19th Hole Golf Club Report
Carmichael Elks Golf Clubhouse

The Carmichael Elks Golf Club held its first meeting of the new year on January 2, 2020 at the Carmichael Elks Lodge. President Allen Plimpton called the meeting to order and welcomed all returning members. President Plimpton then gave a big "Thank You" to Jerry Troutman and Georgia Lipphardt for their work on the December 14th Awards Dinner held at the Lodge, and awarded the title of Poet Laureate of the Golf Club to Ed Arnsdorf for his poetic eloquence when he handed out awards in December. President Plimpton then led the members in congratulating our 2019 Player of the year, Gary Almquist. Allen then noted the need to do some recruiting of new members this year as we have plenty of room for more players and lots of fine courses scheduled for tournaments this year. Allen noted further that while we have 27 tournaments scheduled this year, it is not mandatory that a member play every tournament. Each member can play as little or a much as they desire. Guests are also welcome and all levels of play are accepted.

Copies of The 2020 Tournament Schedule was handed out to all present and is shown below. Sign ups for our lone January and February tournaments were taken by Tournament Chair Jim Toner. Everyone seemed excited about renewing friendships and getting back out onto the courses.

For all you members of the Carmichael Elks Lodge who might be interested in playing golf, here is a little information about our Club.

As noted above, we have 27 tournaments scheduled for 2020. All the tournaments are scheduled for Mondays, with one exception in May when we play on a Tuesday. Members do not have to play every tournament and are free to bring guests when space is available. We have only one tournament in January and one in February followed by two in March. Beginning in April we play three tournaments per month through October. November finishes the year with two tournaments and we take December off from golf and celebrate the year at our annual Awards Dinner. Our first tournament of the year will be played at Antelope Greens, which is a relatively short course with lots of challenging short holes that can test the players chipping and pitching abilities. It is a good way to ease back into the game with the emphasis on our short game skills rather than on long ball hitting. It gives our muscles a chance to get up to speed gradually. The February tournament at Davis Municipal is another shorter course that is still fun and has it own unique holes that keep you on your toes. This year we return to some of our favorite courses in the greater Sacramento area and each course is good at giving players a chance to challenge themselves and work toward lowering their handicaps. We also added a new course this year we have not tried before: Castle Oaks in Ione. We welcome newer players, couples and singles who want to brush up on their skills, or simply want to get back into the game. We meet once a month on the first Thursday of each month at the Lodge for news and to sign up for the month’s tourneys. Our next monthly meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on February 6th at one of the available meeting rooms at the Lodge. Come check us out, we would love to have you join us at the meeting or for a game. You can check out the courses we will be playing on the schedule on the next page.

New Member? Want to Connect? No Need to Feel Shy - Just Volunteer!!

Volunteering to help with Carmichael Elks activities and events is a great way to meet new people, make new friends, keep active, feel purposeful, learn something new and have lots of fun. The committees and teams are positive and welcoming, and won’t give you more than you can handle. Check out the Volunteer Central bulletin board—it’s in the hall next to the Dining Room. Call a Committee Chair (see Page 27) to find out what kind of help they need. Attend some of the activities and talk to the crew members, or just watch the action at first and feel the happy vibes.

See you at the Lodge!