



EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

As we start our match play, I remind everyone to review the rules differences between stroke and match play. USGA.org is a great place to start. Also, if you play a match in the skins game, remember that you are in two competitions with different rules. For example, if your opponent concedes a putt for your match, you still need to putt out for the skins game. So you could have two different scores, so I suggest you keep two cards. You may have noticed that we're playing the ball "up" a lot more lately. Many would argue that Southern California doesn't qualify for "winter" rules, but we have our reasons. When members play less, or even leave the club, they often mention course conditions as a factor. Beyond filling divots, fixing ball marks, and using cart paths, the club doesn't really have much control over this. We recognize that Kevin and Nick do a great job stretching the maintenance budget they have, but this is a public course, and conditions will never be as pristine as some may expect. Add to that, the lack of rain this winter, which is really out of our control, and it's easy to understand why we're seeing a few more bare spots.

We want to avoid that terrible feeling you get when you pipe a drive down the middle, only to find it in front of a clump of grass or sitting on a bare spot. I know the game is not always fair, but golfers have a sense of entitlement when they hit a good shot – they expect to be rewarded. Since there is almost always some nice grass close by, we use lift, clean, and place so that can hit from a good lie.

One side effect is that this often offers free relief from obstacles that would otherwise be penal. When you're behind a tree, a club-length will often get you a clear shot. I have had suggestions that we just "bump" the ball, or limit the distance to a score card, but this becomes harder to regulate as you need to be more precise.

Several low handicappers tell me that they enjoy hitting from a challenging lie, as it makes them a better golfer. They are also concerned that playing that playing the ball up lowers scores, leading to deflated handicaps. But we have many less skilled players that want that perfect lie. It makes the game for fun for them, and if it's not fun, they'll play somewhere else.

Although it may look like we're catering to high handicappers, what we're really trying to do is maintain and grow membership. If we can minimize the impact of course conditions and keep the game fun for as many players as possible, we'll retain more members.

As always, I welcome your comments and ideas on making the club and the golf better.

Mark Rief
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 10
Tournament
Signups Due

March 17
Member/Member

April 7
Tournament
Signups Due

April 14
Individual Low
Net – 5,4,3 Out

INFORMATION

Saturday Skins
Call

909-988-0012

Text

(909) 260-1717

*Signup by
Wed 3 pm*

Tournaments
Call

909-984-8220

Tournament News

President's Cup Qualifier

We had 57 players sign up for the President's Cup. We have 16 slots in each flight for the match game playoffs. This means everyone qualified so now is your chance to go out and win your match(s), move on to the finals, and earn some extra script.

Top flight winners are; Tom Clark 66 A flight – Larry Young 67 B flight - John Kramer 66 C flight – and David McLaren and Vino Nomura at 67 D flight.

Congratulations to the winners.

Each low seed eligible player should contact your opponent early each week and make arrangements for your match. The match play contact roster, rules, and ladder are located in the Golf shop and on our website. Each player should report to the golf shop when they win a match. Doug will post the updated ladder on the website each week. John Kramer has tee times each week which are available for both skins and match play. Please contact your opponent before you call John to arrange tee times for the next week and he will work you into his schedule. Please be sure to tell him if it is a match, skins, or both.

Next month tournament is the Member/Member held on March 14th. This is now a 1 day competition. This is a 2 man team format with 9 holes of modified Pinehurst followed by 9 holes of best ball. This round is only postable for the last 9 holes. Adjustments for ETS will not be earned or applied this month and will be applied in April.

Please get your partner lined up and get your entry in as soon as possible. Send me an email or sign up a form and put it in the EPMC mailbox in the golf shop.

Dave Cox - Tournament Director

Top 25 - 2017-2018

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Rief, Mark	208	67	245	520
2	Becerra, Rafael	84	122	240	446
3	Oshiro, David	100	95	240	435
4	Barreto, Martin	57	94	280	431
5	Anderson, Marc	55	51	315	421
6	Cole, Mike	83	64	195	342
7	Moore, George	118	145	75	338
8	Yurgans, Donald	58	27	245	330
9	Kaplan, Chris	155	55	75	285
10	Tharp, Richard	34	38	190	262
11	Alva, Luis	112	29	115	256
12	Tapia III, Mike	46	55	150	251
13	Dancses, Kirk	0	70	180	250
14	Braucht, Jeff	16	86	140	242
15	Barrow, Boone	50	0	190	240
16	Walsh, James M	66	109	60	235
17	Weber, Bart	28	53	145	226
18	Clark, Thomas K	66	32	125	223
19	Sullivan, Mike	48	93	75	216
20	Street, Fred	0	33	175	208
21	Moore, Gary	52	70	85	207
22	Randall, David W	43	51	100	194
23	Maddox, Randy	90	33	70	193
24	Nomura, Vino	44	64	75	183
25	Kramer, John	16	69	90	175

Tournament Results – President's Cup Qualifier

	C Flight	Chino Creek		D Flight	Chino Creek	
Script			Script			
1	66	Kramer, John	\$90	T1	67 McLaren, David	\$75
2	70	Rief, Mark	\$80	T1	67 Nomura, Vino	\$75
T3	71	Valdez Jr, Manny	\$40	3	69 Gray, Paul	\$55
T3	71	Braucht, Jeff	\$40	4	72 Sherman, Lee	\$45
T3	71	Feeney, Tim	\$40			

Closest

#4	13' 6"	Becerra, Rafael	\$34
#7	13' 3"	Rief, Mark	\$34
#14	9' 3"	Cox, David	\$34
#16	12' 10"	Becerra, Rafael	\$34

Skins

7		Rief, Mark	\$50
9		Barrow, Boone	\$50
13		Lovell, Ron	\$50

A Flight Butterfield Stage**Script**

1	66	Clark, Thomas	\$85
2	68	Tharp, Richard	\$75
3	69	Weber, Bart	\$65
T4	71	Dancses, Brian	\$20
T4	71	Randall, David	\$20

Closest

#5	6' 10"	Benc, Doug	\$32
#8	19' 3"	Cole, Mike	\$32
#11	6' 3"	Weber, Bart	\$32
#16	9' 7"	Sullivan, Mike	\$32

Skins

#2		Dancses, Brian	\$28
#3	Eagle	Clark, Thomas	\$28
#10		Randall, David	\$28
#14		Weber, Bart	\$28
#17		Earhart, Tom	\$28

Closest

#4	20' 5"	Alva, Luis	\$29
#7	13' 1"	Walsh, James M La Bonte,	\$29
#14	11' 7.5"	Lawrence	\$29
#16	17' 5.5"	McLaren, Don	\$29

Skins

#4		Pacheco, John	\$22
#7		Walsh, James M	\$22
#10	par	Nomura, Vino	\$22
#11		Pacheco, John	\$22
#12	par	Nomura, Vino	\$22
#15	par	McLaren, Don	\$22

B Flight Butterfield Stage**Script**

1	67	Young, Larry	\$90
T2	69	Anderson, Marc	\$75
T2	69	Muscare, Michael	\$75
4	70	Rocovitz, Mark	\$45

Closest

#5		no winner	
#8	7' 2"	Moore, George	\$45
#11	5' 0"	Moore, George	\$45
#16	9' 9"	Sleeger, Tim	\$45

Skins

#1		Mercurio, Ronald G	\$17
#3		Lizarraga, Richard	\$17
#5		Reel, Gordon	\$17
#11		Moore, George	\$17
#13		Tanner, Joe	\$17
#14		Rocovitz, Mark	\$17
#16		Sleeger, Tim	\$17
#17		Anderson, Marc	\$17
#18		Muscare, Michael	\$17

Tournament Adjustments

- Tom Clark (-2)
- Rich Tharp (-1)
- Larry Young (-1)
- John Kramer (-2)
- David McLaren (-1)
- Vino Nomura (-1)

Tournament Signup

Member/Member

Saturday March 17, 2018

Please Print!

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

Member Name _____ GHIN # _____

Member Name _____ GHIN # _____

Home phone _____

Special Request: _____

Entry Forms are due in the EPMC mailbox or email by: Saturday March 10th

Send email to: dcox181@hotmail.com

Do Not Send Cash or Checks - Please pay at the sign in table

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