



# EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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## **Tournament signup deadline: Saturday October 10**

### President's Message

There is a great deal of congratulations that needs to be spread all around. First off, congratulations to our new Club Champion, Daniel Petta, as well as all the respective flight winners. Daniel is a great competitor, a former Inland Empire champion, and will represent our club well in the Tournament of Club Champions. I, for one, am really pleased to see Daniel win, because he gives hope to people of my stature as he towers over me by a mere inch.

Flight winners also played some exceptional golf (see Tournament Chairman's article and tournament results). While the results were certainly gratifying to the winners and top finishers, they were also a source of a great deal of consternation and complaining by others. Members, please be assured, the board is not blind to exceptional scores. The results will be carefully scrutinized as well as other factors such as other tournament scores and frequency of away rounds as opposed to rounds at El Prado. Guys, the days of lynching and involuntary castrations are long gone, but we still thank you for your suggestions. Rest assured, however, that the board will address and respond appropriately where it is necessary.

Lastly, congratulations to your new board. Election winners are Mark Rief, Doug Benc, John Kramer and me. If the names look too familiar, it's because no new person stepped forward and volunteered to have their name placed on the ballot. As it stands now, you have a full year to contemplate running for the board next year. It's time for other people to step up. The existing board has already put in a number of years, close to 30 in one case. Some of our board are getting a little elderly (and in one case, a little senile). Please think about being a candidate in the future.

Fred Street, President

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Oct 10

Tournament Signups Due

#### Oct 17

AB+CD  
2 Best Balls  
Blind Draw

#### Nov 7

Tournament Signups Due

#### Nov 17

Individual Low Net

### INFORMATION

#### *Saturday Skins*

**909-988-0012**

*Entry deadline  
Wed 3 pm*

#### *Monthly*

**Tournaments**

**909-984-8220**

## Tournament News

### EPMC Club Championship – 2015

Congratulations to Daniel Petta our 2015 El Prado Mens Club Champion, who topped the field with a 70/69 139.

In our flighted championships we had a field of 62 competitors in four flights vying for the top positions in their respective divisions. Congratulations to all the Flight winners. Rich Bach (138) captured the A flight,. B Flight champion is Larry Youg (135), C Flight champion is Chris Kaplan (134) and D Flight champion is Earl Clark (134).

I would like to thank Kevin, Aaron and Nolan for their excellent work on the scoreboard both Saturday and Sunday.

October is the beginning of a new season so get your membership renewal into John Kramer as soon as you can. You can renew at the next tournament sign in table.

The October tournament is an AB + CD two best balls.

Right now we are reviewing next year tournament formats so if you have any ideas or changes you would like to see now is the time to express your thoughts. Send an email or talk to any Board member.

We are here to serve you!

Thank You!

Dave Cox, - Tournament Director

## 2015 Tournament Schedule

Date	Description
October 17	AB+CD 2 Best Balls
November 14	Individual Low Net
December 12	4 Clubs – Red Tees

## FINAL Top 25 - 2014-2015

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Dancses, Kirk	295	187	710	1192
2	La Bonte, Lawrence	190	254	475	919
3	Barrow, Boone	77	58	740	875
4	Rudell, Richard	322	239	270	831
5	Clark, Thomas K	314	148	340	802
6	McKee, Jerry	77	118	595	790
7	Bach, Richard	302	0	460	762
8	Fekin, Melvin	109	142	505	756
9	Earhart, Tom	255	203	290	748
10	Dancses, Brian	76	144	525	745
11	Becerra, Rafael	87	158	485	730
12	Martin, Gary W	221	161	320	702
12	Morrison, Ed	141	126	435	702
14	Roehrig, Gary	188	160	351	699
15	Kaplan, Chris	71	137	480	688
16	Randall, David W	134	104	390	628
17	Jara, Aaron	136	144	335	615
18	Elliott, Steven	167	72	375	614
19	Young, Troy	70	170	370	610
20	Springer, Jack	191	58	355	604
21	Hove, Terry	82	342	175	599
22	Kramer, John	152	157	280	589
23	Valdez Jr, Manny	115	106	345	566
24	Cabezas, Calixto	156	29	360	545
25	Tapia III, Mike	70	74	390	534

## 2016 Getaway News

The 2016 Getaway is scheduled for May 20 & 21, with a skins game Thursday afternoon on the 19<sup>th</sup>, on the same courses with the same rates as this year.

However, we are changing hotels. The Aquarius is raising their rates, and it would have cost each player \$45-\$55 more than this year, so we will be at the Edgewater, where we can keep the costs about the same as the last few years.

If you have any input or questions, please talk to a board member or Gary Roehrig, who continues to work hard to make this annual getaway a great value for all.

# Tournament Results – Club championship – September 12-12, 2015

## Club Champion

139 Daniel Petta \$190  
Gross

v4

### A Flight

Script			
1	138	Bach, Richard	\$190
2	139	Dancses, Kirk	\$160
3	140	Iriart, J.P.	\$140
4	142	Clark, Thomas K	\$120
5	143	Anthony, Michael	\$100
6	144	Jara, Aaron	\$80

### B Flight

Script			
1	135	Young, Larry	\$180
2	145	Thune II, John	\$160
T3	147	Granger, Paul	\$120
T3	147	Valdez Jr, Manny	\$120
4	149	Hove, Terry	\$80

### Saturday Chino Creek

#### Closest

#4	17' 1"	Kerian, Richard J	\$40
#7	15' 9"	Iriart, J.P.	\$40
#14	8' 9"	Earhart, Tom	\$40
#16	1' 8"	Clark, Thomas K	\$40

#### Skins

#2		Cole, Mike	\$30
#3		Rudell, Richard	\$30
#4		Clark, Thomas K	\$30
#7		Anthony, Michael	\$30
#12		Cole, Mike	\$30
#18		Jara, Aaron	\$30

### Sunday Butterfield Stage

#### Closest

#5	6' 11"	Tanner, Joe	\$40
#8	4' 2"	Petta, Daniel	\$40
#11	4' 8"	Randall, David W	\$40
#16	5' 11"	Caliri, Adam	\$40

#### Skins

#1		Bach, Richard	\$22
#4		Anthony, Michael	\$22
#6		Rudell, Richard	\$22
#8		Petta, Daniel	\$22
#10		Bach, Richard	\$22
#12		Rudell, Richard	\$22
#14		Cole, Mike	\$22
#18		Iriart, J.P.	\$22

### Saturday Chino Creek

#### Closest

#4	5' 10"	Day, Danny	\$34
#7	9' 9"	Valdez Jr, Manny	\$34
#14	9' 2"	Day, Danny	\$34
#16	7' 2"	Rocovitz, Mark	\$34

#### Skins

#4		Rocovitz, Mark	\$30
#9		Young, Larry	\$30
#11		Granger, Paul	\$30
#12		Oshiro, David	\$30
#16		Rocovitz, Mark	\$30

### Sunday Butterfield Stage

#### Closest

#5	18' 6"	Thune II, John	\$34
#8	8' 1"	Hove, Terry	\$34
#11	8' 2"	Ignacz, Ken	\$34
#16	8' 6"	Young, Larry	\$34

#### Skins

#4		Ignacz, Ken	\$19
#6		Thune II, John	\$19
#8		Hove, Terry	\$19
#9		Lizarraga, Richard	\$19
#10		Young, Larry	\$19
#12		Moore, George	\$19
#15		Granger, Paul	\$19
#18		Oshiro, David	\$19

## Tournament Results – Club championship – September 12-12, 2015

### C Flight

#### Script

1	134	Kaplan, Chris	\$180
2	136	Rief, Mark	\$160
3	138	Tapia III, Mike	\$140
4	139	Moir, James	\$120
5	141	Young, Troy	\$100

#### Saturday Butterfield Stage

#### Closest

#5	2' 1"	Young, Troy	\$48
#8	4' 6"	Mercurio, Ronald G	\$48
#11	7' 8"	Young, Troy	\$48
#16		No Winner	

#### Skins

#2	Young, Troy	\$18
#3	Tapia III, Mike	\$18
#8	Petrella, Tom	\$18
#9	Moir, James	\$18
#10	Morrison, Ed	\$18
#12	Petrella, Tom	\$18
#15	Saucedo, Jose	\$18
#17	Kaplan, Chris	\$18
#18	Petrella, Tom	\$18

#### Sunday Chino Creek

#### Closest

#4	6' 1"	Kaplan, Chris	\$36
#7	6' 1/2"	Kramer, John	\$36
#14	5' 6"	Briggle, Thomas	\$36
#16	18' 3/4"	Jones, Paul	\$36

#### Skins

#1	Kaplan, Chris	\$53
#5	Lovett, Gary W	\$53
#7	Moir, James	\$53

### D Flight

#### Script

1	134	Clark II, Earl Roy	\$180
2	142	Fekin, Melvin	\$160
3	143	Sianez, Alex	\$140
4	145	Hoover, Bob	\$90

#### Saturday Butterfield Stage

#### Closest

#5	48' 5"	Barber, Darnell	\$29
#8	7' 1/2"	Agan, John	\$29
#11	7' 3"	Walsh, James M	\$29
#16	4' 10"	Agan, John	\$29

#### Skins

#1	Fekin, Melvin	\$15
#3	Cox, David	\$15
#4	Sianez, Alex	\$15
#7	Clark II, Earl Roy	\$15
#9	La Bonte, Lawrence	\$15
#10	La Bonte, Lawrence	\$15
#11	Walsh, James M	\$15
#16	Walsh, James M	\$15
#18	Clark II, Earl Roy	\$15

#### Sunday Chino Creek

#### Closest

#4	8' 11"	Collins, Kerry	\$29
#7	6' 2"	La Bonte, Lawrence	\$29
#14	30' 3"	Fekin, Melvin	\$29
#16	28' 4"	Agan, John	\$29

#### Skins

#5	Agan, John	\$25
#9	Walsh, James M	\$25
#12	Clark II, Earl Roy	\$25
#14	Fekin, Melvin	\$25
#18	La Bonte, Lawrence	\$25

## Club Championship Rulings

The club championship turned out to be busier than usual for the “committee”, which are your board members and the golf course staff that administer the tournament. We had to make at least 4 rulings, with varying effects on the players involved. We don’t enjoy assessing penalties, but it is part of the game, and necessary to protect the field. We’re removing the names to protect the “innocent”, but we can all learn from these examples.

In the first case, a player hit the wrong ball, and discovered it only after hitting it a second time. The player went back and played the correct ball, finishing with 5. He added two 2-stroke penalties and wrote down a 9. After turning in his card, he learned that he should only have taken one penalty, so the score should have been 7. But according to the rules of golf, once the card was signed and turned in, it could not be changed. If you submit an inaccurate score card:

- If a hole score is recorded higher than actual score, you live with it.
- If a hole score is lower than the actual score, you are disqualified.
- If the hole scores are accurate, but you made a mistake in adding them up or calculating net scores, the committee will correct it and there is no penalty. This is why we post “preliminary” results while we review the cards and check the math.

The lesson is: If you are not sure about a rule or a score, **DO NOT sign your card and turn it in**. Ask at the scorer table FIRST, get a ruling, and make sure the card is correct. Then turn it in.

Another thing to remember is that in stroke play, if you are unsure of how to proceed on the course, under many conditions you have the option to finish the hole with 2 balls, one for each scenario, and decide which ball to score after consulting with the committee for a ruling when the round is over.

If you don’t carry a rule book, you can always go to [usga.org](http://usga.org) and search the rules while on the course, as long as you are not delaying play or looking for “advice”.

Our next rulings occurred on Sunday morning, when two players arrived late to their tee times, and incurred 2-stroke penalties. Under the rules of golf, this is usually a disqualification, but our club has a local rule (on the paper we hand out at tournament) that allows a golfer to incur a 2-stroke penalty if he is there within 5 minutes. Without an official timekeeper, we can’t be exact about the 5 minutes, but we know the golfers were late, so they were penalized. In one case the course considered moving the golfer to a later group, but the club did not allow it, because this is the Club Championship. **We want the leaders in each flight playing with, and being monitored by, their direct competitors.**

The lesson here is, don’t depend on hearsay in the 19<sup>th</sup> hole or the golf shop about when your tee time will be. Times are set by the club, and not the course, and are published on the web.

The final ruling had the most severe penalty. While reviewing the preliminary results, we confirmed that a member had failed to post 4 tournament scores from another golf association. For this reason the player was disqualified from all net payouts in the tournament.

Two basic premises underlie the [USGA Handicap System](#), and are the responsibility of **every player**:

1. Try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.
2. Post every acceptable round for [peer review](#).

When we receive specific information (not just complaining at the 19<sup>th</sup> hole) that a member violates these, we will investigate and take action as necessary.

Mark Rief, Communications

## Membership News

The board wishes to thank you for your membership and participation this past membership year. We have nearly 200 members who have been active in all our events: tournaments, Tuesday and Saturday skins and Laughlin Getaway. We peaked out with over 100 golfers in our Red Tee tournament and 80 in our Saturday skins. It is always more fun when the numbers are big.

October 1 is the time to renew and we hope each of you will join us again this year. And it is not a bad idea to recruit a friend. Any new member will receive a \$25 script card and a free round of golf. If you recruit a new member, you will also receive a free round of golf.

We look forward to having you join us in the 2015-16 membership year.

John Kramer, Membership

## Tournament Signup

### AB + CD Two Best Balls

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
*Please Print!*

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

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Forms due & Email due: **Oct 10th**

GHIN # \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

**No Requests** \_\_\_\_\_ **This is a Blind draw to create 4 man teams** \_\_\_\_\_

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