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President's Message

First, I want to report the election results from our annual meeting. The board will expand from 7 members to 9 members, as it was 20 years ago. Returning are Gary Abbott, Gil Vicario, Doug Benc, and Mark Rief; and we welcome Lance Ford and Tim Sleeper to join the board. I want to thank Luis Alva, Aaron Esparza, and Albert Rivera who also ran in this election. It was great to see so many members stepping up this year. At our next board meeting, positions will be decided for the next year, and the masthead above will be updated with the new roles of all board members.



At the club championship, Billy Mouw, J.P. Iriart, Albert Rivera and Eric Verne earned the right to represent us in SCGA Tournaments of Club Champions, and we wish them well as they compete on December 4 at various courses around the southland. You will be able to follow their progress at [SCGA Tournaments of Club Champions \(TOCC\)](#)

Many of you noticed that we had two players shoot lights-out rounds during the tournament. Rest assured that when the Saturday scores posted, the GHIN system correctly flagged these as "Exceptional", and applied "[Exceptional Score Reductions](#)" to the player indexes on Sunday morning. Nice shooting, but now you've got our attention 😊. To learn more, click the [link](#) to see how this works.

Our end of the year gathering was well attended – thanks to those who spent the afternoon at El Prado. A summary and pictures are later in the newsletter.

During the month of October, our associate members will be invited to play in skins games. Associates have a handicap but are not full participants in tournaments and skins games, so this gives them an opportunity to experience a little competitive golf. If you're a regular skins player and get paired with an associate, please welcome them, and help with any questions they have about the game or the club. If they enjoy the experience and win a little money, maybe they'll upgrade to regular members!

As we begin another tournament year, I thank everyone for their support over the past year, especially as we've had a few growing pains. My hope this year is to continue to use GolfGenius to improve the Tournament and Skins processes for signups, pairings, scoring, and payouts.

Mark Rief, President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 23
Online Tournament Signups Open

Oct 10
Online Tournament Signups Close

Oct 14
2 Man Better Ball

Oct 17
Derby!

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
(772) 408-2421
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[Tuesday Skins](#)

Tournament News

Our 2023 tournament season has officially ended. I think we finished the year with great weather, good food and fierce friendly competition. The Club Championship on Saturday and Sunday had 85 players playing for the two-day net flight championships and 28 of those players also teed it up Friday to compete for low gross.



Saturday produced 8 subpar net scores, including a 65 for one competitor. As promised, the committee reviewed all scores Saturday afternoon, and after seeing that the player's index would drop 2 strokes overnight based on GHIN calculations, we made no adjustments to any players in the field.



Sunday was a big moving day, as 3 of the 4 flight leaders fell out of the lead, and 2 out of 4 flights resulted in USGA tie breakers. Brian Dances A Flight tie break winner over Aaron Fekin and Billy Mouw (141). Jacob Perry B Flight tie break winner over Rich Lizarraga (141). The lowest net score for flight winner belonged to D Flight Albert Rivera (133), who we will send to the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions (TOCC) Net Division, and C Flight winner Eric Verne (138) who will also have an opportunity to represent EPMC in the Net Division.

In the low gross Club Championship, Thomas Hallam (Mac) lead after day 1, firing a 71, but couldn't hold off several charging competitors over the weekend (Billy Mouw, Aaron and Eric Fekin, and J.P. Iriart). Billy Mouw fired two sub-par rounds of 68 and 70 to win the Low Gross Club Championship by 6 shots! Congratulations Billy! The club will send Billy to represent us in the TOCC Men's Division. The lowest senior was J.P. Iriart, finishing 4th in the Low Gross division. J.P. is also eligible to represent EPMC at the TOCC Senior Division.

The tournament paid out \$7,317 to 58 players, and caused some shuffling in the Top 25 list, but James Fanning could not be caught with a total of \$1,141 for the year. That sounds like a lot, but consider we paid out \$53,350 total this year! Congratulations James!

October begins our new tournament season with the 2 Man Better Ball team event on October 14th. Look for online signups to open soon. Tournament

signups will close Tuesday October 10th. 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 scroll and add your playing partner's name.

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 14th tournament - AB flights will be on Butterfield and CD flights will be on Chino Creek. ☺

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

TOP 25 - 2022-2023 - FINAL

Rank	Name	Total
1	Fanning, James	1141
2	Dancses, Brian	1005
3	Hederman, Joseph	939
4	Tapia, Mike	778
5	Dancses, Kirk	768
6	Briggle, Thomas	766
7	Martin, Gary	755
8	Verne, Sean	739
9	Becerra, Rafael	724
10	Lovell, Ron	665
11	Alva, Luis	659
11	Clark, Thomas	659
13	Hughes, Daniel	632
14	Barrow, Boone	625
15	Perry, Jacob	624
16	Moore, George	608
17	Mouw, Billy	592
18	Lorenz, Dave	587
19	Cole, Mike	584
20	Armijo, Albert J.	577
21	Verne, Eric	575
22	Ferguson, Lyle	572
23	Renteria, Lawrence	568
23	Rivera, Albert	568
25	Deshay, Stan	564

Pro's Corner

El Prado members

For those that entered the FAMBAM tournament, we had to postpone that event due to typhoon Hillary creating some trouble for us. We had a record 48 players entered and have rescheduled this event for September 24. This event has been very popular since the format is a two-person scramble, you and your partner must have some sort of relationship to enter. Lastly, the best part is that we do a Santa Maria Tri-tip barbecue for all participants. All profits from this event go to the El Prado Junior Golf Academy. Please help me to thank Jim Brown who donated the Tri-tips for this event and to our staff assistant Jim Jack for doing the cooking. Please email me your entry as soon as possible.



Thanks again to everyone for supporting El Prado Golf Club this past summer, we appreciate all of you.

Art Guevara, PGA
Head Golf Professional/Tournament Director

Derby News

We had our monthly derby on September 12, the Tuesday after the Club Championship tournament. 26 players shared in the fun.



This month we were back on Butterfield Stage 1-5. On the last hole 3 teams tied with par, so we went to the bunker for a chip off. With nobody hitting the green, we did it again with the partners. Again without success, we moved to the grass where Richard Lizarraga and Pat Bates put it close to win first place and \$90. Second were Jim Fanning and Albert Rivera with \$60, and third were Ed Lambeth and Rafael Becerra with \$30.



We have one more derby before daylight savings ends, so let's get a big crowd out for the last hurrah on Tuesday October 17.

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

Highlights from the Annual Meeting – September 10, 2023

On September 10 we held our annual meeting immediately following the final round of play in the Club Championship. Below is a recap, with some numbers updated following the tournament.

Mark thanked the course staff and new ownership for their ongoing support, and for investing in our home course. We have 288 regular members plus



206 associates, down slightly from the COVID boom. Associates are invited to skins in October, please welcome them!

We are financially in good shape. After minimal overhead expenses, all membership fees go back into the club by subsidizing golf payouts.

Golf Participation and Payouts were excellent this year.



Tuesday Skins had 124 players participate in 1,450 rounds, paying out \$25K. The #1 participant was Ramiro Torres with 43 rounds. The #1 money winner was Tom Clark.

Saturday Skins had 243 players participate in 2,664 rounds, paying out \$49K. The #1 participant was Ramiro Torres with 36 rounds. The #1 money winner was Stan Deshay.

Monthly Tournaments had 198 players participate in 1,395 rounds, paying out \$53K to 198 players. 127 players made over \$140 – enough to cover their membership fee. The #1 money winner was Jim Fanning (see Top 25 list). In addition, the annual Getaway paid out \$17K.

In total, our competitions included over 5,500 rounds, and paid out over \$144K.

We continue to make progress with GolfGenius, adding online signups for Tournaments and Tuesday Skins. We are looking at Saturday skins and options other than cash for entry fees and payouts of winnings.



A motion was passed to increase the board from 7 to 9 members. 5th and 6th place votes would be initial 1 year terms to keep the stagger. Original board was 9, reduced in 2000 due to low membership.

A motion was passed to reduce the requirement for board members for membership in good standing from 3 to 2 years.

In Getaway news, Rich thanked Boone for managing Laughlin the past few years, and announced that the 2024 Getaway will be in Mesquite May 30 – June 1. We will play Falcon Ridge, Palms, and Casablanca. Hotel reservations will be made by players, using a group code to get our discounted rates. Overall, the cost is a little less than last year in Laughlin. Details to follow.

Election results were announced: Gary Abbott, Gil Vicario, Doug Benc, and Mark Rief will serve 2 years. Lance Ford and Tim Sleeper will serve 1 year.

Tournament results were announced. Champion: Billy Mouw; Net Flight Winners: Brian Dancses (tiebreaker), Jacob Parry (tiebreaker), Eric Verne, Albert Rivera; Sr Champion: J.P. Iriart.



PGA Pro Art Guevara expressed his appreciation to all the members of the club.

The meeting ended with the raffle. Thanks to everyone who attended. We hope you had a good time and continue to support our club.



Tournament Results – Club Championship – September 8-10, 2023

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

Low Gross Club Championship (Scrip)

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Gross	R1	R2	R3	Total Gross	Purse
1	Mouw, Billy	-4	74	68	70	212	\$200
T2	Fekin, Aaron	2	77	70	71	218	
T2	Fekin, Eric	2	75	71	72	218	
4	Iriart, J.P. (Low Senior)	3	75	73	71	219	
5	Hallam, Thomas	5	71	76	74	221	
6	Dancses, Brian	6	76	76	70	222	
T7	Mercado, Martin	7	73	75	75	223	
T7	Anthony, Michael	7	77	71	75	223	
T7	Callahan, Ryan	7	75	72	76	223	
10	Jones, Brad	9	76	74	75	225	

Total Purse Allocated: \$200.00

Individual Low Net (Scrip)

A Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
T1	Dancses, Brian	-3	74	67	141	\$185
T1	Fekin, Aaron	-3	70	71	141	\$185
T1	Mouw, Billy	-3	70	71	141	\$0
T4	Anthony, Michael	-1	70	73	143	\$130
T4	Iriart, J.P.	-1	73	70	143	\$130
6	Abbott, Gary	E	72	72	144	\$100
T7	Clark, Thomas	2	71	75	146	\$50
T7	Trujillo, Kobe	2	72	74	146	\$50
T7	Anderson, Nolan	2	73	73	146	\$50
T7	Fekin, Eric	2	73	73	146	\$50

B Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
T1	Perry, Jacob	-3	73	68	141	\$185
T1	Lizarraga, Richard	-3	70	71	141	\$185
3	Larios, Andres	E	72	72	144	\$140
4	Poh, Colby	2	72	74	146	\$120
5	Rincon, Julio	3	71	76	147	\$100
T6	Moore, George	4	75	73	148	\$65
T6	Freeman, Craig	4	73	75	148	\$65
T6	Waasdorp, Pete	4	72	76	148	\$65

C Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Verne, Eric	-6	68	70	138	\$200
2	Prisock, Aaron	E	75	69	144	\$170
3	Verne, Sean	1	75	70	145	\$140
4	Becerra, Rafael	2	73	73	146	\$120
5	Briggle, Thomas	4	78	70	148	\$100
T6	Tapia, Mike	5	77	72	149	\$65
T6	Nichols, Wayne	5	76	73	149	\$65
T6	Hederman, Joseph	5	77	72	149	\$65

D Flight

Pos.	Player	Total To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Rivera, Albert	-11	70	63	133	\$200
2	Albany, Ramy	-9	65	70	135	\$170
T3	Kramer, John	-1	73	70	143	\$130
T3	Baker, Robert	-1	75	68	143	\$130
5	Bates, Patrick	1	76	69	145	\$100
6	Renteria, Lawrence	2	70	76	146	\$80
T7	Green, Scott	3	79	68	147	\$60
T7	Hogate, Scott	3	78	69	147	\$60

Total Purse Allocated: \$3,710.00

Gross Skins – (cash pots)

SATURDAY

A Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Fekin, Eric	1	\$70	Eagle on 12
Singh, Kavi	1	\$70	Birdie on 13
Fekin, Aaron	1	\$70	Birdie on 10

B Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Waasdorp, Pete	1	\$105	Birdie on 10
Evans, Cary	1	\$105	Birdie on 13

C Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Fanning, James	1	\$57	Birdie on 4
Nichols, Wayne	1	\$57	Birdie on 10
Verne, Sean	1	\$57	Birdie on 7
Torres, Ramiro	1	\$57	Birdie on 16

D Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Baker, Robert	2	\$50	Birdie on 7, Birdie on 18
Rivera, Albert	2	\$50	Birdie on 13, Birdie on 14
Barcenas, Cristhian	1	\$25	Par on 3
Boucher, Norm	1	\$25	Par on 10
Armijo, Albert J	1	\$25	Par on 8
Green, Scott	1	\$25	Par on 1

Total Purse Allocated: \$848.00

SUNDAY

A Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Anderson, Nolan	2	\$84	Birdie on 1, Birdie on 16
Dancses, Brian	1	\$42	Birdie on 14
Mercado, Martin	1	\$42	Birdie on 10
Mouw, Billy	1	\$42	Birdie on 4

B Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Cerda, Mario	1	\$52	Birdie on 1
Rodriguez, Eduardo	1	\$52	Birdie on 11
Larios, Andres	1	\$52	Birdie on 15
Perry, Jacob	1	\$52	Birdie on 5

C Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Briggle, Thomas	3	\$115	Birdie on 8, Birdie on 13, Birdie on 16
Nichols, Wayne	1	\$38	Birdie on 11
Prisock, Aaron	1	\$38	Birdie on 12
Becerra, Rafael	1	\$38	Birdie on 5

D Flight

	Skins	Purse	Details
Rivera, Albert	3	\$120	Eagle on 6, Birdie on 13, Birdie on 16
Green, Scott	1	\$40	Birdie on 17
Jensen, Paul	1	\$40	Birdie on 2

Total Purse Allocated: \$847.00

Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

SATURDAY

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Iriart, J.P.	\$53	#14 9 ft 2 in
	Lorenz, Dave	\$53	#17 2 ft 11 in
	Jones, Adam	\$53	#2 5 ft 2 in
	Fekin, Eric	\$53	#7 8 ft 8
	Total Purse Allocated: \$212.00		
B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Earhart, Tom	\$53	#14 23 ft 5 in
	Rincon, Julio	\$53	#17 1 ft
	Poh, Colby	\$53	#2 2 ft 5 in
	Lizarraga, Richard	\$53	#7 24 ft
	Total Purse Allocated: \$212.00		
C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Rief, Mark	\$58	#14 9 ft 4 in
	Torres, Ramiro	\$58	#16 8 ft 2 in
	Lovell, Ron	\$58	#4 9 ft 10 in
	Verne, Sean	\$58	#7 1 ft 4 in
	Total Purse Allocated: \$232.00		
D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Rivera, Albert	\$50	#14 8 ft 5 in
	Albany, Ramy	\$50	#16 5 ft 4 in
	Renteria, Lawrence	\$50	#4 14 ft 11 in
	Barcenas, Cristhian	\$50	#7 11 ft 6 in
	Total Purse Allocated: \$200.00		

SUNDAY

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Callahan, Ryan	\$53	#14 22'6"
	Anderson, Nolan	\$53	#16 5'10"
	Abbott, Gary	\$53	#4 11'3"
	Fekin, Eric	\$53	#7 8'1"
	Total Purse Allocated: \$212.00		
B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Poh, Colby	\$53	#14 15'1"
	Weber, Bart	\$53	#16 7'1"
	Mercado, Ted	\$53	#4 6'8"
	Gonzalez, Paul	\$53	#7 4'
	Total Purse Allocated: \$212.00		
C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Barrow, Boone	\$58	#14 22'5"
	Biscocho, Art	\$58	#17 10'6"
	Verne, Eric	\$58	#2 8'4"
	Tapia, Mike	\$58	#7 31'1"
	Total Purse Allocated: \$232.00		
D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Boucher, Norm	\$50	#14 18'4"
	Luzar, Les	\$50	#17 13'9"
	Sanchez, Nick	\$50	#2 14'
	Albany, Ramy	\$50	#7 9'5"
	Total Purse Allocated: \$200.00		