



EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

Can you believe it's been a year since the course changed hands? Recently, Gary Abbott and I met with course management to talk about what's happening at the course. We heard from Danielle Lizarraga representing the owners, Art Guevara representing golf operations, and Ulysses Maldonado representing Events, Food, and Beverage services.



The overwhelming message is that they appreciate the men's club, and will continue to take care of us as their largest customer. I estimate we spend well over a half million dollars a year at the course, and they are thankful for our business. In fact, they recently started a 10% discount for our club members, so you may have been pleasantly surprised to see your last bill reduced. Before you swipe that card or open that wallet, make sure the cashier knows you're a men's club member.

We also need to recognize that the owners made a substantial investment in purchasing the course, and they want to turn a profit on their business venture. They have lots of ideas and plans for improvement, but they must be prioritized, and they will take time. Changes are happening, but we all need to be patient.

For example, everyone knows the parking lot needs a new repave and wants it done tomorrow. But there are planned renovations to the clubhouse that could impact the parking layout. And when the Pine Ave project becomes a reality, the widening will change the North side of the lot, especially the entrance. So to avoid paving the parking lot twice, you may see patching for the short term, until other construction plans are finalized.



We also discussed course conditions, including the healing time after the greens are punched, and the damage done by golf carts. Without geofencing, it becomes the golfers' responsibility to keep the carts where they belong – away from greens, bunkers, tee boxes, and roped off areas. Take a look at what is left of the tee boxes on Butterfield #2 and #4 and Chino #9 and #18. Every time a cart parks a little further off the path, the dirt gets wider and the grass tee box gets smaller. So please, while we wait for improvements, let's all take care of the course that we have, and keep the carts out of these areas.

Mark Rief, President.

UPCOMING DATES

August 13
Online Tournament
Signups Close

August 17
4 Man Scramble
Tournament –
ABCD Blind Draw

August 20
Derby

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
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[Tuesday Skins](#)

Tournament News

The July 2024 Invitational tournament had 112 golfers on 56 teams and paid out \$5030. For reporting purposes, we had 6 guests playing with member partners. Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Gary Abbott, Joe Hederman, and Louie Teneriello - each receiving \$95 in pot money. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all for making another memorable event. I heard lots of positive feedback from members on our tee prizes and after round lunch. Once again, our club showed competitive results in all flights with 36 teams (72) players in the money!



We are now 10 months into our tournament year and club member John Kramer maintains a comfortable lead on the money leaderboard. Hats off to the consistent play this year of our current top 10 money leaders who have all been in the money at least 6 out of 10 events thus far. 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!

In Golf Genius news: We had 40 messages to the event manager in Golf Genius for our Invitational tournament. And surprisingly, we had 41 messages from members to the event manager for the Saturday skins game July 13th in Golf Genius. The Saturday July 13th skins game was the first time we've used GG for Saturday Skins signup, but we are back to the regular process now.

Rules update: The club has decided to go back to lift clean and place one (1) Scorecard length no nearer the hole for the foreseeable future.

Recently a fellow club member and his group played behind another group of members. I received a text with the flagstick picture you see here.

The only reason the member sent the picture my way was that it happened to their group three times during the round and he thought it was important to share. So, on behalf of EPMC we remind all and share - please don't be that member or group that doesn't leave the course in the condition you found it! Put the pins in straight, rake your bunkers, fix divots with sand, repair ball marks, and keep carts off tee boxes and away from greens.



Our next tournament is August 17th, the 4 Man Scramble – ABCD Blind Draw. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other club members and have some fun!

This is a 4-man team event. Each team is blind drawn to have an A, B, C, and D player. All the players hit each shot, the team picks the location they want, and all four hit from that location. When playing a scramble, please remember that if you miss a putt and tap it in, the hole is over and your teammates don't get to putt.

Tournament signups will close Tuesday August 13th. Look for the Golf Genius tournament signup email soon and sign up early! Don't forget online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before August 13th. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday August 14th before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings Friday August 16th.

It's a 4 Man TEAM event, but signups are on you! Again, YOU must signup yourself!

When Signups open, please follow these steps to register:

Step 1 – You will need to navigate through the signup confirmation buttons by checking playing.

Step 2 - You can SEND message to the manager if you need to request an early or late time. There are no pairing requests.

Step 3 - 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.

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.

Course of play for the 4 Man ABCD Blind draw tournament is based on the blind draw.

Gary Abbott, Tournament/Skins

Doug Benc, Tournament/Skins

TOP 25 - 2023-2024

Rank	Name	Total
1	Kramer, John	814
2	Jones, Brad	710
3	Lizarraga, Richard	699
4	Clark, Thomas	675
5	Hederman, Joseph	673
6	Patterson, Ronald	645
6	Rocovitz, Mark	645
8	Mouw, Billy	634
9	Lovell, Ron	611
10	Bates, Patrick	591
11	Barcnas, Cristhian	590
12	Cerda, Mario	571
13	Teneriello, Louie	563
14	Tapia, Mike	540
15	Harlin, Scott	538
15	Slavin, Troy	538
17	Sleeger, Tim	532
18	Ostergaard, Chris	531
19	Ignacz, Ken	529
20	Barber, Darnell	526
21	Bretado, Henry	511
22	Oaks, Timothy	504
23	Johnson, Kelly	502
24	Ortiz, Danny	501
25	Moir, James	488

(includes President's Cup)

Handicap News

I just wanted to remind all of you in El Prado Men's Club that peer review is an important tool in keeping the tournaments and skins games fair to all of us. When you see results or something that doesn't look right bring it to one of your board members. We will take a look and make the needed changes. Without the help of all of you, we can't protect the field in our events.



As always, you are welcome to send me an anonymous tip, and I will check on it.

Also, we continue to see members posting away rounds as home. If El Prado is your home club, and you play elsewhere, be sure that when posting with the GHIN app, you pay attention to the home or away option. Although this doesn't directly affect your index calculation, we use it when analyzing scores. For example, if it looks like a player always plays much better at El Prado, we can compare his home vs. away scores, and possibly adjust his handicap for our events.

Tim Sleeger, Handicap Chairman

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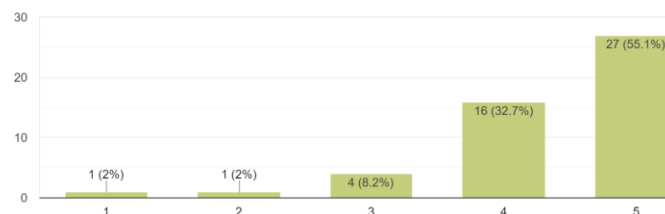
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Getaway Survey

Following our first venture to Mesquite, we surveyed the 79 golfers who made the trip to gather feedback. A special thanks to the 49 who responded. The board has reviewed the results, including your comments, and appreciates the info. On a scale of 1-5, most of you gave the event a 5, so thanks!

Overall, how satisfied were you with the event?

49 responses



Falcon Ridge had mixed reviews on the course but you were happy with the tee selection. Palms had mostly great reviews on the course and tee selection, and Casablanca had the best reviews of all. Most of you want to go back to Mesquite, so at

least for next year, we plan to return, but replace Falcon Ridge with another course.

Everyone liked the dinner food and prize handouts, so we won't change much there.

Some of you were not happy with the casino or choice of casinos, or the lack of other activities in Mesquite. We understand this, but we need to remember this is primarily a golf trip, so our focus is there.

Somebody anonymously asked what happened to the women's division, but nobody on the board heard about that. We would like to know where that info came from.

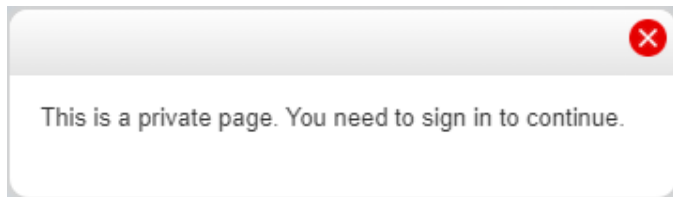
We would like to go earlier in the year to avoid the heat, but the rates are seasonal. We are looking at dates and rates for 2025 now, and we'll let you know when we have something booked.

Most of your comments were positive and appreciative, so thank you for your support!

2025 Getaway Committee

GolfGenius Portal Access

Sometimes there are errors when trying to access our Event Portal, such as:



This is usually because you are trying to access a page directly, without going through the ggid check.

Here are a few tips to avoid the errors:

Be sure you save the correct shortcut or bookmark, which is <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc..> This is the "[Events – Tee Times and Results](#)" link on our web site. **If you save a shortcut after you have entered the Golfgenius portal, it won't work!** You may need to manually edit the shortcut to match the one above.

If you have a GolfGenius account, Sign Out!

If you are ever prompted for a GGID (which you shouldn't be), enter **epmc**.

Mark Rief, Communications

Derby Time!

We had 10 teams participate in our July Derby. Special guests Kiki and Jessica joined us on the course with Kiki teaming up with Eric Habermehl and Jessica riding along for support.



On the last hole, the four remaining teams teed off on #5 Butterfield vying for the cash. There was some great golf being played, and 3 teams had legitimate birdie putts for the win. Nelson Anzora was the only one to make it, securing 1st place for himself and teammate Tom Bruder. In the tiebreaker chip-off, Doug Benc and Andrew Ferrer stuck it close to finish 2nd. The team of Tom Clark and Gil Vicario took 3rd place as Kiki and Eric's chip shot came up a little short to finish 4th.



If you haven't had a chance to play in one of the derbies, you really should try and make it. A \$5 entry fee gets you potentially 5 holes of golf with cart and a chance at a share of the pot. No teams are eliminated on the first hole and where else can you play golf, have fun and have a chance to win some money for \$5?

The next Derby is scheduled for August 20 following the Tuesday skins game. We check in at 4:00, draw partners, and tee off at 4:30. We would love to see you there!

Lance Ford, Social Chairman

Tournament Results – Invitational – July 20, 2024

Complete results are always available at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>
All payouts are per TEAM and will be split.
Guest scrip will be paid to the member partner

Better Ball (Scrip)

A Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Moore, George + Sleeper, Tim	-13	59	\$240
2	Abbott, Brian + Abbott, Gary	-11	61	\$200
T3	Hallam, Thomas + Larios, Andres	-9	63	\$86
T3	McPherson, Tom + Oaks, Timothy	-9	63	\$86
T3	Collins, Nick + Parkhouse, Ryan	-9	63	\$86

B Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
T1	Haldeman, Reeve + Ozols, Craig	-11	61	\$220
T1	Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	-11	61	\$220
3	Abbott, Alex + Evans, Cary	-10	62	\$160
T4	Poh, Colby + Rincon, Julio	-8	64	\$34
T4	Lizarraga, Richard + Tharp, Richard	-8	64	\$34
T4	Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	-8	64	\$34

C Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
T1	Alberto, Mel + Slavin, Troy	-12	60	\$200
T1	Estacio, Rod + Mercado, Ted	-12	60	\$200
T1	Bates, Patrick + Fanning, James	-12	60	\$200
T4	Clancy, Tom + Haagsma, Dylan	-9	63	\$34
T4	Rivera, Albert + Torres, Ramiro	-9	63	\$34
T4	Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	-9	63	\$34

D Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Kramer, John + Valdez, Ramon	-13	59	\$240
2	Barcnas, Cristhian + Cabezas, Cali	-11	61	\$200
3	Renteria, Lawrence + Williams, Bobby	-9	63	\$160
T4	Dominguez, Philip + Jones, Kim	-8	64	\$26
T4	Verne, Sean + Verne, Troy	-8	64	\$26
T4	Skoglund, Bradley + Verne, Eric	-8	64	\$26
T4	Ostergaard, Chris + Platzer, Kevin	-8	64	\$26

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,806.00

Gross Skins – (checks)

A Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Freeman, Craig + Mercado, Martin	1	\$140	Birdie on 17
Collins, Nick + Parkhouse, Ryan	1	\$140	Birdie on 14

B Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Becerra, Ralph + Woodhead, Glenn	1	\$136	Birdie on 4
Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	1	\$136	Birdie on 18
C Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Bates, Patrick + Fanning, James	3	\$84	Birdie on 4, Birdie on 9, Birdie on 10
Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	2	\$56	Birdie on 7, Birdie on 12
Bretado, David Jordan + Bretado, Henry	1	\$28	Birdie on 14
Alberto, Mel + Slavin, Troy	1	\$28	Birdie on 15
Bruder, Thomas + Prisock, Aaron	1	\$28	Birdie on 5
Kostyk, David + Law, Brian	1	\$28	Birdie on 8
Harlin, Scott + Lovell, Ron	1	\$28	Birdie on 18
D Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Avila, Michael + Earhart, Tom	1	\$140	Birdie on 16
Ostergaard, Chris + Platzer, Kevin	1	\$140	Birdie on 14

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,112.00

Closest to the pin – (checks)

A Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Collins, Nick + Parkhouse, Ryan	\$70	#14 7'2"
	Freeman, Craig + Mercado, Martin	\$70	#17 7'8"
	McPherson, Tom + Oaks, Timothy	\$70	#2 3'4"
	Ford, Lance + Iriart, J.P.	\$70	#7 6'4"
Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00			
B Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Banic, Paul + Marquez, Alfonso	\$68	#14 9'1"
	Lovell, Jim + Tamashiro, Wes	\$68	#17 3'1"
	Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	\$68	#2 1'8"
	Waasdorp, Pete + Younger, Mike	\$68	#7 13'7"
Total Purse Allocated: \$272.00			
C Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Alberto, Mel + Slavin, Troy	\$70	#14 10'3"
	Estacio, Rod + Mercado, Ted	\$70	#16 7'10"
	Bates, Patrick + Fanning, James	\$70	#4 4'7"
	Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	\$70	#7 11'7"
Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00			
D Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Kramer, John + Valdez, Ramon	\$140	#7 22'6" #16 11'6"
	Apao, Edward + Mejia, Carlos	\$70	#14 4'1"
	Renteria, Lawrence + Williams, Bobby	\$70	#4 16'6"
Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00			