensure the marker has signed as well and then turn it in to the scoring table. Once the round is posted on the scoreboard, it is final. We still have to perform an audit and need all cards and Close to Pin signs. The event is not final until audit is completed and the final results are posted on the web. The only changes made during audit are due to addition errors, transposition errors, or omissions made on the part of scoreboard staff.

Next month our tournament is an Individual Low net "Presidents Cup Qualifier" on Saturday Feb 15th. A & B will be on Butterfield Stage and C&D will be on Chino Creek. The format is individual low net with the normal 25% field payouts in each flight, and with the top 16 places in each flight going on to the match play for additional purse and overall bragging rights. Even if you cannot participate in all the match play, you are welcome to play the monthly tournament, and just forfeit your first round match. I hope the turnout is even better than this month. Send me an email or fill out a paper form and put it in the EPMC mailbox in the golf shop.

Dave Cox, Tournament Director

Top 25 - 2019-2020

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Dancses, Kirk	90	23	230	343
2	Nomura, Vino	82	76	180	338
3	Delgado, Robert	83	38	205	326
4	Hughes, Daniel	62	40	215	317
5	Becerra, Rafael	77	108	115	300
6	Grinder, John	49	24	225	298
7	Kaplan, Chris	34	170	80	284
8	Nichols, Wayne	68	108	85	261
9	Caliri, Adam	58	23	155	236
10	Cabezas, Calixto	89	46	100	235
11	Ortiz, Danny	85	41	90	216
12	Lizarraga, Richard	90	20	95	205
13	Saulet, Darrel	89	20	95	204
14	Hirt, Terry	28	34	135	197
15	Earhart, Tom	30	98	65	193
16	Agan, John	0	36	150	186
17	Elliott, Steven	64	0	120	184
17	Abbott, Gary	62	50	70	182
19	Wilson, Darrell	44	63	75	182
20	Ortega, Alfonso	54	32	95	181
20	Anderson, Marc	0	36	140	176
22	Dancses, Brian	76	0	100	176
23	Moore, George	16	65	90	171
24	Rief, Mark	74	0	95	169
25	Tharp, Richard	58	41	55	154

Tournament Results – 2 Man Better Ball – January 11, 2020

A Flight		Butterfield Stage	
Script			
T1	61	Caliri, Adam	\$80
		Dancses, Kirk	\$80
T1	61	Dancses, Brian	\$80
		Masanovich, Mark	\$80
3	62	Kauffmann, Zach	\$30
		Perry, Jacob	\$30
Closest			
#2	7' 3"	Caliri, Adam	\$23
		Dancses, Kirk	\$23
#7	11' 0"	Parker, Matt	\$23
		Wilson, Darrell	\$23
#14	4' 1"	Earhart, Tom	\$23
		Randall, David	\$23
#17	13' 8"	Weber, Bart	\$23
		Tanner, Joe	\$23
Skins			
#5		Kauffmann, Zach	\$14
		Perry, Jacob	\$14
#6	Eagle	Caliri, Adam	\$14
		Dancses, Kirk	\$14
#7		Parker, Matt	\$14
		Wilson, Darrell	\$14
#8		Dyer, Joe	\$14
		Gordon, Robert	\$14
#9		Dancses, Brian	\$14
		Masanovich, Mark	\$14
#10		Caliri, Adam	\$14
		Dancses, Kirk	\$14
#15	Eagle	Anderson, Nolan	\$14
		Ignacz, Ken	\$14

B Flight		Butterfield Stage	
Script			
T1	63	Hirt, Terry	\$70
		Hood, Brian	\$70
T1	63	Abbott, Gary	\$70
		Sleegeer, Tim	\$70
T1	63	Hughes, Daniel	\$70
		Briggle, Thomas	\$70
Closest			
#2	(None)		
#7	12' 0"	Abbott, Gary	\$50
		Sleegeer, Tim	\$50
#14	(None)		
#17	25' 1"	Young, Larry	\$50
		Young, Troy	\$50
Skins			
#4		Sullivan, Mike	\$28
		Lizarraga, Richard	\$28
#11		Abbott, Gary	\$28
		Sleegeer, Tim	\$28
#16		Hirt, Terry	\$28
		Hood, Brian	\$28
#18		Tharp, Richard	\$28
		Saulet, Darrel	\$28

Laughlin Getaway 2020

The getaway has been set for April 30th, May 1st, and 2nd in Laughlin, Nv. We had a nice turnout last year between members and guests and I hope this year we have more. In saying this, please invite your family, friends, or coworkers so they can meet new people, enjoy golf in Laughlin and maybe win some money. Who knows they could even join our club. The more participants, the more prize money. Last year we had about \$10,000 going to the winners.

This year we will have the raffle again (Please donate to this cause, it is your club). I already have

10 shirts, and a big screen TV, but I need more. If you can donate, please contact me either at the golf course email or call me. I'm also adding a breakfast for wives or significant others at no cost to them on Friday May 1st in the café at Aquarius Hotel at 8:30 AM, hosted by Charlotte Barrow.

Please sign up early if you know you're going. I need the money by March 15th. The application is in this newsletter and on the web site.

Boone Barrow
 (909)664-4838
 boonegetaway@mail.com

Tournament Results – 2 Man Better Ball – January 11, 2020

C	Flight	Chino Creek	
Script			
1	62	Rief, Mark	\$95
		Cox, David	\$95
2	64	Oshiro, David	\$65
		Hederman, Joseph	\$65
3	66	Yates, Scott	\$30
		Rowan, Paul	\$30
Closest			
#4	15' 0"	Cabezas, Cali	\$23
		Nichols, Wayne	\$23
#7	15' 4"	Cabezas, Cali	\$23
		Nichols, Wayne	\$23
#14	6' 11"	Habermehl, Eric	\$23
		Ortiz, Danny	\$23
#16	7' 7"	Oshiro, David	\$23
		Hederman, Joseph	\$23
Skins			
#1	Par	Becerra, Rafael	\$17
		Alva, Luis	\$17
#6		Becerra, Rafael	\$17
		Alva, Luis	\$17
#7		Rief, Mark	\$17
		Cox, David	\$17
#13	Eagle	Habermehl, Eric	\$17
		Ortiz, Danny	\$17
#14		Habermehl, Eric	\$17
		Ortiz, Danny	\$17
#16		Oshiro, David	\$17
		Hederman, Joseph	\$17

D	Flight	Chino Creek	
Script			
1	63	Agan, John	\$90
		Grinder, John	\$90
2	65	Tapia, Mike	\$60
		Delgado, Robert	\$60
3	66	Pigeon, Russ	\$30
		Irizarry, Mario	\$30
Closest			
#4	(None)		
#7	11' 5"	Lovell, Ron	\$29
		Barrow, Boone	\$29
#14	8' 11"	Mead, Ron	\$29
		Yurgans, Donald	\$29
#16	15' 8"	Fanning, James	\$29
		Fanning, Adam	\$29
Skins			
#5		Tapia, Mike	\$32
		Delgado, Robert	\$32
#11	Par	Elliott, Steven	\$32
		Jones, Kim	\$32
#14		Pigeon, Russ	\$32
		Irizarry, Mario	\$32

Handicap News

As we all know, the new World Handicap System (WHS) rolled out in January with a few bumps. There were several issues with the course databases and the GHIN app, but most were resolved within the first couple weeks.

There are a couple known issues with iPhones – if you post a score and leave the app running, your index the next day may not be updated. Kill the app and restart it to see your current index. There are also some times when you cannot select tees in the drop down menu. These issues have been reported to SCGA and GHIN, so hopefully they get resolved quickly.

Some of you with keen eyes noticed that the Current Index displayed in your "USGA Handicap Index Update" email from SCGA was actually a day out of date. SCGA has identified the source of the problem, and should have it fixed for the next email.

Other than that, most discussion seems to center around the **new course handicap calculations**, which consider the course rating in relation to par. This means a bigger difference between blue and white tees. It's a new normal that we all need to get used to. The phone app will calculate it correctly if you select the correct tees, and charts are in the golf shop and on our web site.

Everyone seems to have figured out that for posting scores, the maximum score you can take on a hole is **double bogey plus the strokes** you receive on that hole. Of maybe nobody has had a triple yet.

Saturday Skins flights are now set by index only, so remember to know your index Saturday morning.

Thanks to everyone for your patience during this conversion process! If you have any questions, please let us know.

Mark Rief, Communications
Louis Washington, Handicap

El Prado Getaway Classic

Laughlin, NV – April 30, May 1-2, 2020

Thursday April 30 Skins game gross and net with closest to the pin. Played as a Tuesday Skins game with low net and low gross skins. Mojave Golf at AVI. Shotgun start 12:00 P.M.

Friday May 1st Skins game gross and net with Closest to the pin at Laughlin Ranch shotgun start 7:30 A.M. (2 to 3 flights) C flight to play forward tees if there is a C flight.

Friday May, 1st Breakfast for wives or companions 8:30 A.M. café in Aquarius Hotel Charlotte Barrow will be host

Saturday May 2nd 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 2nd Award Ceremony and Dinner Scorpio Room 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. with raffle. Dinner for significant others no extra cost, all others are \$39 additional cost. Please check boxes on entry if you plan on not attending the dinner or if you will be bringing additional guests.

Payment-The prices on the entry form include everything: Hotel, Golf, Saturday dinner, and prize money Payment must be paid by March 15th, please note hotel, golf, and dinner must be paid by April 1st 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 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

Additional guests, friend, family members or anyone else you might want to bring are all welcome. Guests need a GHIN or approved handicap number. 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

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 \$ _____

Thursday Golf \$95

Bob Liese "game within the game" optional buy-in of \$20 per day for a blind draw partner. You can pay in Laughlin but now would be great.

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 1st 2020

Please send form and checks to

Boone Barrow

6859 Sugar Pine Ct

Chino, CA 91710

(909)664-4838 - boonegetaway@mail.com

Tournament Signup

Presidents Cup Qualifier

Saturday February 15, 2020

Please Print!

Member Name _____

GHIN # _____

Home phone _____

Special Request: _____

Entry Forms &

Email due:

Send email to:

The tournament is **\$70** per player. This includes \$51 entry fee, optional \$10 skins, optional \$9 closest to the pin.

Saturday February 8th

dcox181@hotmail.com

Make Checks payable to El Prado Men's Club and send with this form to:

DO NOT SEND CASH!!!!

El Prado Men's Club
6555 Pine Ave
Chino, CA 91710

Volunteer at Riviera

The [Genesis Invitational](#) PGA Tournament, formerly known as the Northern Trust, Nissan Open, and LA Open, will take place at Riviera Country Club February 10-16. I invite you to join me and the hundreds of volunteers who help make this event a success. If you've never volunteered at a PGA event, it's a great opportunity to see the tournament from inside the ropes while serving the golf community. Generally, you pay \$70 and are required to work two shifts. You receive an all-week pass for yourself, a pullover, shirt, hat, food and parking on the days you work, and four guest passes for your friends.

There are many committees that need volunteers. Personally, I have worked Shotlink for over 15 years, and always find it rewarding. Other members of our club have worked as walking scorers and marshals. Training is always provided.

For more information, please visit the [Genesis Volunteer Website](#) to learn about the opportunities available. If you register, please tell them I referred you!

Mark Rief, Communications

