



EL PRADO men's GOLF CLUB

6555 Pine Avenue ♦ Chino, California 91710 ♦ 909-597-1753

www.elpradomensclub.com

Volume XLV

February 2019 rev 1

2018-2019 Board of Directors

Doug Benc	President/Chairman	Dave Cox	Tournament
Michael Muscare.....	Social / Recruiting	Danny Ortiz	Membership
Richard Lizarraga	Treasurer	Gary Lovett.....	Handicap
Mark Rief	Communications / SCGA	Kevin Knutson	Golf Courses General Manager

President's Message

For all the sports fans in our club, we are heading into a very exciting time of year. We have playoff football and the Super Bowl from early January through the first Sunday in February! This year, Southern California will have more to root for, since the Rams are playing in their first Super Bowl since moving back from St. Louis two years ago.

For baseball fans, Spring Training starts soon, as pitchers and catchers will be reporting as early as February 10. March Madness is right around the corner, and then we transition into NBA and NHL playoffs! The west coast swing begins for the PGA TOUR, beginning with this week's Desert Classic, formerly known as the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

But, for El Prado Men's Club, we kick off our calendar year with a great tournament, the President's Cup Qualifier after our rainout in January. Always an enjoyable tournament and matches that ensue for 6 weeks after the qualifier. Everyone wants to know how they will stack up against their peers in a match play competition.

Sometimes, not everyone wants to qualify, because they think it means they have to play for the next six weeks in the match play portion of the President's Cup. But we want everyone to know, it's not necessary to play in the match play matches, if you just want to play in the qualifier. It's still a great tournament, as an individual low net event.

We have quite a few new members and members that have come back after a hiatus, so please say hello and introduce yourself when you see a new face at the course.

The rule changes are yielding some interesting results so far. I have played in quite a few rounds and have seen some wide and incorrect interpretations on many of the new rules. If you have any questions, you can always ask the EPMC Board for copy of the rule book, or download the USGA app, that has easily searchable glossary of rules.

I will see you all when I get back from the Super Bowl in Atlanta!

Doug Benc
President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 9
Tournament
Signups Due

February 16
Individual Low
Net (Presidents
Cup Qualifier)

March 9
Tournament
Signups Due

March 16
ABCD Red Ball

May 2-4
Getaway Classic
in Laughlin

INFORMATION

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

Tournaments
Call
909-984-8220

Tournament News

January 2019 - 2 Man Best Ball

Without a doubt, We got rained out!



Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate with us this beginning of the year 2019 tournament. Hopefully, next month will be better!

Our next tournament is the **Presidents Cup** and will be held on **February 16th**. The format is individual low net with the normal 25% field payouts in each flight, and with the top 16 places in each flight going on to the match play for additional purse and overall bragging rights. Last year Presidents cup match play winners in order of finish were Larry Young (B), Boone Barrow (C), Mike Anthony (A), and John Agan(D).

If you cannot participate in all the match play, you are still encouraged to play the monthly tournament, and just forfeit your first round match.

Please sign up early and include any requests.

Happy New Year!

Dave Cox
Tournament Director

Tournament Handicap Adjustments

The ETS policy was updated in November, so that adjustments are now reduced for participation in any tournament. The complete policy is on Rules page of the web site.

Current ETS Adjustments:

Rollovers	Kelly Johnson	1
	Gary Roehrig	1
	Rich Rudell	2
	Mark Rief	1
	Paul Gray	1

Top 25 - 2018-2019

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Hughes, Daniel	210	40	165	415
2	Hederman, Joseph P	65	65	215	345
3	Nomura, Vino	19	74	175	268
4	Weber, Bart	60	40	150	250
5	Street, Fred	59	29	155	243
6	Muscara, Michael	75	92	70	237
7	Teneriello, Louie	30	67	130	227
8	Fitch, Chris	90	60	75	225
9	Alva, Luis	0	76	140	216
10	Caliri, Adam	60	40	110	210
11	Gray, Paul	0	0	200	200
12	Elliott, Steven	19	29	145	193
13	Masanovich, Mark	15	40	130	185
14	Dancses, Kirk	15	0	155	170
14	Kramer, John	80	90	0	170
16	Briggle, Thomas	0	94	65	159
17	Meoli, Rudy	91	40	25	156
18	Peniata, Oscar	15	27	110	152
19	Walsh, James M	20	0	120	140
20	Moore, George	30	0	105	135
21	Cox, David	0	0	120	120
22	Ortiz, Danny	59	0	55	114
23	Nichols, Wayne	0	0	110	110
24	Kaplan, Chris	60	0	40	100
24	Maddox, Randy	0	45	55	100
24	Oshiro, David	0	0	100	100
24	Pacheco, John	0	0	100	100

Passings

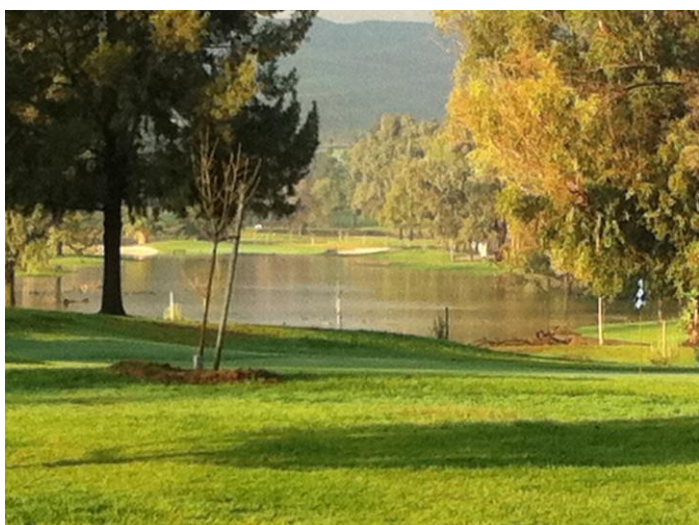
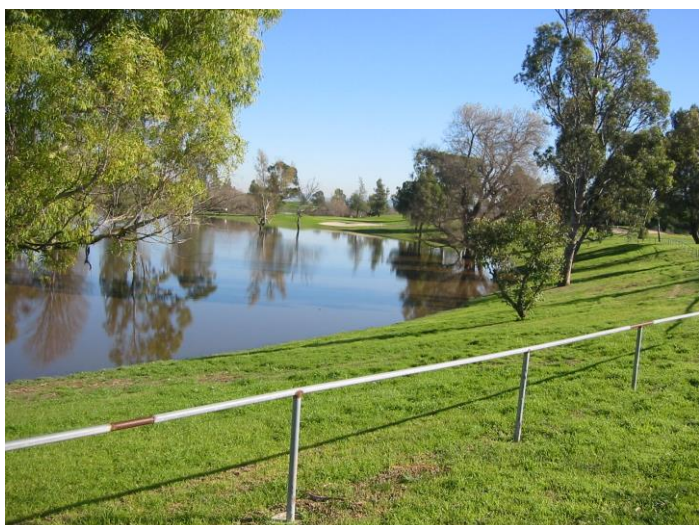
As 2018 came to an end, we lost two longtime friends of the club.

Dennis Whitney, who worked at El Prado for 21 years, passed away December 28 at the age of 65. Over 200 family and friends gathered at the golf course on January 5 to celebrate his life. Thanks to all of the members who attended the wonderful ceremony and reception.

Dan Wilson, father of member Darrel Wilson and former member Derek Wilson, passed away December 30. "Big D" or "Papa Dan" played a lot of golf at Western Hills and El Prado, before retiring to the desert where we played at Monterey Country Club. Thanks to the members who attended the funeral in Palm Desert.

Tournament Results – January 12, 2019 – 2 Man Better Ball

Can you identify these El Prado holes from previous rainouts?



Rules News

In every round I have played this year, there has been a discussion about the new rules, so I guess all the publicity has paid off. Keep talking, as we have a lot to learn!

There is a lot of interest and confusion about the 2 stroke penalty option to stroke and distance. We explained it here last month, and you can read the details in our local rules, but it's a great option to walking back to the tee. If you choose to hit a provisional ball, then the option cannot be used on your original ball. If you hit the provisional out of bounds, you can use the option for the provisional ball. Also, this is what is called a "model local rule" for clubs that want it – it is not part of the rules of golf. We have adopted it here at El Prado, but before you tee it up with your buddies at another course, you should agree if you are allowing the option or not. The USGA encourages this for local club play, but it will not be used in upper level events.

There is also confusion about bunkers (Rule 12). A fellow golfer told me you can now ground your club in a bunker, but this is not true. You are permitted to touch the sand when you lean on or lay down a club, but you cannot ground the club in front of or behind the ball, or touch the sand during a practice swing or your backstroke. But the biggest bunker change is that you can remove loose impediments, like rocks, twigs, and leaves, as long as the ball does not move.

The knee high drop is getting a lot of attention on TV, as the pros take some awkward positions trying to drop correctly. Many have suggested that the rule be changed to allow dropping anywhere from knee to shoulder height. This sounds simple, but I don't expect the USGA to change it just yet. We've all seen pros call over the official, take 2 drops that roll away, and then place the ball. The USGA believes that the lower drop height will help the first drop stay in the drop area. But if the surface is rough, pros want the ball to roll away so that they can place it and get a good lie. So we'll see how this one turns out. I'm hoping they allow it as a local rule, like the stroke and distance option.



Every member should have access to the Player's Edition rule book to answer questions during a round. We distributed these at the December tournament, and have plenty more if you need one. You can also get the same and more information by installing the app on your smart phone. The app contains the Player's Edition, the Full Rules, and the Official Guide to the Rules.

Our complete local rules are on the web site, and we will have printed copies available at tournament check in. Keep up the discussions. These rules are new to all of us, so if you have any questions, please ask!

Mark Rief
Communications

Getaway News

El Prado Getaway Classic is May 2-4, 2019 in Laughlin, and will be here before you know it! Once again lodging will be at the Aquarius Hotel.

One change is that the Thursday Skins game with gross, net and closest to the pin will be played at Mojave Golf at AVI this year, with a Shotgun start 12:00 P.M.

The Friday Skins game with gross, net, and Closest to the pin will be at Laughlin Ranch shotgun start 7:30 A.M. We will have 2 or 3 flights. If we have a C flight, they will play forward tees.

The Saturday Tournament will return to Los Lagos. We're paying approximately 30% of the field low net with gross skins, closest to the pin. We will have 2 or 3 flights depending on entries, and again, the C flight will play forward tees.

This year we are making an extra effort to bring more guests. Additional guests, friend, family members or anyone else you might want to bring are all welcome. If we have enough guests, we will have an extra tournament pot for Saturday golf game. The more attendees the bigger the money pots will be for skins and closest to the pins.

The entry form is available on the web site in the golf shop.

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

Tournament Signup

Presidents Cup Qualifier

Saturday February 16, 2016

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 # _____

Home phone _____

Special Request: _____

Entry Forms &

Email due:

Send email to:

Saturday February 9th

dcox181@hotmail.com

Make Checks payable to El Prado Men's Club and send with this form to:

El Prado Men's Club

6555 Pine Ave

Chino, CA 91710

DO NOT SEND CASH!!!!