



EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Wow! What a finish to the El Prado Men's Club tournament year. I cannot thank all of you enough for helping make 2020 a great year for our club. Looking back, this year will be remembered for much more than the tournaments or skins games we played. That is understandable, but for me it will be different.

At the beginning of the Covid crisis, I was optimistic in thinking we might only be down for a short time and all would be back to normal before our next tournament was played. Obviously, fate had different plans. After not having golf for about two weeks, again I rationalized that the time off would do my body good and we would be right back on the course in a matter of days.

As the shutdown dragged on, a very real feeling of despair seeped in. "When would I play again"? After talking with friends going through similar thoughts, it became clear to that golf was more than a game I played once or twice a week. It was an opportunity see my friends, decompress and get away from the rat race for few hours a week. It was a form of stress relief, and without it I could feel the tension building. I took golf and the relaxation it brought me granted!

When I got word that El Prado was reopening, albeit in a limited way, I was excited! Yes, we had raised cups and we have had to do things a bit differently. But we were back together and using golf as an outlet for a few hours, taking our minds off the world's problems!

The course was rough with growth, and the greens were showing some wear from not being cared for the same way. No more hanging around before and after our round just to talk in the snack bar or the bar! But we were playing golf and that was a small victory!

Since then, Kevin, Art and the other golf course staff have done a great job getting the course back to excellent shape and doing what they could to open up areas for us to social distance, and still finish our round with a few drinks and laughs. This has kept me sane when the world has been nothing but crazy!

Overall, the board wanted to make sure that we would get the most bang for our buck at every successive event that we could possibly deliver with the restrictions in place. We put more money back into each tournament, and I thought the tee prizes and the taco cart was another great addition to our Club Championship!

Although we didn't have our Championship banquet indoors, the course did what they could so we could still have a fantastic ending to the year! The raffle prizes were fantastic! Thanks to Mark Masanovich, Louie Teneriello and Kevin Knutson for acquiring the raffle prizes for us!

With 2020 nearly behind us, I am more optimistic than ever, that EPMC is contributing to the well-being of all our members in ways that I could not have imagined when the year began. If you ever feel the need to leave the problems of the world behind you, come out and play in a skins game on Saturday or Tuesday with friends that will welcome you with open arms!

Stay safe and be well!!
Doug Benc, President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 10
Tournament Signups Due

Oct 17
2 Man Better Ball

**Saturday Skins
Call/Text
(909) 260-1717
by Monday Noon**

**Tournaments
email
dcox181@hotmail.com**

Tournament News

Club Championship 2020

Congratulations to Adam Caliri, our 2020 El Prado Mens Club Champion, who shot a two day gross score total 66/73 139. Adam will get \$220 scrip for his efforts and is eligible to represent us in the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions (TOCC) MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION at Angeles National GC in Sunland-Tujunga on Monday, December 7. Adam's entry fee (\$150) will be paid by El Prado Mens Club.

In addition, three other members are eligible to play in SCGA TOCC tournaments on Monday December 7, at their own expense. JP Iriart is eligible to represent EPMC in the SENIOR MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION at Yorba Linda CC; and our two lowest net flight winners, Brian Robertson and Darrel Saulet, are eligible to play in the NET DIVISION at the Classic Club in Palm Desert, Indian Wells GR (Players), or La Quinta Resort (Dunes). Sign up online or download your entry form on the SCGA website. One of our board members can certify your entry.

In our flight championships we had a field of 87 competitors in four flights vying for the top position in their respective divisions. Congratulations to all the Flight winners. "A" flight winner JP Iriart posted a total of 138 to take the top spot. "B" Flight champion is Eric Habermehl, who with Michael Anthony had a total of 141 and "C" Flight champion was Darrell Saulet, who came in with 138. Our "D" Flight winner is Brian Robertson with very exceptional round of 136. Congratulations to all the winners.

JP also edged out a number of high place finishers to grab the top spot on the Top 25 list for the year. Check out all the winners and totals on the detail page.

As usual, Kevin did the excellent work on the scoreboard both Saturdays. Thank you very much for all your hard work and dedication to our club. It is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank Art for his hard work to keep things moving along during the entire year.

The October tournament is a 2 man Best ball. Get a partner and sign up early. **EMAIL** our entry to dcox181@hotmail.com. If you don't have a partner, sign up as a single and I'll do my best to pair you with somebody with a handicap within 8 strokes of yours.

As we do this time of year, we are reviewing our next year tournament formats and tournament date schedule. We will soon be submitting the tentative

dates to the course for reservations. The formats review will go on for the next couple of months so let us know if you had any formats you particularly liked or hated. We want to add the formats you would like to participate in. Lately, we are thinking that we just need more Individual Low net tournament days. Please tell us what formats you want and we will try to make it happen!

If you have any other new ideas or changes you would like to see, please forward them to one of the board members and they will be reviewed and considered for implementation. Send an email or talk to any Board member. Thank You for being a participating member!

Dave Cox
Tournament Director

Top 25 - 2019-2020

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Iriart, J.P.	267	58	440	765
2	Kaplan, Chris	199	220	345	764
3	Delgado, Robert	183	164	410	757
4	Ortiz, Danny	183	138	406	727
5	Caliri, Adam	139	123	460	722
6	Dancses, Kirk	107	52	495	654
7	Oshiro, David	160	189	290	639
8	Grinder, John	179	142	303	624
9	Moore, George	39	139	440	618
10	Saulet, Darrel	171	45	370	586
11	Rocovitz, Mark	159	125	295	579
12	Nichols, Wayne	140	202	185	527
13	Cabezas, Calixto	107	124	290	521
14	Patterson, Ronald R	176	43	300	519
15	Dyer, Joe	132	84	290	506
16	Agan, John	0	88	410	498
17	Robertson, Brian	220	50	220	490
18	Kramer, John	67	142	275	484
19	Vicario, Gil	215	0	260	475
20	Hirt, Terry	110	59	300	469
21	Anthony, Michael	60	25	375	460
22	Bach, Richard	80	18	350	448
23	Barrow, Boone	123	54	270	447
23	Cole, Mike	54	103	290	447
25	Nomura, Vino	102	112	230	444

(includes President's Cup)

Board Elections

Since there were no new candidates for board positions and the outgoing board members all agreed to run for re-election, the board skipped the formality of paper ballots at the tournament check-in and we will continue with the same board members.

We will meeting shortly to determine what role we will each play this year.

In the longer term, with a growing membership and more dependence on technology, we are looking for members with skills that can help us manage the club in to the future. For example, we are looking at tournament management software, online payment programs, and video marketing opportunities; but these all require dedicated volunteers to learn and implement. If you have an interest in these areas, please let us know.

Rules Corner

Have you ever noticed that stack of fine print on the table at tournament check-in labeled "Terms of Competition"? These describe the format, scoring, and any rules specific to the tournament. We are required to provide these, so that everyone is aware of them, even if you don't read them.

Often times when a player has a problem in a tournament, and we tell them the situation is explained in the rules, the response is "I never read those". For example, last month a player was penalized for not posting. He thought the club does it. Of course, the rules made it clear if and how players should post their round.

And don't forget about our local rules that are available on the web site and in the golf shop. These are in effect for all tournaments and skins games.

Mark Rief
Communications

Derby – September 22, 2020

We had a great turnout of 20 players for the September derby, and we had a blast. The club put a \$100 bonus in the pot, and the course provided happy hour prices before we headed out. There is nothing quite like 15-20 carts cruising down the fairway together to raise the curiosity of the general public!



Every elimination hole required a chip-off, with the final one from a greenside bunker. In the end, Chris Kaplan and Dave Cox maintained their social distancing and survived to win \$100, Tom Clark and Mike Feinman were second with \$60, and Doug Benc and John Agan were third with \$40. A special thanks to members who drove in just for the Derby – it's great to see this tradition returning.

Rafael Becerra, Social Chairman

Club Championship Lunch – September 19, 2020

The club championship was celebrated with lunch, trophy presentations, and a raffle. A special thanks goes to the course who brought in extra shade and tables, so that we could gather outside while following COVID guidelines. The raffle included 5 golf clubs, a bag, lessons, shirts, Oakley glasses, plenty of shirts and accessories, and several hundred dollar bills. All of the 50/50 tickets from our 10 tournaments were in the bucket, along with those sold on Sunday. Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to Kevin Knutson and El Prado Golf Courses, Mark Masanovich, and Louie Teneriello for getting us some great merchandise.



President Doug Benc with
Adam Caliri
2020 Club Champion



GROSS SCORE LEADERBOARD		
CALIRI	66	129
ASHBY	73	
SLINGSBY	70	
DAVID	WD	
MOUW	71	145
BALL	74	
FEKIN	72	146
CLARK	72	150
TRIART	72	140
	68	



Net Flight Champions



J P Iriart
A Flight



Eric Habermehl
B Flight



Darrel Saulet
C Flight



Brian Robertson
D Flight

Tournament Results – Club Championship – September 12 & 19, 2020

Low Gross Club Champion

139 Caliri, Adam \$220

A Flight

Script

1	138	Iriart, J.P.	\$210
T2	144	Mouw, Billy	\$165
T2	144	Dancses, Kirk	\$165
4	145	Fekin, Eric	\$125
5	147	Clark, Thomas	\$110
6	148	Earhart, Tom	\$90
T7	150	Freeman, Craig	\$25
T7	150	Mundy, Robert	\$25
T7	150	Harris, Nick	\$25

Closest

#2	4' 2"	Caliri, Adam	\$46
#7	15' 11"	Freeman, Craig	\$46
#14	8' 10"	Slingsby, David	\$46
#17	11' 11"	Jara, Aaron	\$46

Closest

#4	1' 10"	Benc, Doug	\$51
#7	6' 2"	Anderson, Nolan	\$51
#14	5' 8"	Mouw, Billy	\$51
#16	7' 0"	Clark, Thomas	\$51

Skins

#1	Iriart, J.P.	\$51
#3	Harris, Nick	\$51
#7	Slingsby, Dave	\$51
#14	Slingsby, Dave	\$51

Skins

#4	Benc, Doug	\$38
#7	Lorenz, Dave	\$38
#9	Iriart, J.P.	\$38
#12	Lorenz, Dave	\$38
#13	Iriart, J.P.	\$38
#14	Mouw, Billy	\$38

B Flight

Script

T1	141	Habermehl, Eric *	\$210
T1	141	Anthony, Michael	\$210
3	142	Dyer, Joe	\$170
4	145	Perry, Jacob	\$125
4	145	Patterson, Ronald	\$125
6	147	Moore, George	\$90
7	148	Waasdorp, Pete	\$40
7	148	Oshiro, David	\$40

* card off

Closest

#2	16' 2"	Oshiro, David	\$50
#7	7' 10"	Oshiro, David	\$50
#14	19' 7"	Dyer, Joe	\$50
#17	7' 3"	Habermehl, Eric	\$50

Closest

#4	19' 9"	Moore, George	\$49
#7	5' 4"	Masanovich, Mark	\$49
#14	10' 7"	Teneriello, Louie	\$49
#16	7' 7"	Cole, Mike	\$49

Skins

#1	Dyer, Joe	\$37
#3	Waasdorp, Pete	\$37
#7	Oshiro, David	\$37
#10	Lizarraga, Richard	\$37
#13	Dyer, Joe	\$37
#18	Cole, Mike	\$37

Skins

#2	Hirt, Terry	\$44
#12	Dyer, Joe	\$44
#14	Taylor, Grahame	\$44
#15	Perry, Jacob	\$44
#16	Patterson, Ronald	\$44

**DO YOUR
PART, PLAY
SAFE**



Tournament Results – Club Championship – September 12 & 19, 2020

C Flight

Script			
1	138	Saulet, Darrel	\$215
2	144	Cabezas, Cali	\$190
3	145	Alva, Luis	\$150
4	146	Kaplan, Chris	\$130
T5	147	Briggle, Thomas	\$105
T5	147	Esparza, Aaron	\$105
T7	148	Lovett, Gary	\$45
T7	148	Tapia, Mike	\$45

Closest

		Chino Creek	
#4	7' 9"	Siliceo, Miguel	\$50
#7	5' 6"	Esparza, Aaron	\$50
#14	3' 10"	Torres, Ramiro	\$50
#16	3' 5"	Kaplan, Chris	\$50

Closest

		Butterfield Stage	
#2	5' 5"	Cabezas, Cali	\$47
#7	13' 6"	Nichols, Wayne	\$47
#14	7' 6"	Ford, John	\$47
#17	4' 3"	Hood, Brian	\$47

Skins

		Chino Creek	
#5		Anderson, David	\$55
#6		Kaplan, Chris	\$55
#10		Kaplan, Chris	\$55
#16		Kaplan, Chris	\$55

Skins

		Butterfield Stage	
#3		Briggle, Thomas	\$35
#5		Gurganus, Doug	\$35
#8		Saulet, Darrel	\$35
#12		Tapia, Mike	\$35
#14		Anderson, David	\$35
#15		Lovett, Gary	\$35

D Flight

Script			
1	136	Robertson, Brian	\$220
2	143	Pacheco, John	\$200
3	144	Irizarry, Mario	\$170
4	146	Barrow, Boone	\$140
T5	147	Agan, John	\$85
T5	147	Deherrera, Michael	\$85
T5	147	Kramer, John	\$85
8	148	Grinder, John	\$30

Closest

		Chino Creek	
#4	4' 9"	Lovell, Ron	\$50
#7	4' 7"	Irizarry, Mario	\$50
#14	24' 6"	Kramer, John	\$50
#16	17' 2"	Lovell, Ron	\$50

Closest

		Butterfield Stage	
#2	12' 0"	Grinder, John	\$50
#7	33' 5"	Deherrera, Michael	\$50
#14	14' 1"	Grinder, John	\$50
#17	6' 5"	Robertson, Brian	\$50

Skins

		Chino Creek	
#8	Par	Robertson, Brian	\$110
#9		Robertson, Brian	\$110

Skins

		Butterfield Stage	
#3		Vicario, Gil	\$110
#4		Grinder, John	\$110

Laughlin Getaway

Don't forget to put the Getaway on your calendar for May13-16, 2021. We'll play Laughlin Ranch on Thursday, Avi on Friday, and Los Lagos on Saturday.

Boone Barrow
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Tournament Signup

There is no signup form in the newsletter or the golf shop because signups are **EMAIL ONLY** to dcox181@hotmail.com. We will not accept paper entry forms. Signups are due the Saturday September 5th, but we'll take them as late as the following Tuesday if we have openings.