



# EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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### President's Message

**COVID-19!** When we first heard the word, it probably didn't register as much more than a blip on the nightly news in January?! Here we are, almost two months later, and life as we know it, will never be the same. Even if the virus never actually comes to your family or friends, its reach is beyond medical issues that we might suffer from.

This virus has taken away sports, entertainment, salaries and even some value to many 401k's. The spread of the virus is going affect each of us in different ways. My family is already feeling the pressure as I am sure many of yours are as well.

Although golf may be the last thing on many of your minds today, you may also find that you miss it tremendously over the coming days, weeks or months?

We will do our best to keep you updated with all the latest news about the El Prado Golf Course, and when it will be open again. If you do go out there to play, please be careful and follow some rules to minimize your exposure to COVID-19.

- **Try and leave the flag in as much as possible, to eliminate touching a surface (the pin), that has been touched by every previous group**
- **Don't shake hands, or share fist bumps**
- **Avoid picking up balls, equipment or towels of other players in your group. Your friends will understand and it's not necessary**
- **If you can carry some Anti-bacterial wipes with you to clean the cart steering wheel before driving**
- **Avoid handing money to each other to settle bets and use apps like Venmo or PayPal if possible**
- **Lastly, if you feeling sick, just don't play. Now is not the time to chance it**

When it comes to our club schedule, we truly have no idea how it will be affected at this time. No decisions have been made in regards to upcoming tournaments or even the Laughlin Getaway. The board will be considering all of our options, but we will error on the side of caution if means protecting our membership! We are all hoping to get back on the course as quickly as we can. Until then, please go out of your way to be careful and follow the directions of doctors and those in charge of keeping us safe.

While we may not be playing golf, more importantly, there are employees that may have lost much more during this trying time. So, please keep those that work at El Prado in your thoughts.

Doug Benc  
President

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**April 4**  
Tournament  
Signups Due

**April 11**  
5-4-3 Out

**May 9**  
Tournament  
Signups Due

**May 16**  
2 Man Modified  
Pinehurst

**Saturday Skins  
Call/Text  
(909) 260-1717  
Signup by  
Wed 3 pm**

**Tournaments  
Call  
909-984-8220**

## Tournament News

**Late News Flash: With changing news about the course availability, please watch your email for updates. We will keep you informed on how this will impact the EPMC tournament and skins game schedules.**

### Member - Member

Honestly, I did not know what to expect. What with the rainy weather, and the looming flu season, I wasn't sure how many people would actually show up. But golfers are a hearty, resilient group, and generally fanatic about the sport, so they showed up in force for what turned into a good day for competition. I guess we all figure it is mainly outdoors and we are not all bunched together. We had 64 players in 4 flights vying for the top spots. The rain stayed away and the courses were just dry enough to get it done. This year 2 man format was 9 holes best ball and 9 holes aggregate with 5-4-3 Out. Coming out on top of the A flight team Rick Bach/George Moore with 77. B flight winners were Chris Kaplan/Doug Gurganus 75. Two teams tied at 78 in C flight were Jeff Braucht/Greg Randall and Kelly Johnson/Gil Vicario. There was a three way tie for 1st in D flight, went to John Agan/Ralph Alderete, Vino Nomura/Steve Elliott, and Russ Pigeon/Michael DeHerrera at 81. Congratulations to all the winners

Skins and Close to pin checks will be sent out to you by Richard Lizarraga. You can pick up your check on Saturday at the next skins game or wait for the snail mail and it takes two or three weeks to get your check in the mail so be patient.

Please check the entire results in the newsletter. At any time you can check your script balances in the golf shop by asking one of the staff.

Thanks again to Kevin for manning the scoreboard and helping with all the scoreboard results. Thanks to everyone for keeping better scorecards and checking them before you turn them in.

Remember, we are the members of El Prado Mens Club and this is our home course. Take care of your divots, repair ball marks, fix pitch marks, drive your carts through the rough instead of the fairways. Play quickly and keep up with the group in front of you.

On April 11th, we will have our regular Individual Low Net with 5-4-3-Out. This format seems to have gained some popularity so sign up early. The El Prado Golf Courses are being punched in mid (Chino Creek) and late March (Butterfield) and we have decided that 11 days on Butterfield is enough healing time to schedule and use both courses. Please be sure to note your requests on the form request line or specifically in your email. I am starting to get too

many verbal requests and "oh, by the way" add on request, and I have to check and recheck, so I will only try to honor those that are written down. Don't count on my memory.

Please sign up early and no later than Saturday April 4th, through e-mail to [dcox181@hotmail.com](mailto:dcox181@hotmail.com) or by filling out a sign-up form located in the golf shop. As always you can also sign up on the EPMC web site.

Dave Cox  
Tournament Director

## Golf Course Status

The course is trying it's best to remain open while obeying government health orders, but is currently closed. You can keep up with the course status on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/EIPradoGC/>.



## Top 25 - 2019-2020

|    | Name               | Skins | Close | Script | Total |
|----|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1  | Delgado, Robert    | 83    | 81    | 305    | 469   |
| 2  | Dancses, Kirk      | 107   | 23    | 330    | 460   |
| 3  | Ortiz, Danny       | 148   | 84    | 175    | 407   |
| 4  | Hughes, Daniel     | 85    | 40    | 215    | 340   |
| 5  | Nomura, Vino       | 82    | 76    | 180    | 338   |
| 6  | Oshiro, David      | 109   | 64    | 155    | 328   |
| 7  | Becerra, Rafael    | 77    | 108   | 115    | 300   |
| 8  | Grinder, John      | 49    | 24    | 225    | 298   |
| 9  | Kaplan, Chris      | 34    | 170   | 80     | 284   |
| 9  | Moore, George      | 39    | 65    | 180    | 284   |
| 11 | Lizarraga, Richard | 90    | 20    | 170    | 280   |
| 12 | Rocovitz, Mark     | 72    | 82    | 120    | 274   |
| 13 | Elliott, Steven    | 87    | 0     | 185    | 272   |
| 14 | Agan, John         | 0     | 36    | 225    | 261   |
| 14 | Nichols, Wayne     | 68    | 108   | 85     | 261   |
| 16 | Bach, Richard      | 80    | 18    | 145    | 243   |
| 17 | Caliri, Adam       | 58    | 23    | 155    | 236   |
| 18 | Cabezas, Calixto   | 89    | 46    | 100    | 235   |
| 19 | Teneriello, Louie  | 39    | 97    | 90     | 226   |
| 20 | Saulet, Darrel     | 89    | 20    | 95     | 204   |
| 21 | Hirt, Terry        | 28    | 34    | 135    | 197   |
| 22 | Earhart, Tom       | 30    | 98    | 65     | 193   |
| 23 | Abbott, Gary       | 62    | 50    | 70     | 182   |
| 23 | Wilson, Darrell    | 44    | 63    | 75     | 182   |
| 25 | Ortega, Alfonso    | 54    | 32    | 95     | 181   |

## Tournament Results – Member/Member – March 14, 2020

| <b>A Flight Chino Creek</b> |    |               |       |
|-----------------------------|----|---------------|-------|
| <b>Script</b>               |    |               |       |
| 1                           | 77 | Bach, Richard | \$100 |
| 1                           |    | Moore, George | \$100 |
| T2                          | 80 | Iriart, J.P.  | \$35  |
| T2                          |    | Ford, Lance   | \$35  |
| T2                          | 80 | Jara, Aaron   | \$35  |
| T2                          |    | Perry, Jacob  | \$35  |

| <b>Closest</b> |        |                 |      |
|----------------|--------|-----------------|------|
| #4             | 30' 1" | Anderson, Nolan | \$20 |
|                |        | Ignacz, Ken     | \$20 |
| #7             | 13' 6" | Mundy, Robert   | \$20 |
|                |        | Anderson, David | \$20 |
| #14            | 6' 7"  | Jara, Aaron     | \$20 |
|                |        | Perry, Jacob    | \$20 |
| #16            | 13' 6" | Freeman, Craig  | \$20 |
|                |        | Benc, Doug      | \$20 |

| <b>Skins</b> |  |                  |      |
|--------------|--|------------------|------|
| #2           |  | Jara, Aaron      | \$15 |
|              |  | Perry, Jacob     | \$15 |
| #6           |  | Caliri, Adam     | \$15 |
|              |  | Masanovich, Mark | \$15 |
| #7           |  | Mundy, Robert    | \$15 |
|              |  | Anderson, David  | \$15 |
| #8           |  | Anderson, Nolan  | \$15 |
|              |  | Ignacz, Ken      | \$15 |
| #9           |  | Iriart, J.P.     | \$15 |
|              |  | Ford, Lance      | \$15 |
| #11          |  | Jara, Aaron      | \$15 |
|              |  | Perry, Jacob     | \$15 |

| <b>B Flight Chino Creek</b> |    |                |       |
|-----------------------------|----|----------------|-------|
| <b>Script</b>               |    |                |       |
| 1                           | 75 | Kaplan, Chris  | \$100 |
| 1                           |    | Gurganus, Doug | \$100 |
| 2                           | 77 | Sleeper, Tim   | \$50  |
| 2                           |    | Esparza, Aaron | \$50  |

| <b>Closest</b> |        |                   |      |
|----------------|--------|-------------------|------|
| #4             | 20' 2" | Baker, Clarence   | \$18 |
|                |        | Baker, Robert     | \$18 |
| #7             | 2' 1"  | Patterson, Ronald | \$18 |
|                |        | Rocovitz, Mark    | \$18 |
| #14            | 6' 1"  | Smith, Brandon    | \$18 |
|                |        | Washington, Louis | \$18 |
| #16            | 10' 6" | Hughes, Daniel    | \$18 |
|                |        | Briggle, Thomas   | \$18 |

| <b>Skins</b> |  |                   |      |
|--------------|--|-------------------|------|
| #1           |  | Sleeper, Tim      | \$13 |
|              |  | Esparza, Aaron    | \$13 |
| #5           |  | Sleeper, Tim      | \$13 |
|              |  | Esparza, Aaron    | \$13 |
| #7           |  | Patterson, Ronald | \$13 |
|              |  | Rocovitz, Mark    | \$13 |
| #8           |  | Tharp, Richard    | \$13 |
|              |  | Saulet, Darrel    | \$13 |
| #10          |  | Patterson, Ronald | \$13 |
|              |  | Rocovitz, Mark    | \$13 |
| #14          |  | Patterson, Ronald | \$13 |
|              |  | Rocovitz, Mark    | \$13 |

### Laughlin Getaway

Hello fellow El Prado members, I would like to give you a heads up on where we are with the Covid-19 virus upon us in regards to our Getaway. The following is what I know and the possibilities we have.

All Nevada casinos and associated hotels are closed until April 17 from orders by their Governor. This could be reduced or expanded. If hotels and casinos open before our planned getaway, we would be welcome to still hold our event if we choose. Aquarius hotel and I will be in contact over the next few weeks and if it is a fact the Hotels will be opening, we could go on our original dates. If this is the case and anyone else would like to attend, then I will need them to get hold of me by April 22nd. If they remain closed, we will need to cancel because there would not be any reasonable

alternate dates. If the trip is cancelled, everyone will get a full and prompt refund, so don't worry about that.

The golf courses are open as of today, but this could change at any time.

So far, I have not had one cancelation from any member. It appears we all want to go to the Getaway if possible so let's hope for the best.

Please follow all guidelines from the CDC and let's stop the virus.

If anything changes, or we have any updates, we will keep you informed with email.

Boone Barrow  
 (909)664-4838  
 boonegetaway@mail.com

## Tournament Results – Member/Member – March 14, 2020

| <b>C Flight Butterfield Stage</b> |    |                |      |
|-----------------------------------|----|----------------|------|
| <b>Script</b>                     |    |                |      |
| T1                                | 78 | Braucht, Jeff  | \$65 |
| T1                                |    | Randall, Greg  | \$65 |
| T1                                | 78 | Johnson, Kelly | \$65 |
| T1                                |    | Vicario, Gil   | \$65 |

| <b>Closest</b> |       |                 |      |
|----------------|-------|-----------------|------|
| #2             | 8' 4" | Tapia, Mike     | \$31 |
|                |       | Delgado, Robert | \$31 |
| #7             |       | (none)          |      |
| #14            | 5' 9" | Torres, Ramiro  | \$31 |
|                |       | Cabezas, Cali   | \$31 |
| #17            |       | (none)          |      |

| <b>Skins</b> |     |                 |      |
|--------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| #4           | Par | Habermehl, Eric | \$35 |
|              |     | Ortiz, Danny    | \$35 |
| #13          | Par | Johnson, Kelly  | \$35 |
|              |     | Vicario, Gil    | \$35 |

| <b>D Flight Butterfield Stage</b> |    |                    |      |
|-----------------------------------|----|--------------------|------|
| <b>Script</b>                     |    |                    |      |
| T1                                | 81 | Agan, John         | \$50 |
| T1                                |    | Alderete, Ralph    | \$50 |
| T1                                | 81 | Elliott, Steven    | \$50 |
| T1                                |    | Nomura, Vino       | \$50 |
| T1                                | 81 | Pigeon, Mr. Russ   | \$50 |
| T1                                |    | Deherrera, Michael | \$50 |

| <b>Closest</b> |         |                 |      |
|----------------|---------|-----------------|------|
| #2             | 1' 4"   | Cox, David      | \$18 |
|                |         | Walsh, James    | \$18 |
| #7             | 17' 10" | Nichols, Wayne  | \$18 |
|                |         | Grinder, John   | \$18 |
| #14            | 18' 3"  | Elliott, Steven | \$18 |
|                |         | Nomura, Vino    | \$18 |
| #17            | 7' 3"   | Elliott, Steven | \$18 |
|                |         | Nomura, Vino    | \$18 |

| <b>Skins</b> |     |                 |      |
|--------------|-----|-----------------|------|
| #2           |     | Cox, David      | \$20 |
|              |     | Walsh, James    | \$20 |
| #9           |     | Elliott, Steven | \$20 |
|              |     | Nomura, Vino    | \$20 |
| #11          | Par | Street, Fred    | \$20 |
|              |     | Sherman, Lee    | \$20 |
| #15          |     | Rowan, Paul     | \$20 |
|              |     | Jones, Kim      | \$20 |

### Summer Golf League

Every summer, El Prado Golf Courses runs a Summer Golf League (SGL), and it is bigger and better and back for its 8th year. This is not a men's club event, but many members participate every year. This year the course is inviting 72 teams to partake in this weekly competition. SGL is open to the public. All matches will be played late Wednesdays starting at 5:00 pm beginning June 3. The league is a "perfect break in the week" and "a good excuse to play golf." Whether you are a scratch golfer or new at the game, we invite you to sign up!

Each week your 2-man team will compete against another 2-man team in 9 hole match play. After the regular season, the top 8 teams from each flight will qualify for playoffs. Also, there will be an optional mystery skins game each week.

There are 4 flights, based on what you usually shoot: A-Flight (70-80), B-Flight (80-90), C-Flight (90-100), D-Flight (100+). Sign-Ups are open now. The first 12 teams paid in flights A&D and the first 24 teams paid in the B&C flights will reserve a spot.

Once it's full, it's full. Start getting your teams together today. (We suggest your roster include more than 2 players as alternates/fill-ins.)



The cost is \$100 to sign up a team, plus \$10/person on match days, which includes your 9-hole green fee and a cart. (riding is mandatory). Such a deal!

This league was designed for you to be able to put in a day's work and still be able to get to the course for a fun, competitive environment on the golf course and enjoy cold drinks and food after. **Fun is the name of the game.** We challenge you to sign up.

Please talk to me for registration and more information!

Kevin Knutson, General Manager  
El Prado Golf Courses

# Presidents Cup Brackets



## 2021 Team Play

Every year over 8,000 golfers from 230 SCGA clubs compete in team play. After taking a couple years off, we are thinking of playing in 2021. Starting in January, teams in each group play each other home and away every Thursday for 6 weeks. The group winners move on to bracket play.

Each week we will need 16 players, so we are looking for at least 20 interested members, who can play on Thursdays. This is a great opportunity to be part of a team that plays at other courses, as well as host visiting players here at El Prado. We're asking early because we need to know if there is enough interest, and we need to sign up early for



this popular SCGA program. If you are interested in joining, please let me know!

For more information, or to follow the 2020 season, check out the [SCGA Team Play website](#).

Rich Lizarraga

## Try Again - Here Comes the Derby!

As you read last month, we decided to bring back the derby. Unfortunately, rain and the Coronavirus delayed our first derby of the year, and probably the next one. When the course reopens and tournament play resumes, we are still planning to have a derby on the Tuesday following each tournament during daylight savings. We'll check in at 4:00, and tee off at 4:30. If that's too early for you, let us know! We draw from those hanging around after Tuesday Skins, as well as those swinging buy after work, so we're looking for an ideal time.

For those not old enough to remember, this is a 5 hole horse race, with teams dropping out after each hole. It is alternate shot with a blind draw partner and a small buy in, focused on fun. It's a great opportunity to play with somebody new, from places you may have never played from. We play each hole as one group, so if you've never seen 20 carts on the fairway at the same time, you won't want to miss it. Special thanks go out to Kevin and the golf course for sponsoring this, and allowing us to bring it back in style!

Danny Ortiz, Membership Chairman  
Rafael Becerra, Social Chairman

## Sahith Theegala

Many of you have followed the career of former Rick Hunter student Sahith Theegala, now a Senior at Pepperdine. Golf Channel has ranked Sahith as the #1 contender for the Fred Haskins Award, which is awarded annually to the most outstanding men's college golfer, as voted on by players, coaches and media members. Past winners of the Haskins Award include Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and Ben Crenshaw. [You can read the complete article here.](#) Good Luck Sahith!

## Tournament Signup

Please watch your email for updates about the course and tournament status.

**5-4-3 Out**  
**Saturday April 11, 2020**

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

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

GHIN # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Special Request: \_\_\_\_\_

*Entry Forms and Email due: **Saturday April 4th***

*Send email to:*

[dcox181@hotmail.com](mailto:dcox181@hotmail.com)

Make Checks payable to El Prado Men's Club at the sign in table.

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