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President's Message

A ruling at the last Derby reminded me of how much misunderstanding there is of some golf rules. I think the more general issues are how golfers learn the rules, and how they enforce them.

How do we learn the rules? Most golfers begin with a more experienced golfer explaining a situation to them. I can still remember Darrell Wilson telling me that if I wanted to play this game, I had to learn the rules. The next source of information is usually discussion around the bar about something that happened during our round, where we get many conflicting "expert" opinions. Maybe we assume a board member or a low handicap player knows more than the rest, but that's not always the case. When I started playing, the next step was to find a rule book and start searching – the old way, by reading the index or flipping through pages. Nowadays, we can go to the USGA Rules of Golf Home online or the USGA Rules of Golf Mobile App on our phone to begin your search. If you like to read, the official rule book is all there. If you like to watch, then there are plenty of videos. If you like to be entertained, the SCGA had some fun with their staffers and interns a few years ago making Rules Crew videos. I think these may be the best way to reach some golfers, so I really hope they revive this series 😊. If we want to learn more after that, there are rules seminars, webinars, and online discussion groups for the truly impassioned.



Even with good rules knowledge, many golfers find the most difficult part of the rules is calling out fellow competitors. Our sport is self-policing, so golfers are expected to know the rules, follow them, and incur penalties when they don't. The most common problem we see is when a player observes another golfer and thinks he is not following the rules. It can be a tough situation to step in on another player's game, but it is our duty to protect the field. Rather than yell "You can't do that!", a helpful approach can often work best. Long-time rules guru Ed Greene used to ask "Do you understand your options in this situation?" If a player was not sure, it's a teaching moment to explain, for example, where the player can take a drop. If the player already knows everything and insists on playing by his rules, simply ask him to play two balls, and you can get a ruling when the round is over.

As we head off to Mesquite for the Getaway, with thousands of dollars in winnings at stake, there is obviously a need to protect the field from rule breakers, either intentional or not. I remind you all to be observant, read the local rules, don't be afraid to pull out your rules app, and please approach your opponents with a helpful attitude when questioning their actions. And if you are challenged, always remember the famous words of Bruce Jahnke: "Never be upset with an opponent for having a better knowledge of the rules than you do".

Mark Rief, President.

UPCOMING DATES

May 30 – June 1
Getaway to
Mesquite, NV

June 18
Online Tournament
Signups Close

June 22
2 Man Scramble

June 25
Derby

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
(772) 408-2421
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[Tuesday Skins](#)

Tournament News

The month of May provided another great EPMC golf tournament for participating members. We had 94 golfers on 47 teams and paid out \$4,156 to 60 golfers on 30 teams. There were some great scores played from the red tees with A flight winners Mac & Andy posting a blistering net 61. B & C Flight winners posting respectable net 65s and D Flight winners net 63! Who said we need 14 clubs? I always enjoy this tournament, it's fun and always seems that the pace of play is great - especially when half our guess work of proper club selection is eliminated!



Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Tim Sleeper, Jim Moir, and Ray Gonzales - each receiving \$90 in pot money. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks again to all who played!

In Golf Genius news – For our May tournament, there were 30 messages from members to the event manager received through Golf Genius' email, and as reported last month this number is what we've been averaging for tournament signups.

Other news: Mesquite Getaway May 30th – June 1st
Look forward to seeing all of you that are going!

Our next El Prado Men's Club home tournament will be June 22nd – 2 Man Scramble. Look for the 2 Man scramble signups to open in early June.

When signups open, please follow these 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 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. 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.

Gary Abbott, Tournament/Skins

Doug Benc, Tournament/Skins

TOP 25 - 2023-2024

Rank	Name	Total
1	Jones, Brad	678
2	Mouw, Billy	634
3	Lovell, Ron	597
4	Clark, Thomas	565
5	Kramer, John	544
6	Barber, Darnell	526
7	Tapia, Mike	505
8	Johnson, Kelly	502
9	Bretado, Henry	497
10	Barcenas, Cristhian	490
11	Harlin, Scott	484
12	Barrow, Boone	473
13	Lizarraga, Richard	468
14	Ortiz, Danny	463
15	Poh, Colby	462
16	Ostergaard, Chris	448
17	Springer, Marc	441
18	Alva, Luis	432
19	Cerda, Mario	427
20	Oaks, Timothy	426
21	Verne, Sean	418
22	Moir, James	408
23	Ignacz, Ken	386
24	Irizarry, Mario	385
24	Williams, Anthony	385

(includes President's Cup)

Getaway News

Signups are closed and we are getting ready for the Getaway in a little over a week!

Final pairings for the Getaway should be released the weekend before we leave.

We have 60 playing golf Thursday, and 76 on Friday and Saturday.

The [Terms of Competition](#), including the formats and tees, have been finalized and are available on the web site rules page.

If you want to double check that you are signed up, the daily rosters are in Tee Sheets on the [Golf Genius portal](#).

For questions about signups or payment, contact [Rich Lizarraga](#) or [Scott Harlin](#)

For questions about the golf competitions, contact [Mark Rief](#) or [Gary Abbott](#)

Scott Harlin, Co-Treasurer



Bye Bye Preferred Lies

As another reminder - **we are playing the ball down for all skins games and tournaments**, unless posted or announced at check-in. The course is drying out so it's time to get back to real golf. It also speeds up play and produces a more realistic handicap.

There is no free relief from bare spots or divots or footprints, except as described in [our local rules](#). If you question a player taking free relief, and they don't agree with you, they should play two balls and then talk to the committee for a ruling before you turn in your scorecard.

So once again in case you missed it ...

PLAY THE BALL DOWN!

Derby Time!

We had 10 teams compete in our third derby of the year.

The highlight was multiple attempts at a chip-off out of the bunker on Butterfield #5. It was getting dark, but eventually somebody hit the green!



The winners

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 June 25 at 4:30, following the Tuesday skins game. We would love to see you there!



Lance Ford, Social Chairman

Tournament Results – 2 Man 4 Club Red Tees – May 11, 2024

Complete results are always available at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>
 All payouts are per TEAM and will be split.

Better Ball (Scrip)

A Flight

Pos.	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Hallam, Thomas + Larios, Andres	-11	61	\$210
2	Clark, Thomas + Sleeper, Tim	-7	65	\$190
T3	Benc, Doug + Dancses, Brian	-6	66	\$85
T3	Anthony, Michael + Mouw, Trea	-6	66	\$85

B Flight

Pos.	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Bates, Patrick + Becerra, Rafael	-7	65	\$210
2	Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	-6	66	\$190
3	Peniata, Oscar + Siakisini, Esela	-2	70	\$170

C Flight

Pos.	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Harlin, Scott + Ortiz, Danny	-7	65	\$210
2	Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	-6	66	\$190
3	Rivera, Albert + Torres, Ramiro	-5	67	\$170

D Flight

Pos.	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Grinder, John + Pacheco, John	-9	63	\$210
T2	Dominguez, Philip + Jones, Kim	-6	66	\$180
T2	Corral, Carlos + Gonzalez, Raymundo	-6	66	\$180

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,280.00

Gross Skins – (checks)

A Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Hallam, Thomas + Larios, Andres	2	\$80	Eagle on 1, Eagle on 17
Ford, Dane + Ford, Lance	2	\$80	Birdie on 4, Eagle on 5
Benc, Doug + Dancses, Brian	1	\$40	Eagle on 12
Clark, Thomas + Sleeper, Tim	1	\$40	Birdie on 7

B Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	2	\$52	Birdie on 3, Birdie on 11
Bates, Patrick + Becerra, Rafael	2	\$52	Birdie on 13, Birdie on 17
Hurtado, Octavio + Montelongo, Cruz	1	\$26	Birdie on 16
Rincon, Julio + Robertson, Brian	1	\$26	Birdie on 1
Harlin, Michael + Rivera, Robert	1	\$26	Birdie on 5
McArdle, Joseph + Vicario, Gil	1	\$26	Birdie on 14
Abbott, Alex + Abbott, Gary	1	\$26	Birdie on 18

C Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Hederman, Joseph + Teneriello, Louie	2	\$60	Birdie on 3, Birdie on 14
Harlin, Scott + Ortiz, Danny	2	\$60	Birdie on 10, Birdie on 18
Rivera, Albert + Torres, Ramiro	2	\$60	Birdie on 8, Birdie on 12
Bermudez, Rolando + Bretado, Henry	1	\$30	Birdie on 16
Barcenas, Cristhian + Cabezas, Cali	1	\$30	Birdie on 13

D Flight

Players	Skins	Purse	Details
Baker, Robert + Walsh, James	2	\$110	Birdie on 7, Birdie on 17
Agan, John + Yurgans, Donald	1	\$54	Birdie on 2
Briggle, Thomas + Kramer, John	1	\$54	Par on 3

Total Purse Allocated: \$932.00

Closest to the pin – (checks)

A Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Pierce, James + Poh, Colby	\$60	#14 2'7"
	Jones, Adam + Jones, Brad	\$60	#16 5'5"
	Ford, Dane + Ford, Lance	\$60	#4 4"
	Clark, Thomas + Sleeper, Tim	\$60	#7 5'11"
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			
B Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Alberto, Mel + Slavin, Troy	\$120	#4 4'1", #14 7'10"
	Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	\$60	#16 7'11"
	Bates, Patrick + Becerra, Rafael	\$60	#7 10'6"
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			
C Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Harlin, Scott + Ortiz, Danny	\$60	#14 17'
	Rivera, Albert + Torres, Ramiro	\$60	#17 12'6"
	Barcenas, Cristhian + Cabezas, Cali	\$60	#2 9'10"
	Martinez, Mario + Martinez, Robert	\$60	#7 1'10"
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			
D Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Dominguez, Philip + Jones, Kim	\$56	#14 5'11"
	Anderson, David + Young, Larry	\$56	#17 6'1"
	Agan, John + Yurgans, Donald	\$56	#2 2'8"
	Baker, Robert + Walsh, James	\$56	#7 6'9"
Total Purse Allocated: \$224.00			