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President's Message

The USGA, SCGA, and the men's club all try hard to educate golfers on the rules, but somehow, it's never enough. How about some myth busting about our local rules? Here are some examples of claims members have recently made:

- *We get free relief from footprints in bunkers.* FALSE. Only water furrows. If everyone rakes, then there is no problem.
- *We get free relief if we want to putt over a sprinkler head from off the green.* FALSE. True at some clubs, but not here. But since it has come up a couple times, we will discuss adding it to our local rules.
- *In alternate shot, if a ball strikes a wire, then the partner hits next.* FALSE. The stroke is cancelled, and the player must re-hit. We see this in the derby, as well as next month's tournament.
- *Our [derby rules](#) say the final chip-off must be from the bunker.* FALSE. It is traditional to make it tough, but it's up to whoever is running the derby, usually the social chair.
- *I hit a tee shot OB at another course, and they wouldn't let me drop in the fairway laying 3.* TRUE, unless they have a local rule. The USGA provides a [model local rule](#) (E-5) to speed up play by avoiding the walk back to the tee box, but it is up to each course or organization to adopt it, as we did at El Prado.



I remind you both the [USGA rules of golf](#) and [our local rules](#) are readily available on your smart phone, using the [USGA rules app](#) or [our web site](#). For tournaments, we always have hard copies of the terms of competition available at the check-in table. It never hurts to carry one for reference if a question comes up on the course. And as we always remind you, if you have a question, resolve it before turning in your scorecard.

Lately there has been a lot of talk about the course being and sold, and what it means to us. I have spoken to one of the new owners, and to our General Manager Kevin, and asked them to fill in our members on what is going on, and hopefully calm down the rumor mill. Thanks to Kevin for writing an announcement for this newsletter, so that we can all stay informed.

Our handicap chair Gil recently had to talk to some members who play regularly at another course but weren't posting all their scores. Their explanation was that it's a skins game, and they often pick up putts. So what? The USGA rules of handicapping are very clear on this – if you do not finish a hole, for posting purposes you record your most likely score, up to your maximum of net double bogey. They even offer guidelines – add one stroke inside 5 feet; or add 2-3 strokes between 5 feet and 20 yards, depending on the position of the ball and your ability. If you don't believe it, [watch this video](#) on adjusting hole scores. We depend on your eyes and ears to keep everyone honest and make sure their handicaps represent their demonstrated ability. If you see something unusual, or have a handicap question, please let us know so that we can look into it!

Mark Rief, President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 8
Online Tournament
Signups Close

August 12
2 Man Pinehurst

August 15
Derby!

Sep 5
Online Tournament
Signups Close

Sep 8-10
Club Championship
Gross, Senior Gross

Sep 9-10
Club Championship
Net Flights

Sep 12
Derby!

SIGNUPS

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

Tournament News

The July 2023 Invitational tournament had 110 golfers/55 teams and paid out \$4,550. For reporting purposes, we had 10 guests playing with member partners. Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Dave Cox, Ron Lovell, and Mark Masanovich - each receiving \$100 in pot money. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all for making another memorable event.



We are now 10 months into our tournament year and club member James Fanning maintains a comfortable lead on the money leaderboard. Hats off to the consistent play this year of our current top 5 money leaders. So far, the top 5 money leaders are averaging over a \$100.00 in tournament winnings per played event. Practice and good partners always help. With only 2 tournaments remaining it should be an exciting finish to see who comes out on top at the end!



Our next tournament is August 12th, the 2 Man Pinehurst (also known as Chapman). This is a 2 man team alternate shot format, where you play 2 balls for the first 2 strokes, and then pick one of them up. Each player hits his first shot from the teeing ground. Then each player hits his partner's ball for the second shot – next, the partners select which ball to use and pick up the other ball. The partners then take turns hitting the remaining ball for the rest of the hole. This means the third shot is hit by the player whose second shot was not used. Then the other player hits the fourth shot, and they continue alternating shots on the one ball until it is holed out. On the next tee, you start again with two balls.

You may not change balls during a hole. If a stroke is cancelled (e.g. hits a power line), the same partner who made the stroke must make the next stroke. Penalty strokes do not count as player strokes in alternating shots.

Tournament signups will close Tuesday August 8th. Look for the Golf Genius tournament signup email soon and sign your team up early to guarantee a spot. Don't forget online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before August 8th. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday August 9th before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings Friday August 11th.

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 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 the August 12th 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

Rank	Name	Total
1	Fanning, James	1027
2	Hederman, Joseph	831
3	Martin, Gary	755
4	Alva, Luis	648
5	Dancses, Brian	639
6	Hughes, Daniel	632
7	Lovell, Ron	590
8	Dancses, Kirk	577
9	Ferguson, Lyle	572
10	Deshay, Stan	564
11	Becerra, Rafael	555
12	Briggle, Thomas	551
13	Barrow, Boone	550
14	Clark, Thomas	531
15	Lorenz, Dave	516
16	Patterson, Ronald	512
17	Moore, George	498
17	Tapia, Mike	498
19	Ortiz, Danny	490
20	Barber, Darnell	475
21	Anzora, Nelson	463
22	Armijo, Albert J.	462
23	Cole, Mike	445
24	Ostergaard, Chris	422
25	Cerda, Mario	395

El Prado Ownership Change

El Prado Golf Courses was built in 1975 and opened to the public in July of 1976. Two generations of the Heuler family owned and operated the 36-hole facility for 47 years.



As decades went by and the land lease neared its end date with the County of San Bernardino the options of what would be next surfaced. Threats of other land uses came and went but ultimately keeping golf open was victorious.

Part of keeping golf open required investment back into the property which came in the form of new ownership. During the search for new ownership, we landed on a group that we felt would be a good fit, not only for the golfers but also for our wonderful staff.

On June 26, 2023 new ownership officially took over with 100% of our staff retaining employment, including management.

New ownership is finalizing the last steps of a long-term land lease that will ultimately keep golf open on this property for the rest of most our lives. Once that is complete, we will immediately start working on improvements to the property. The obvious improvements will include the clubhouse and parking lot; beyond that anything and everything is on the table that will add value and additional revenue.

Our ultimate goal for the property is to continue the theme of 'community' by creating an environment where people want to be. We understand and recognize the property currently looks and feels tired, mainly a cause of the expiring lease. Moving forward, we have a lot to be excited about as staff and customers. El Prado has a bright future that we are very excited to be a part of.

As general ideas become specific projects, you will begin seeing them, hearing about them and hopefully supporting them. We look forward to providing all of you with an elevated product that all of us can be proud of.

As always, thank you for your support.

Kevin Knutson, General Manager

Anyone who wants to further discuss this topic can reach me at: Kevin@elpradogolfcourses.com

Pro's Corner

El Prado members, we are in the middle of the summer and by the look of things the heat index only keeps getting higher and higher. Please make sure that all of you are taking precautions every time you're playing, especially the next few weeks.



I wanted to take this chance and introduce some ongoing and new programs that we have here at El Prado. Our junior classes continue to be sold out and occur on Saturdays and Sundays starting at 12:00 pm. I am very proud and honored that our Men's Club has been great supporters of our junior golf programs and would encourage anyone available after golf on Saturdays to come and say hello to the juniors. Our program has given scholarships and golf equipment to many juniors in the last few years.

Our next event is hosting the premier junior golf event in the country. AJGA or American Junior Golf Association will be having a big event here at El Prado on August 5th (Saturday). This event is looking for some volunteers to help with timing stations along with drink stations during the event that starts at 10:30 am. If interested, please email art@elpradogolfcourses.com and I will send you the link to sign up. Volunteers will receive an AJGA hat, pin and lunch.

Lastly, on August 27 (Sunday) we are having our Two-person scramble event called the FAMBAM tournament. This is a team event and the catch is that you have to either be a couple or related to your partner. A flyer will be available in the golf shop or you can email me for an entry.

Art Guevara, PGA
Head Golf Professional/Tournament Director

Derby News

We had our 4th derby of the year on July 18, the Tuesday after the tournament. 20 players braved the heat, ranging from perennial winner Tom Clark to a couple of first timers.

First place and \$100 went to Tom Clark (AGAIN!) and Rafael Beccera. Second with \$60 were Alex Abbott and Doug Benc, and third with \$40 were Darnel Barber and Gary Abbott.



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

Hole in One!

During our Tuesday July 11th skins game El Prado Golf Courses offered up another hole-in-one. This time the lucky golfer was board/club member Danny Ortiz. Danny's playing partners Julio Rincon, Tom Bruder, and Brian Robertson witnessed a flushed pin seeking eight iron find the bottom of the cup on Chino Creek Hole #14. Congratulations Danny! It's incredible that EPMC has had 4 holes in ones so far this season.



Tournament Results – Invitational – July 16, 2023

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

All payouts listed are PER TEAM. Payouts for Member/Member teams will be split.
Payouts for Member/Guest teams will be paid to the Member, who is responsible to settle up with their guest.

Scramble / Best Ball (Scrip)

A Flight

Pos.	Team	Scramble	Better Ball	Total	Purse
1	Fekin, Aaron + Hallam, Thomas	28	31	59	\$200
T2	Mercado, Martin + Ortega, Jose	32	32	64	\$130
T2	Dancses, Kirk + Masanovich, Mark	31	33	64	\$130
T2	Anderson, Nolan + Ignacz, Ken	31	33	64	\$130

B Flight

Pos.	Team	Scramble	Better Ball	Total	Purse
1	Becerra, Ralph + Woodhead, Glenn	31	32	63	\$200
T2	Harlin, Jeff + Harlin, Troy	34	30	64	\$150
T2	Johnson, Kelly + Moore, George	32	32	64	\$150
4	Alva, Luis + Becerra, Rafael	33	32	65	\$90

C Flight

Pos.	Team	Scramble	Better Ball	Total	Purse
T1	Campos, Gus + Floris, Henri	31	30	61	\$185
T1	Beutler, Brett + Green, Scott	30	31	61	\$185
3	DelGado, Robert + Ortiz, Danny	32	30	62	\$130
4	Barrow, Boone + Lovell, Ron	34	30	64	\$90

D Flight

Pos.	Team	Scramble	Better Ball	Total	Purse
1	Apao, Edward + Bretado, Henry	33	28	61	\$200
T2	Barcenas, Cristhian + Rivera, Albert	31	32	63	\$130
T2	Edmondson, Richard + Renteria, Lawrence	32	31	63	\$130
T2	Kramer, John + Valdez, Ramon	35	28	63	\$130

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,360.00

Gross Skins – (cash pots)

A Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Dancses, Kirk + Masanovich, Mark	2	\$92	Birdie on 2, Birdie on 3
Fekin, Aaron + Hallam, Thomas	2	\$92	Birdie on 10, Eagle on 13
Anzora, Nelson + Gonzalez, Paul	1	\$46	Birdie on 12
Clark, Thomas + Lovell, Jim	1	\$46	Birdie on 14

B Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Johnson, Kelly + Moore, George	2	\$80	Birdie on 11, Birdie on 14
Psalms, Marcus + psalms, malik	1	\$40	Birdie on 12
Becerra, Ralph + Woodhead, Glenn	1	\$40	Birdie on 16
Alva, Luis + Becerra, Rafael	1	\$40	Birdie on 7
Boucher, Norm + Mundy, Robert	1	\$40	Eagle on 5
Harlin, Jeff + Harlin, Troy	1	\$40	Birdie on 15

C Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
DelGado, Robert + Ortiz, Danny	2	\$74	Birdie on 5, Birdie on 18
Baker, Clarence + Baker, Robert	1	\$36	Birdie on 3
Cerda, Mario + Harlin, Scott	1	\$36	Birdie on 9
Beutler, Brett + Green, Scott	1	\$36	Birdie on 15
Burandt, Brent + Vicario, Gil	1	\$36	Birdie on 12
Deshay, Stan + Martin, Gary	1	\$36	Birdie on 14

D Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Fanning, James + Fanning, Jeff	1	\$92	Birdie on 14
Apao, Edward + Bretado, Henry	1	\$92	Birdie on 11
Irizarry, Mario + Siliceo, Miguel	1	\$92	Birdie on 8

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,086.00

Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

A Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Clark, Thomas + Lovell, Jim	\$140	#4 4 ft 8 in, #14 14 ft 5 in
	Anthony, Michael + Fitch, Chris	\$70	#16 4 ft 7 in
	Fekin, Aaron + Hallam, Thomas	\$70	#7 6 ft

Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00

B Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Alva, Luis + Becerra, Rafael	\$140	#4 5 ft 7 in, #7 3 ft 5 in
	Johnson, Kelly + Moore, George	\$70	#14 7 ft 4 in
	Peniata, Oscar + Siakisini, Esela	\$70	#16 3 ft 5 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00

C Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Barrow, Boone + Lovell, Ron	\$66	#14 5 ft 6 in
	Deshay, Stan + Martin, Gary	\$66	#17 8 ft 4 in
	Jensen, Paul + Rief, Mark	\$66	#2 6 ft 10 in
	Beutler, Brett + Green, Scott	\$66	#7 1 ft 11 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$264.00

D Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Jojola, Mark + Moir, James	\$140	#2 3 ft 6 in, #17 2 ft 5 in
	Fanning, James + Fanning, Jeff	\$70	#14 2 ft 6 in
	Albany, Ramy + Wallace, Fred	\$70	#7 11 ft 6 in

Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00