



# EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message

I've had some requests to get back to answering frequently asked questions, so guess it's time to expand the FAQ list by talking about handicap adjustments and penalties.

The first thing to know is that every club authorized to maintain USGA handicaps must have a certified handicap person and a handicap committee. We have three people who have completed handicap training and passed the test, and in our case the board of directors serves as the handicap committee.

I hear a lot of talk about players being "penned" or **penalized** by the club.

The only penalties we issue are for failure to post a score or incorrect posting of a score. Since we switched to Golf Genius and hole by hole scoring for skins games and tournaments, we rarely deal with this for our events. Our main concern is that members post every eligible away round. Since we can't monitor all 300 members, we rely heavily on the honor system and peer review. If you hear about somebody shooting a low score somewhere, feel free to mention it to a board member, and we will verify that it was posted. If not, the member will be warned or penalized, depending on the situation. The standard penalty is a "penalty round", which means your lowest of your last 20 differentials is posted again, in addition to round you didn't post.

A more common occurrence is for indexes or handicaps to be **adjusted** based on "demonstrated performance". The GHIN system has built in automatic adjustments for individual exceptional rounds, which you will see if you shoot 7 shots better than you should on a given day. In your score list, you see an "E" added to the score type, and the previous 20 rounds are all lowered 1 or 2 strokes.

At the club level, the committee has a duty to adjust handicaps to assure fair competition, so we review cases monthly. The most common cases are members who score much lower in home vs. away rounds, or who score much lower in tournaments. When a member draws our attention, we analyze their scoring pattern to see if an adjustment is warranted. For example, we had a member who over 6 months had average differentials of 12 in away rounds, 9 in home rounds, and 6 in tournament rounds. Obviously, his index did not match his demonstrated ability in home and tournament rounds, which required us to adjust his handicap when playing in club events at El Prado. In another case, we had two members who always seem to do well in partner tournaments, but upon analyzing their score history, we found nothing unusual, so we didn't make any adjustments. Members can complain, and as much as we may want to adjust somebody because they win a lot of money, we only do it when we have real data to back up adjustments.

Please remember that issuing penalty rounds and adjusting handicaps are both unpleasant tasks, but we are obligated to the USGA to do our job as a member club. It's not personal, so please don't shoot the messenger if you get penalized or adjusted. After all, it usually means you're playing well when money is on the line!

Mark Rief, President.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**July 11**  
Online Tournament  
Signups Close

**July 15**  
Invitational  
Scramble/Better Ball

Member/Member or  
Member'Guest

**July 18**  
Derby!

## SIGNUPS

**Monthly Tournament**

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**Tuesday Skins**

## Tournament News

The June 2023 2 Man Scramble tournament showed some incredible scores with in the money finishing teams all in 9 under par range or better. Thanks to those who played, and thanks again to club member Lance Ford who assisted at the check-in table. We had 116 golfers/58 teams and paid out \$4,828. Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Joe Dyer, Kavi Singh, and Brian Robertson - each receiving \$80 in pot money. Congratulations to all the winners!



Friendly reminder: Please remember to **check your scorecards before signing and submitting** after your rounds. We've had several avoidable scoring incidents at our last two tournaments where members trust that the scores have been recorded correctly. We all love our playing partner(s) and scoring competitor(s), but please double check scores before signing and submitting scorecards. And please read or ensure at least one member of the foursome **takes a rules sheet** from the check-in table. Taking these simple steps will eliminate the potential unpleasant conversation. □

In Golf Genius news – Online signups for the 2 Man Scramble had no issues to report, and there were 39 messages from members to the event manager received through Golf Genius' email. The latter shows an increase of 10 messages from last month's event. Online signups for our Tuesday Skins game are consistently averaging 25 to 30 members.

Transitioning to online signups for Saturday Skins is still a topic of discussion at our board meetings. If you have any feedback or would like to add your thoughts on the topic, please share with any board member. Several challenges remain in our reluctance to shift the way we currently do Saturday skins signups. As you can imagine, Saturday's involve coordinating pairings and tee times for over 100 players each week, so we need to be careful in taking the next step.

The President's Cup match play event has finally concluded, and the payouts should be credited to your El Prado scrip within a week. The final match unfortunately ending in a concession with A-flight bracket winner Mike Anthony being crowned this season's President Cup champion. Congratulations Mike! If you have any questions about this year's President's Cup, please contact Doug.

9 months into our tournament year, we have a lot of happy golfers on the top 25 list. James Fanning is leading the pack, but several players jumped up the leaderboard in

the last tournament. It should be an exciting finish to see who comes out on top at the end of the year!

Our next tournament is the July 15 Invitational, a 2 Man team event. This event typically fills up so register early! You can play this event as a member/member or member/guest team. If you've got a friend with a GHIN index, this is the month to invite them out. With 9 holes of scramble and 9 holes of better ball, it's geared towards fun, so your guest shouldn't worry about the pressure. Guests play to Low Index and need to have recent verifiable rounds posted. Tournament signups will close Tuesday July 11th. Sign your team up early to guarantee a spot. Don't forget online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before July 11th. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday July 12th before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings Friday July 14th.

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 scroll 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.**

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 for early or late 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 our July 15th Invitation tournament - AB flights will be on Chino Creek and CD flights will be on Butterfield. □

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

## TOP 25 - 2022-2023

Rank	Name	Total
1	Fanning, James	946
2	Hederman, Joseph	831
3	Martin, Gary	704
4	Dancses, Brian	639
5	Hughes, Daniel	632
6	Ferguson, Lyle	572
7	Briggle, Thomas	551
8	Lorenz, Dave	516
9	Alva, Luis	513
9	Deshay, Stan	513
11	Lovell, Ron	512
11	Patterson, Ronald	512
13	Tapia, Mike	498
14	Barber, Darnell	475
15	Barrow, Boone	472
16	Dancses, Kirk	466
17	Armijo, Albert J.	462
18	Cole, Mike	445
19	Anzora, Nelson	440
20	Clark, Thomas	438
21	Ostergaard, Chris	422
22	Becerra, Rafael	420
23	Verne, Sean	394
24	Ortiz, Danny	388
25	Perry, Jacob	387

## President's Cup 2023

Place	Name	Flight	Wins	Scrip
1	Anthony, Michael	A	6	120
2	Briggle, Thomas	C	5	100
T3	Hughes, Daniel	B	4	80
T3	Jensen, Paul	D	4	80
T5	Clark, Thomas	A	3	60
T5	Sleeger, Tim	B	3	60
T5	Torres, Ramiro	C	3	60
T5	Kramer, John	D	3	60
T9	Abbott, Gary	A	2	40
T9	Rodriguez, Eduardo	A	2	40
T9	Rincon, Julio	B	2	40
T9	Lohman, Shay	B	2	40
T9	Fanning, James	C	2	40
T9	Cox, David	C	2	40
T9	Ostergaard, Chris	D	2	40
T9	Irizarry, Mario	D	2	40

## Derby News

We had our third derby of the year on June 20, the Tuesday after the tournament.

First place and \$90 went to Tom Clark (AGAIN!) and John Ford, second with \$60 to Tom Earhart and Rafael Becerra, and third with \$30 was Joe Hederman and Brian Robertson.



For new members, this is a 5 hole horse race in the afternoon on the Tuesday after the monthly tournament. It is alternate shot with a blind draw partner, focused on fun. It's a great opportunity to play with somebody new, from places you may have never played from.

We play the holes as a group, so if you've never seen 20 carts on the fairway at the same time, you won't want to miss it. And when we reach the green, we putt out closest to farthest. The highest scores on each hole earn the team an early exit, with ties broken by a chip-off. It's only a \$5 buy in, and the club sweetens the pot with an extra \$100.

Special thanks go out to Kevin, Art, and the golf course for sponsoring the carts and golf for this fun event!

Scott Harlin, Social Chairman

## Tournament Results – 2 Man 4 Club Red Tees Better Ball – May 20, 2023

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

All payouts listed are per team and will be split.

### 2 Man Scramble (Scrip)

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
1	Cole, Mike + Dancses, Brian	-12.5	59.5	\$200
2	Mouw, Billy + Perry, Jacob	-11.5	60.5	\$170
T3	Benc, Doug + Dancses, Kirk	-10.5	61.5	\$130
T3	Masanovich, Mark + Slingsby, Dave	-10.5	61.5	\$130
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
1	Lovell, Ron + Moore, George	-12.5	59.5	\$200
T2	Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	-11	61	\$155
T2	Davis, Bruce + Lindsay, David	-11	61	\$155
T4	Springer, Marc + Verne, Eric	-8	64	\$60
T4	Bowers, Kevin + Ozols, Kriss	-8	64	\$60
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
1	Barber, Darnell + Prisock, Aaron	-11	61	\$200
2	Edmondson, Richard + Fanning, James	-10	62	\$170
T3	Ferguson, Lyle + Nichols, Wayne	-9.5	62.5	\$130
T3	Biscocho, Art + Sanchez, Nick	-9.5	62.5	\$130
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
1	Armijo, Albert J + Renteria, Lawrence	-10.5	61.5	\$200
2	Dominguez, Philip + Jones, Kim	-10	62	\$170
3	Barcenas, Cristhian + Luzar, Les	-9.5	62.5	\$140
4	Nomura, Adam + Nomura, Ruvino	-9	63	\$120

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,520.00

### Gross Skins – (cash pots)

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Evans, Cary + Lorenz, Dave	1	\$74	Eagle on 6
Mouw, Billy + Perry, Jacob	1	\$74	Eagle on 12
Cole, Mike + Dancses, Brian	1	\$74	Eagle on 18
Banic, Kevin + Singh, Kavi	1	\$74	Eagle on 9
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	1	\$52	Birdie on 18
Ostergaard, Chris + Poh, Colby	1	\$52	Birdie on 5
Davis, Bruce + Lindsay, David	1	\$52	Birdie on 2
Lovell, Ron + Moore, George	1	\$52	Birdie on 7
Earhart, Tom + Law, Brian	1	\$52	Birdie on 13

<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Baker, Clarence + Baker, Robert	1	\$64	Birdie on 9
Edmondson, Richard + Fanning, James	1	\$64	Birdie on 4
Ferguson, Lyle + Nichols, Wayne	1	\$64	Birdie on 7
Apao, Edward + Mejia, Carlos	1	\$64	Birdie on 2
Barber, Darnell + Prisock, Aaron	1	\$64	Birdie on 12

<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Skoglund, Bradley + Verne, Sean	2	\$112	Birdie on 8, Birdie on 9
Cabezas, Alberto + Cabezas, Cali	1	\$56	Birdie on 7
Armijo, Albert J + Renteria, Lawrence	1	\$56	Birdie on 4
Green, Scott + McArdle, Pat	1	\$56	Birdie on 14

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,156.00

### Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Anzora, Nelson + Castillo, Tony	\$148.00	#2 11'1" #17 6'7"
	Anthony, Michael + Fitch, Chris	\$74.00	#14 18'11"
	Mouw, Billy + Perry, Jacob	\$74.00	#7 7'9"

Total Purse Allocated: \$296.00

<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Earhart, Tom + Law, Brian	\$64.00	#14 25'7"
	Bowers, Kevin + Ozols, Kriss	\$64.00	#17 7'5"
	Davis, Bruce + Lindsay, David	\$64.00	#2 15'
	Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	\$64.00	#7 13'1"

Total Purse Allocated: \$256.00

<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Alva, Luis + Becerra, Rafael	\$160.00	#16 9'6" #4 13'7"
	Moir, James + Moir, Justin	\$80.00	#14 1'5"
	Ferguson, Lyle + Nichols, Wayne	\$80.00	#7 3'1"

Total Purse Allocated: \$320.00

<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Baca, Danny + Nomura, Jonathan	\$70.00	#14 9'8"
	Barcenas, Cristhian + Luzar, Les	\$70.00	#16 20'8"
	Skoglund, Bradley + Verne, Sean	\$70.00	#4 15'1"
	Cabezas, Alberto + Cabezas, Cali	\$70.00	#7 5'1"

Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00