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President's Message

I hope everyone is enjoying golf during the holidays. Lately the rain seems to pause for each tournament and skins game. I never take playing golf year round for granted!

One of the changes for our club in 2024 is Hole-In-One insurance. After years and years of collecting a dollar or two in side pots to provide insurance, we are including it as part of your membership. If you get a hole in one while participating in a tournament, skins game, or derby, you will get a fixed amount of \$250, and your bar bill for drinks for everyone will be paid. Instead of us hounding you for \$2 several times a year, membership will increase \$5, but most members who renew in December won't see this for another year. The remainder of the current hole-in-one pot will be rolled in to finance the new system, as we are basically "self insured".

Why the change? There are several reasons. First, your payout will be consistent. In the old system, if you got an ace in a big tournament, your payout was smaller, due to the bar bill. Buying a round for 100 at a tournament takes a bigger chunk out of the payout than a round for 20-60 at a skins game. There is also less record keeping – no more counting X's in the book to be sure you're covered. If you are a member, you are covered. There's also no more waiting for the club to calculate the payout amount. And my favorite reason: no more holding up the tournament check-in line while we explain how the old system worked, and why we wanted you to have more than one X in the book.

Although the December tournament was fun for most, it was a rough start for some because we had six no-shows and two cancellations. We understand that life happens, so there will always be last-minute cancellations, but six members simply not showing up is inexcusable. We had to juggle the tee sheet and reduce the projected payouts. We had a player on the waiting list who could have played. And we wasted a valuable tee time that the course could have sold if we had known the day before. One long term solution is to require payment in advance, but until we get there, the board will be discussing possible penalties or sanctions for members who can't be bothered with a phone call or text to let us know they won't be playing after they've signed up. If you're not going to show up, PLEASE let us know!

Mark Rief, President.



UPCOMING DATES

January 16
Online Tournament
Signups Close

January 20
2 Man Better Ball

February 6
Online Tournament
Signups Close

February 10
Individual Low Net
and President's Cup
Qualifier

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
(772) 408-2421
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Tuesday Skins

Tournament News

Tournament wrap up: This month's 4 Club Red Tees tournament had 105 players competing in our usual 4 flights. We paid out \$4303 in purse, skins and closest to pins. The 50/50 winners were Kirk Dances, Paul Gonzales, and Josh Rincon who split the \$300 pot. Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to all that played.



Tuesday Skins update: In cooperation with Art and the golf shop we are now closing online signups for Tuesday skins earlier than before. Effective immediately, Tuesday skins online signups will close Sundays at 5:00pm. The EPMC Tuesday Skins tee sheet will be sent to the golf shop and confirmed players shortly thereafter. EPMC is allotted a certain number of tee times each week. So, like tournaments if you sign up late for Tuesday Skins, or not sign up at all, you could likely be placed on a waitlist. Most of our regular Tuesday players are using online signups, but we still have many members that should put the effort in to learn to sign up. Every week all rostered members receive an email invitation, a custom message address to you, like this:



Tuesday Skins - Round Signup



All you must do is push the button – Playing or Not Playing. If you sign up, must cancel, or wish to sign up to play after online closing, please communicate

with us so that adjustments can be made before Tuesday morning.

Let's work together to use Golf Genius this year and expand its capabilities.

Our next EPMC tournament is the 2 Man Better Ball January 20th. Be on the lookout for the usual Golf Genius tournament signup email. Signup early to guarantee a spot. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday January 17th before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings Friday January 19th.

January our tournament is a TEAM event and only one member needs to signup/register your team in GG.

When signups open, please follow these simple 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.

Finally, it will be important this month to talk early with your team partner and make sure they are playing before you sign up. 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 on a waitlist if reached. If you're lost in the signup process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

January tournament tip – AB Flights - Chino Creek, CD Flights - Butterfield!

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

TOP 25 - 2023-2024

Rank	Name	Total
1	Jones, Brad	323
2	Tapia, Mike	322
3	Mouw, Billy	301
4	Oaks, Nevan	293
5	Barcenas, Cristhian	285
5	Jensen, Paul	285
7	Ignacz, Ken	280
8	Johnson, Kelly	266
9	Kramer, John	259
10	Moir, James	258
11	Lizarraga, Richard	249
11	Poh, Colby	249
13	Luzar, Les	247
14	Barrow, Boone	242
15	Williams, Anthony	225
15	Young, Larry	225
17	Bretado, Henry	219
18	Abbott, Gary	210
19	Abbott, Alex	204
20	Lovell, Ron	195
21	Cabezas, Cali	193
22	Law, Brian	190
23	Alva, Luis	184
24	Sanchez, Nick	180
24	Sterling, Rock	180

Another Hole in One!

Congratulations to Brian Law, who aced #16 on Chino Creek during the 4 Club Red Tees Tournament. Brian must have picked the right clubs, as he also hit it to 3 feet for a closest on #7. No wonder he's smiling!



Handicap News

As the new sheriff in town, I get a lot you are asking me about handicap penalties. First of all, the club does not issue penalties, only adjustments. Every month, we look at players who seem to play a lot better in tournaments than we would expect based on their handicap, or who we get complaints about. If things look off, I analyze their scores for the past few months. We compare the differentials of home, away, and competition scores. If I see a big difference, then the board, acting as the handicap committee, discusses it and decides if any adjustment is needed to assure that the player's handicap represents his demonstrated ability when playing in our tournaments and skins games. The adjustment is reviewed every month and is removed when the conditions that triggered it go away.



This is never a cut and dry process, but the good news is that beginning next year, the USGA is providing the club with additional reports and recommendations to help us monitor and adjust handicaps. This should give us a more objective way to identify players for review, and help us decide what adjustments, if any, are needed.

As always, I remind you that all eligible rounds should be posted. Make sure to post properly as home or away, and the correct tees. If you hear about somebody playing a great round and not posting, or think somebody posted a round they never played, please let me know, and I will be happy to look in to it. We all need to protect the field and make sure everyone is posting their rounds accurately.

Tim Slegler, Handicap Chairman.

Successful Holiday Collections

Thanks to everyone for your donations at the December tournament check-in table.

We collected dozens of toys that will be distributed to local families, along with almost \$400 to support this holiday project.

We also collected over \$800 for the golf shop staff, which should make



their holidays a little better.

Lance Ford, Social Chairman
Scott Harlin, Co-Treasurer



Tournament Results – 4 Club Red Tees – December 16, 2023

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

Individual Low Net (Scrip)

A Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Jones, Brad	-2	70	\$110
2	Slingsby, Dave	-1	71	\$100
3	Poh, Colby	E	72	\$90
T4	Dancses, Kirk	2	74	\$75
T4	Marquez, Alfonso	2	74	\$75
T6	Pierce, James	3	75	\$45
T6	Waasdorp, Pete	3	75	\$45

B Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Johnson, Kelly	E	72	\$110
T2	Gonzalez, Paul	2	74	\$95
T2	Hughes, Daniel	2	74	\$95
T4	Ignacz, Ken	3	75	\$67

T4	Abbott, Alex	3	75	\$67
T4	Tharp, Richard	3	75	\$67
7	Springer, Marc	4	76	\$40

C Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Tapia, Mike	-5	67	\$110
2	Williams, Anthony	-2	70	\$100
3	Martinez, Robert	-1	71	\$90
4	Briggle, Thomas	E	72	\$80
T5	Moir, James	2	74	\$60
T5	Ortiz, Danny	2	74	\$60
7	Younger, Mike	3	75	\$40

D Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Sterling, Rock	-5	67	\$110
2	Albany, Ramy	-4	68	\$100
T3	Young, Larry	-2	70	\$85
T3	Kramer, John	-2	70	\$85
5	Barrow, Boone	-1	71	\$70
T6	Yurgans, Donald	E	72	\$30
T6	Pacheco, John	E	72	\$30
T6	Harlin, Scott	E	72	\$30

Total Purse Allocated: 2,161.00

Gross Skins – (cash pots)

A Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Jones, Brad	2	\$108	Birdie on 15, Birdie on 18
Mouw, Billy	1	\$54	Eagle on 17
Fitch, Chris	1	\$54	Eagle on 5
Marquez, Robert	1	\$54	Birdie on 3

B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Abbott, Alex	1	\$41	Birdie on 1
Springer, Marc	1	\$41	Birdie on 12
Johnson, Kelly	1	\$41	Birdie on 6
Law, Brian	1	\$41	Hole in One on 16
Moore, George	1	\$41	Birdie on 4
Ford, Dane	1	\$41	Eagle on 9

C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Prisock, Aaron	2	\$108	Birdie on 5, Birdie on 18
Cabezas, Cali	1	\$54	Birdie on 13
Tapia, Mike	1	\$54	Birdie on 1
Becerra, Rafael	1	\$54	Birdie on 10

D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Coan, Perry	2	\$140	Birdie on 2, Birdie on 17

Young, Larry	1	\$70	Birdie on 4
Sterling, Rock	1	\$70	Birdie on 9

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,066.00

Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Poh, Colby	\$136	#14 9'11", #16 11'4"
	Anzora, Nelson	\$68	#4 2'5"
	Mundy, Robert	\$68	#7 7'3"
Total Purse Allocated: \$272.00			

B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Law, Brian	\$126	#7 3'0", #16 Hole in One
	Oaks, Nevan	\$63	#14 9'10"
	Abbott, Alex	\$63	#4 1'10"
Total Purse Allocated: \$252.00			

C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Moir, James	\$68	#14 9'2"
	Tapia, Mike	\$68	#17 8'1"
	Ortiz, Danny	\$68	#2 5'7"
	Vicario, Gil	\$68	#7 9'9"
Total Purse Allocated: \$272.00			

D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Renteria, Lawrence	\$70	#14 4'5"
	Young, Larry	\$70	#17 8'0"
	Dominguez, Philip	\$70	#2 6'4"
	Harlin, Scott	\$70	#7 19'4"
Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00			