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President's Message

As our tournament season comes to an end, I am pretty happy with how the year went. We expanded the board, trained new people, and spread out some of the tasks. The result was that when one or two of us were not able to attend an event, the other board members were, and they did a fine job. Thanks to my fellow board members!

The board has not yet assigned new positions, so the old positions are still shown above, but there will be changes. We are transitioning to a new treasurer, and I want to get more people up to speed in the Golf Genuis side of running skins and tournaments. No matter how comfortable we are, we always need to be training the next generation of leaders.

The annual meeting is always a pleasure for me. After fielding complaints all year long, it was refreshing to find the atmosphere very positive. Many members thanked me and other board members for the work we do all year, and we appreciate that you notice. I shared a lot of positive news about our golf participation and payouts, so please take a look at the annual meeting highlights later in this newsletter.



I want to recognize Eric Fekin, who cleared the field by 9 strokes to become our 2024 Club Champion, his second in three years. If you don't know Eric, I'll tell you a story, which I'm sure he won't remember, but I do. Many years ago, I was paired with Eric in the derby. Like a lot of high handicappers, I was intimidated to be with such a good player, but then, that's part of the fun of the derby – right? We had fun and ended up in a chip-off to win, where I flubbed the shot out of the deep Kikuyu. I felt terrible, but Eric wasn't upset, and simply asked, "Do you want to learn how to play that shot?" Of course I did, so he patiently showed me, we hit several practice shots, and I still use the technique today. I've seen derby players storm off after their partner lets them down, but not this one. Eric didn't have to offer me any help, but he did, because players that care about the game want to help other players improve, regardless of their skill level. Eric will be a great representative of our club at the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions. Good Luck!

Mark Rief, President.

UPCOMING DATES

October 15
 Online Tournament
 Signups Close

October 19
 2 Man Better Ball

October 22
 Last Derby of the
 year!

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
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[Tuesday Skins](#)

Tournament News

The El Prado Men's Club 2023-2024 tournament season has officially ended. The season finished with hot weather, some great food graciously provided by El Prado Golf Courses and the usual fierce but friendly competition. The Club Championship on Saturday and Sunday had 81 players competing for the two-day net flight championships. We also had 20 members who teed it up Friday to compete in the low gross championship.



Saturday produced 15 subpar net scores. Most notable and eventual low gross winner is our newly crowned 2024 EPMC Club Champion Eric Fekin, who fired a gross 66 Saturday in a round that included 8 birdies and 2 bogeys! Eric's Friday round of even par 72 and Sunday's final round of 70 propelled him to victory with 208 total and an -8 under par finish! Great playing and Congratulations Eric!



As is customary, the committee reviewed all scores Saturday afternoon and made no adjustments to any golfer's index prior to Sunday's final net round competition.

Sunday's Net results produced the following Flight winners: Chris Fitch A Flight -5 under par (139), Mario Cerda B Flight -7 under par (137), Sean Vern C Flight -8 under par (136), and Boone Barrow D Flight -11 under par (133). Boone's lowest net score qualifies him for the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions (TOCC) Net Division.

For our low gross Club Championship winners, the club will send Eric Fekin to represent us in the SCGA TOCC Men's Division, and our lowest senior competitor, Tom Clark who finished third in the Low Gross division will represent EPMC in the TOCC Senior Division.

The tournament paid out \$8,729 to 59 players. That sounds like a lot, but consider we paid out \$60,482 total in tournaments this year to 209 players! Our 50/50 raffle winners were Paul Gonzales, Mel Alberto, and Tom Clancy; each collecting \$100 in pot money. The club also raffled off \$2,498 in prizes to those who stuck around for the club's annual meeting.

Special thank you to Danielle Lizarraga for donating the awesome lunch, Art Guevara for donating

rounds of golf, and Lance Ford who donated a case of wine for the raffle.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks again for the awesome 2023-2024 tournament season!

October begins our new tournament season with the 2 Man Better Ball team event on October 19th. Look for online signups to open soon. Tournament signups will close Tuesday October 15th. Remember, once we commit our tee times with the course, the rest of the tee sheet sells out, so no more adding tee times later in the week.

Golf Genius instructions:

It's a TEAM event and only one member needs to signup/register your 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.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you are inviting an outside guest, you must send a message to the event manager to include your guest partner's name and GHIN number.

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. As always, 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.

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/teams on a waitlist if reached. If you're lost in the signup process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

Helpful hint: For the October 19th tournament - AB flights will be on Chino Creek and CD flights will be on Butterfield.

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

TOP 50 - 2023-2024 - *FINAL*

Rank	Name	Total
1	Clark, Thomas	968
2	Kramer, John	874
3	Cerda, Mario	871
4	Lizarraga, Richard	864
5	Barrow, Boone	859
6	Barcnas, Cristhian	835
7	Lovell, Ron	789
8	Ostergaard, Chris	779
9	Dancses, Brian	750
10	Verne, Sean	731
11	Jones, Brad	710
12	Hederman, Joseph	696
13	Ignacz, Ken	693
14	Bates, Patrick	684
15	Tapia, Mike	668
16	Mouw, Billy	664
17	Evans, Cary	656
18	Patterson, Ronald	645
18	Rocovitz, Mark	645
20	Poh, Colby	644
21	Clancy, Tom	629
22	Slavin, Troy	621
23	Sleeger, Tim	614
24	Renteria, Lawrence	606
25	Sterling, Rock	603
26	Harlin, Scott	571
27	Boucher, Norm	566
28	Teneriello, Louie	563
29	Gonzalez, Paul	556
30	Rivera, Albert	541
31	Barber, Darnell	526
32	Law, Brian	526
33	Johnson, Kelly	525
34	Torres, Ramiro	522
35	Springer, Marc	516
36	Moir, James	511
37	Bretado, Henry	511
38	Dominguez, Philip	507
39	Oaks, Timothy	504
40	Ortiz, Danny	501
41	Albany, Ramy	501
42	Harlin, Jeff	497
43	Moore, George	495
44	Prisock, Aaron	482
45	Armijo, Albert J	478
45	Jones, Adam	478
45	Vicario, Gil	478
48	Abbott, Gary	477
48	Lindsay, David	477
50	Alberto, Mel	475

Derby Time!

We had seven teams participate in our September Derby. The club contributed \$200 to the pot so the payouts were pretty sweet considering the \$5 buy in.



We played Chino Creek this time out and had four teams move on to the final hole, following 3 birdies and a par the 4th hole. The team of Gary Abbott and Pat Bates were eliminated first with a double bogey on the Par 5 5th as the other 3 teams finished with par. We decided to play one extra hole instead of moving to a chip off. The team of Lance Ford and Ralph Alderete finished 3rd with a bogey. The team of Amaan Patel and Dillon Haagsma finished in 1st as Amaan nearly holed out his chip shot from the sand to break the tie with 2nd place finishers Matt Hoch and Jose Vera. Only one Derby remaining this year and it would great to have a big turnout.



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 last Derby of the year is October 22 following the Tuesday skins game. We check in at 4:00, draw partners, and tee off at 4:30. We would love to see you there!

Lance Ford, Social Chairman

Highlights from the Annual Meeting – September 10, 2023

On September 8 we held our annual meeting immediately following the final round of play in the Club Championship. About 65 members enjoyed lunch, the meeting, and the raffle.



Mark called the meeting to order and introduced board members present. He thanked the course, Art, Ulysees, and the staff, and thanked the owners for today's lunch. Danielle Lizarraga, one of the new owners, and Art Guevara, PGA Pro, both addressed the group and thanked us for our support.



Financially, our funds are a little high, but that is typical before the club championship. Aside from the raffle, the purse contribution was over one and a half times the usual. Remember that membership fees stay in the club and subsidize tournament scrip.

Golf Participation and Payouts were up in all categories, compared to (last year).

In Tuesday Skins, 142 (124) players participated, playing 1681 (1450) rounds with \$30K (25K) in payouts. #1 money again this year was Tom Clark with \$1,733 in 47 rounds.

In Saturday Skins, 262 (243) players participated, playing 2762 (2664) rounds, with \$49K (\$49K) in payouts. #1 money winner was Erik Fekin with \$1,075, #2 was John Kramer with \$1,008.

In our monthly tournaments, we played 1,400 rounds, averaging 110 players (same for 3 years). Through 11 tournaments, we have paid out \$52k (\$46K) to 206 (196) players. The Club Championship will add another \$9K. 125 players won enough to pay for their membership.

For the total 2023-2024 season, we will have played over 6,300 (5,339) rounds at El Prado, and paid out over \$140K, not including the Getaway.



In Skins games, we will be separating the banks, so your money will be with whoever is running the game that day.





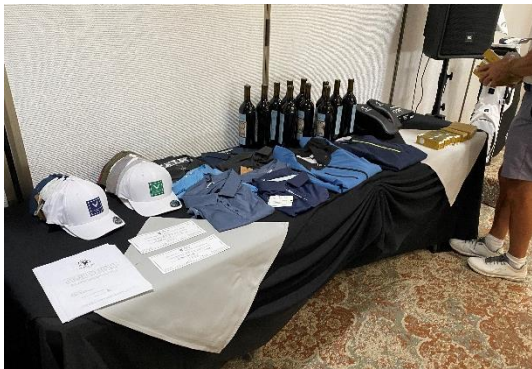
Payouts in Tournaments were discussed. We want to avoid cash and paper checks, but there is no automated way to do electronic payouts. We have considered Zelle or Venmo, but it would be a manual process, and everyone needs an account. Another option is to use scrip for tournament skins and closets. Mark asked the audience some questions, but there was no clear majority for scrip, Zelle, or Venmo. The new board will continue to research solutions.

The 2024 Getaway in Mesquite was a success. We had 77 players, paid out almost \$19K. Feedback results were almost all positive (47 out of 49). There were negative comments about gambling and entertainment options available in Mesquite, but we need to remember it's a golf trip first. Based on feedback, we will return to Mesquite but replace Falcon Ridge with another course.

The election results were announced. With 5 candidates for 5 positions, there were no surprises. Mark thanked Rich Lizarraga who stepped up in 2007 when our previous treasurer quit, and has been handling the job for the last 17 years. The 4 returning members are Scott Harlin, Danny Ortiz, Tim Slegger, and Lance Ford. The new member is Wayne Nichols.



Gary announced club championship results: A Flight: Chris Fitch, B Flight: Mario Cerda, C Flight: Sean Verne, D Flight: Boone Barrow, Senior Club Champion: Tom Clark, Club Champion: Eric Fekin.



Danny reported on membership - 302 regular plus 194 associates gives us 496 total. Just a few years ago we were below 150 members. He thanked new members and members who recruit others.

The Raffle had \$2,500 in merchandise, plus several rounds of golf donated by El Prado and Los Serranos. All of the losing 50/50 tickets for the year were in the hopper, along with a couple hundred sold during lunch. You had to be present to win, and we had a lot of happy winners!



Tournament Results – Club Championship – September 7-8, 2024

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

Low Gross Club Championship (Scrip)

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	R3	Total	Purse
1	Fekin, Eric	-8	72	66	70	208	\$300
2	Dancses, Brian	1	75	71	71	217	
3	Clark, Thomas	5	73	72	76	221	(Low Senior)
T4	Callahan, Ryan	6	74	73	75	222	
T4	Mercado, Martin	6	74	75	73	222	
6	Mouw, Billy	8	75	71	78	224	
7	Hallam, Thomas	9	79	73	73	225	
T8	Fekin, Aaron	11	78	74	75	227	
T8	Anderson, Nolan	11	79	71	77	227	
10	Mouw, Trea	12	73	78	77	228	

Individual Low Net (Scrip)

A Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Fekin, Eric	-7	66	71	137	\$0 (Low Gross Winner)
2	Fitch, Chris	-5	69	70	139	\$300
3	Dancses, Brian	-1	72	71	143	\$250
T4	Evans, Cary	1	74	71	145	\$180
T4	Hallam, Thomas	1	73	72	145	\$180
T4	Anderson, Nolan	1	70	75	145	\$180
T7	Jones, Adam	3	76	71	147	\$105
T7	Clark, Thomas	3	72	75	147	\$105

B Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Cerda, Mario	-7	66	71	137	\$300
2	Law, Brian	-6	70	68	138	\$250
T3	Lindsay, David	E	75	69	144	\$195
T3	Habermehl, Eric	E	74	70	144	\$195
T5	Harlin, Troy	1	70	75	145	\$135
T5	Poh, Colby	1	69	76	145	\$135
T7	Ortega, Jose	2	73	73	146	\$45
T7	Harlin, Jeff	2	73	73	146	\$45

C Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Verne, Sean	-8	71	65	136	\$300
2	Becerra, Ralph	-7	68	69	137	\$250
T3	Rivera, Albert	-3	77	64	141	\$195
T3	Boucher, Norm	-3	71	70	141	\$195
T5	Williams, Bobby	-1	72	71	143	\$135
T5	Barcenas, Cristhian	-1	71	72	143	\$135
7	Nichols, Wayne	E	74	70	144	\$90

D Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Barrow, Boone	-11	66	67	133	\$300
2	Sterling, Rock	-3	67	74	141	\$250
3	Ostergaard, Chris	-2	71	71	142	\$210
4	Clancy, Tom	2	72	74	146	\$180
5	Lopez, Justin	3	74	73	147	\$150
T6	Albany, Ramy	4	78	70	148	\$105
T6	Harlin, Steve	4	75	73	148	\$105

Total Purse Allocated: \$5,200.00

Gross Skins – (checks)**Saturday****A Flight**

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Fekin, Eric	2	\$60	Birdie on 3, Birdie on 4
Anderson, Nolan	2	\$60	Eagle on 9, Birdie on 15
Mouw, Billy	1	\$30	Birdie on 14
Evans, Cary	1	\$30	Birdie on 16
Sleeper, Tim	1	\$30	Eagle on 6

B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Ignacz, Ken	2	\$60	Birdie on 2, Birdie on 5
Larios, Andres	1	\$30	Eagle on 6
Harlin, Troy	1	\$30	Birdie on 13
Law, Brian	1	\$30	Birdie on 15
Poh, Colby	1	\$30	Birdie on 16
Habermehl, Eric	1	\$30	Birdie on 10

C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Alberto, Mel	1	\$33	Birdie on 13
Slavin, Troy	1	\$33	Birdie on 5
Bates, Patrick	1	\$33	Birdie on 16
Anderson, David	1	\$33	Birdie on 6
Vicario, Gil	1	\$33	Birdie on 1
Harlin, Scott	1	\$33	Birdie on 12

D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Clancy, Tom	1	\$47	Par on 8
Jensen, Paul	1	\$47	Par on 18
Bruder, Thomas	1	\$47	Birdie on 17
Agan, John	1	\$47	Birdie on 4

Total Purse Allocated: \$806.00

Sunday**A Flight**

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Mouw, Trea	2	\$70	Birdie on 1, Birdie on 7
Clark, Thomas	2	\$70	Birdie on 4, Birdie on 10
Hallam, Thomas	1	\$35	Birdie on 8
Callahan, Ryan	1	\$35	Birdie on 16

B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Harlin, Jeff	2	\$84	Birdie on 2, Birdie on 12
Habermehl, Eric	1	\$42	Eagle on 17
Ortega, Jose	1	\$42	Birdie on 1
Law, Brian	1	\$42	Birdie on 15

C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Rivera, Albert	1	\$50	Birdie on 17
Lovell, Ron	1	\$50	Birdie on 13
Williams, Bobby	1	\$50	Birdie on 6
Boucher, Norm	1	\$50	Birdie on 15

D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Verne, Troy	2	\$76	Birdie on 12, Birdie on 15
Agan, John	1	\$38	Birdie on 17
Harlin, Steve	1	\$38	Birdie on 8
Ostergaard, Chris	1	\$38	Birdie on 16

Total Purse Allocated: \$810.00

Closest to the pin – (checks)**Saturday**

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Abbott, Gary	\$52	#14 4'8"
	Dancses, Brian	\$52	#17 6'6"
	Mercado, Martin	\$52	#2 4'6"
	Sleeper, Tim	\$52	#7 6'3"

Total Purse Allocated: 208.00

B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Springer, Marc	\$52	#14 2'6"
	Lindsay, David	\$52	#17 7'5"
	Ignacz, Ken	\$52	#2 11'7"
	Lizarraga, Richard	\$52	#7 12'4"

Total Purse Allocated: \$208.00

C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Barcenas, Cristhian	\$50	#14 15'8"
	Williams, Bobby	\$50	#16 7'9"
	Rivera, Albert	\$50	#4 5'11"
	Vicario, Gil	\$50	#7 15'4"

Total Purse Allocated: \$200.00

D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Clancy, Tom	\$96	#7 15'11" #16 11'6"
	Sterling, Rock	\$48	#14 19'4"
	Walsh, James	\$48	#4 14'1"
Total Purse Allocated: \$192.00			

Sunday

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Lorenz, Dave	\$52	#14 12'10"
	Mercado, Martin	\$52	#16 7'6"
	Clark, Thomas	\$52	#4 15'2"
	Mouw, Trea	\$52	#7 2'3"
Total Purse Allocated: \$208.00			

B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Harlin, Jeff	\$52	#14 6'11"
	Ignacz, Ken	\$52	#16 26'6"
	Marquez, Alfonso	\$52	#4 10'4"
	Verne, Eric	\$52	#7 11'9"
Total Purse Allocated: \$208.00			

C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Slavin, Troy	\$50	#14 3'1"
	Rivera, Albert	\$50	#17 10'
	Briggle, Thomas	\$50	#2 15'4"
	Nichols, Wayne	\$50	#7 5'9"
Total Purse Allocated: \$200.00			

D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Barrow, Boone	\$63	#14 9'
	Agan, John	\$63	#17 3'1"
	Dominguez, Philip	\$63	#2 17'10"
Total Purse Allocated: \$189.00			