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President's Message

This article is a reminder that lessons are diligently learned at the golf course.

Golf has certain basics that must be observed: practice, sportsmanship, coaching, and ethics. Observing these basic principles will improve your game.

Background - Golf has established rules and a set of skills each player must develop. This allows golfers to immediately concentrate their efforts in the areas that will yield the greatest benefit. Courses vary in level of difficulty, and players can choose in advance the amount of challenge they wish to tackle. The game is deceptively simple and time intensive, and outcomes vary unpredictably regardless of the skill of the player. The players' knowledge, commitment, and perseverance are essential to their success.

Practice - Driving, pitching, chipping, and putting are skills that need to be learned and practiced ruthlessly to realize improvement. In the beginning, golfers can expect to make significant gains, but then, gains will come less often and in smaller increments. A good practice routine can make a significant difference.

Sportsmanship - Being at the golf course is a wonderful experience because of the people on the golf course. Golfers are excellent sportsmen, and they are almost always willing to give you their best golf pointers—you don't even need to ask! Golfers treat each other, the course, and their equipment respectfully. Sportsmanship is about fairness and honesty, the will to win, and good form. It is common among golfers to believe that they can get better. Golf is surrounded with optimism.

Coaching (Mentoring) - Golfers have a coaching mindset because golfers are constantly seeking formal and informal coaching. They are always taking lessons with the pro, getting some game-changing advice, or watching professional golf or instructional videos with the intention of improving their game. Also, they are comfortable being vulnerable because playing golf leaves you no choice—everybody can see what you do and how you do it in real time.

Ethics - Golf is a game where a player can easily cheat, and many players have cheated, but all golfers know the truth will win out in the end. The game does not change because of cheating, and that is what really matters—the game endures. Ironically, cheating may win a golfer a few dollars in a bet, but cheaters do not improve their game. The only way to get better is to respect the game, and that means not cheating. Golf depends on individual responsibility, but the game does not change when individual responsibility is absent. Golfers are individually accountable, but they operate in a transparent environment.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 10
Tournament
Signups Due

December 17
4 Clubs
Red Tees

Toy Drive

December 31
Tournament
Signups Due

January 7
2 Man Better Ball
/ Aggregate

INFORMATION

Saturday Skins
Call

909-988-0012

Text

(909) 260-1717

Signup by
Wed 3 pm

Monthly
Tournaments
Call

909-984-8220

Tournament News

While Mr. Tournament Dave Cox enjoyed a weekend away, Doug and I handled the Tournament duties on Saturday. Everything was going smoothly right up until check-in opened, but more on that later!

While parts of the country shoveled snow, we played in perfect weather. The pace was a little slow on Butterfield due to the mass of golfers in front of the tournament. We can't blame them for wanting to get out and enjoy a round of golf – we just wish they would get a move on.

A look at the results shows us some familiar names, but also some new ones, so congrats to everyone who cashed.

Unfortunately, the board was kept busy Saturday dealing with several problems. We had 8 cancelations or no-shows for this tournament, most of which we did not know about until we started checking players in. Although most of them told somebody, none of them told me. I suspect some of them may have told Dave to “put me in!” and then forgot. Two of them had legitimate reasons and let us know in advance, but we can't explain the rest. This caused us to send out several twosomes and threesomes, which means too much waiting around on the course, and wasted tee times that the course could have sold. The payouts were also affected. Because 6 drops were in the D flight, the remaining players in D got the short end of the stick, as the payout pools were much less than the other flights. PLEASE if you can't show up for your tee time contact the tournament chair as instructed in the tee times email. We could have easily made adjustments had we known during the week.

The other mess was with a closest to the pin marker. Because we have had issues in the past, and some members are evidently legibility-challenged, we have a local rule that if you do not write clearly and in the correct column, your entry is scratched. We do this because sloppy or incorrect entries can affect all the groups that follow you. In Saturday's case, the player recorded 2' 2", such a good shot that nobody after that bothered to measure. Afterwards, the player told us the shot was really 21' 2". So by our rule that player is scratched off the card, but what about all those shots closer than 21' that were not measured? Luckily, in this case we were able to determine only 2 players had shots anywhere near close, so they split the closest pot for that hole. If it had not been definite, we would have just scratched the hole and nobody gets paid. So PLEASE write accurately, and have somebody check if you're not sure.

As usual, Kevin did a fine job on the scoreboards, putting up with the usual questions and complaints,

as well as all the no-shows. Thanks for your patience and calligraphy!

Next month we celebrate the holiday season with our most popular tournament – 4 clubs from the red tees. Even the really serious golfers in the club enjoy this break from the usual game. Club selection before you tee off requires some planning, so choose wisely.

We will have some special collections going on during check in on Dec 17th. As we have done for over a decade, we will be collecting toys (or cash to buy toys) for the Rancho del Chino Rotary to distribute to local families. Last year we accepted over 50 toys and almost \$500, making the season much happier for many local children.

It's also the time of year when we put out a jar for the golf course staff. The team at El Prado takes care of us all year, so please remember to take care of them with a nice tip for all their hard work.

Mark Rief
Communications

Top 25 - 2016-2017

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Dancses, Kirk	30	0	195	225
2	Becerra, Rafael	0	40	180	220
3	Robinson, Dennis	45	0	160	205
4	Oshiro, David	36	0	150	186
5	Wallace, Fred	54	45	75	174
6	Muscara, Michael	43	40	90	173
6	Saucedo, Jose	23	0	150	173
8	Tapia III, Mike	0	0	170	170
9	Sianez, Alex	50	25	90	165
10	Young, Troy	45	39	80	164
11	Saulet, Darrel	58	0	90	148
12	Kramer, John	0	60	80	140
13	Waasdorp, Pete	30	18	90	138
13	Younger Jr, Mike	30	18	90	138
15	Fanning, James	45	0	90	135
16	Thune II, John	36	0	95	131
17	Benc, Doug	30	0	90	120
17	Caliri, Adam	30	0	90	120
17	Clark, Thomas K	30	0	90	120
20	Entrup, Gregory L	36	0	80	116
21	La Bonte, Lawrence	27	25	60	112
22	Gienger, Jerry	0	25	85	110
23	Mercurio, Ronald G	0	38	70	108
24	Moore, George	20	77	0	97
25	Dancses, Brian	51	40	0	91

Tournament Results – Individual Low Net – November 19, 2016

A	Flight	Chino Creek	
Script			
1	68	Dancses, Kirk	\$105
2	73	Thune II, John	\$95
3	75	Entrup, Gregory L	\$80
3	75	Oshiro, David	\$80

Closest			
#4	25' 3"	Randall, David W	\$41
#7	4' 5"	Moore, George	\$41
#14	17' 6"	Bach, Richard	\$41
#16	2' 2"	Hove, Terry	\$41

Skins			
#4		Thune II, John	\$36
#6		Dancses, Brian	\$36
#10		Oshiro, David	\$36
#12		Tharp, Richard	\$36
#15		Entrup, Gregory L	\$36

B	Flight	Chino Creek	
Script			
1	67	Tapia III, Mike	\$100
2	69	Saulet, Darrel	\$90
3	70	Young, Troy	\$80
4	71	Mercurio, Ronald G	\$70

Closest			
#4	25' 3"	Elliott, Steven	\$38
#7		Young, Troy	\$19
#7		Anderson, Marc	\$19
#14	7' 2"	Lovett, Gary W	\$38
#16	30' 5"	Mercurio, Ronald G	\$38

Skins			
#1		Anderson, Marc	\$43
#6		Lovett, Gary W	\$43
#10		Saulet, Darrel	\$43
#12		Muscare, Michael	\$43

C	Flight	Butterfield Stage	
Script			
1	68	Becerra, Rafael	\$90
2	69	Kramer, John	\$80
3	70	Robinson, Dennis	\$70
4	71	Saucedo, Jose	\$60

Closest			
#5	16' 4"	Maddox, Randy	\$34
#8	4' 6"	Devries, Dave	\$34
#11	4' 6"	Nomura, Vino	\$34
#16	8' 11"	Rief, Mark	\$34

Skins			
#8		Devries, Dave	\$50
#10		Randall, Greg	\$50
#11		Roehrig, Gary	\$50

D	Flight	Butterfield Stage	
Script			
1	66	Gienger, Jerry	\$85
2	68	Wallace, Fred	\$75
3	71	La Bonte, Lawrence	\$60

Closest			
#5	14' 9"	Gienger, Jerry	\$25
#8	4' 9"	Wallace, Fred	\$25
#11	1' 7.5"	La Bonte, Lawrence	\$25
#16	4' 5"	Sianez, Alex	\$25

Skins			
#5		Wallace, Fred	\$27
#8		Wallace, Fred	\$27
#11		La Bonte, Lawrence	\$27
#16		Sianez, Alex	\$27

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President's Message

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Conclusions - The basics of golf (practice, sportsmanship, coaching, and ethics), if applied mindfully, can help obtain better outcomes. By developing, implementing, and improving routines and habits of thought, you can improve your satisfaction with Golf, thinking consequentially about what you are doing as you are doing it can help you see in real time where and how you can improve. Don't be a duffer!

Fred Street
President

The End of eClubs – Enter the AMN

For the past 4 years, SCGA experimented with an eClub program for golfers who only wanted a USGA handicap, without affiliation with a local club. To avoid competing with local clubs, the program was never aggressively marketed, but still grew to 3,350 golfers in 2015. After doing research with local golfers and member clubs, this year the SCGA replaced the program with the Associate Golfer Network. This allows the SCGA to directly help local clubs instead of competing with them. If a golfer goes to the SCGA today looking for a handicap only, they are offered an Associate membership, and they must pick a local club. The club receives a nominal payment from SCGA for each member that SCGA signs up, and can offer associates whatever club benefits it chooses. All existing eClub members who renew their membership are converted to the AMN and must choose a local club when they renew.

El Prado joined this program, and we typically add a couple new associate members each week. We are up to 16 so far, with all the effort being done by the SCGA, so it's good for us, good for the SCGA, and good for the golfers. Next year, we will be inviting associates to participate in Skins games in February and August, and to play in the Invitational tournament as a guest with a regular member. Our hope is that with a sample of the competition and fellowship our club provides, many of them will be eager to convert to regular membership, with full benefits and participation. So if you get introduced to an "associate" member, be welcoming, and tell them what you like about being a member.

If you have friends that want a handicap, but aren't ready to join our club, tell them to go to scga.org and join as an associate member, making sure to select El Prado as their club if choice. The cost is \$60, but they can get a \$10 off coupon at any event where SCGA is present, or entering a coupon code such as GREENSKEEPER.

Mark Rief
SCGA Delegate

Tournament Signup

4 Club – Red Tees

Saturday December 17, 2016

Please Print!

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

Member Name _____

GHIN # _____

Home phone _____

Special Request: _____

Entry Forms are due in the EPMC mailbox or

*Email by: **Saturday December 10***

*Send email to: **dcox181@hotmail.com***

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