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President's Message

With all the recent rain, we had to make some adjustments to some of our skins games because parts of the course were flooded or unplayable. The first time we played the two back nines – a good idea until we realized that the scoring and posting required a lot of extra work. Not to mention all even stroke holes. That's when we decided to resurrect and update the third course at El Prado – Dry Creek. This course was created around 2005, but has not been used for several years. It was made up of high elevation holes from both courses, that are the least likely to flood. The old routing no longer made sense, so we updated the course to use both back nines with correct stroke allocation. We used special scorecards with the holes labeled B10-B18 and C10-C18 to avoid confusion. In addition to the hole changes, we also added a new set of Blue/White combo tees, playing the blue tees on Butterfield 10-18 and the white tees on Chino Creek 10-18. The course is now updated in GHIN, so it will be there if we need it in the future.



With the course being saturated in many areas, we have had a lot of cart restrictions lately – mainly no carts in the fairways. The carts leave damaging ruts in the wet ground that can take months to recover. They also compress the soil,

making it harder for the turf to regrow. If you see ropes, or puddles, or muddy cart tracks, **don't drive there!** Let's all do our part to take care of the course. Anything we do now will help reduce the bare conditions we often see later in the year, and is appreciated by the course and your fellow members.

On the subject of rain, I also want to thank the golf course employees who get up in the middle of the night to prepare the course for us. They did an awesome job over the past couple weeks to prepare the course, and let us play whenever possible.

Mark Rief, President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 7
Online Tournament
Signups Close

February 11
Individual Low Net
and President's Cup
Qualifier

February 28
Online Tournament
Signups Close

March 4
Member/Member
Mixed format

SIGNUPS

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Tournament News

Unfortunately, the highly anticipated January 2023, 2 Man Best Ball tournament was rained out. Before the decision was made to cancel the event, there was plenty of work already completed on the front-end that I would like to share. At the time signups closed we had 104 golfers registered to play in Golf Genius, which gave us 52 teams scheduled to compete. Our rules sheet was finalized, and pairings completed by Friday morning. Things were shaping up for a great turnout and event. But after reviewing the latest weather forecast, we made a collective decision to cancel. I think we can all agree now it was a good decision with over 3 inches of rain falling over the weekend storm.



In Golf Genius news:

The first EPMC partners tournament using online signups for our 2 Man Better Ball tournament went surprisingly well. As mentioned above, we had 104 players signed up. Nearly all registered participants/teams navigated through Golf Genius online signups without problem. Those members who needed assistance or had questions, were quick to reach out to a board member for help. Thanks for communicating with us in a timely manner! We received 38 messages in Golf Genius from registered players, some of which required a response from our end. Positive communication channels is key for our club's continued success and having a "one spot" repository in Golf Genius for emails and messages provides several advantages for all of us. The messages we received in Golf Genius ranged from confirming team partner, tee-time request, foursome requests and even cancellations. While we are all still learning the online signup process in Golf Genius, I'm happy to report that the tournament setup for the event was going smoothly until the forecasted rain dampened the mood and forced the cancellation decision. The positive take away – great Golf Genius practice for all!

Next month's event will take place on February 11th. The event is our club's President's Cup Individual Low Net tournament. First of all, this is our regular

monthly tournament with four flights of payouts for net scores, gross skins, and closest to the pin. In addition, this is also the qualifier for the President's cup, our annual match play competition. If you finish in the top 16 in your flight, you will be seeded in the match play brackets. We start with 64 players, and play single elimination matches once a week until only one player is left standing. If you don't want to commit to weekly match play, don't let that keep you out of the February tournament. If you qualify, no worries, just forfeit your first-round match. But most members will tell you, match play is a great format that we don't get to experience very often. For further details look on the website under Rules - President's Cup Match Play. Online signups will be opening soon in Golf Genius, and a full field should be expected for this tournament.

You might have noticed we are trying to open tournament signups earlier than in the past. This allows members plenty of time to sign up or cancel well in advance. There is also the added advantage to see who's in the confirmed field of players. Be on the lookout soon as all regular EPMC golfing members will receive the Golf Genius email invitation for sign-ups.

When signups open, please follow these steps to register:

1. Navigate through the signup confirmation buttons by checking Playing or Not Playing.
2. If you choose - you can also SEND message to the manager with any special request.
3. Hit the SEND button.

The tee sheet link in Golf Genius will populate names for the confirmed list of players. As always, please 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. Understand that one of the biggest challenges and time consumers is trying to manage member requests. Sometimes requests cannot be accommodated for various reasons and your understanding in this regard is appreciated. Remember that we cap our tournament size and place players on a waitlist if reached. Again, if you're still lost with the online signup process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

The Golf Genius Signup Portal will close February 7th. Please sign up early to guarantee a spot. Online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before February 7th. We will confirm the roster of signed up players in email on, Wednesday February

8th before the tournament, and release pairings Friday February 10th.

Helpful hint – February 11th President's Cup Individual Low Net Tournament - AB flights will be on Chino Creek and CD flights will be on Butterfield. Tee it High and Let it Fly!

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



TOP 25 - 2022-2023

Rank	Name	Total
1	Patterson, Ronald	442
2	Ferguson, Lyle	369
3	Barrow, Boone	349
4	Hederman, Joseph	327
5	Becerra, Rafael	302
6	Dancses, Kirk	283
6	Fanning, James	283
8	Briggle, Thomas	266
9	Dancses, Brian	264
10	Mundy, Robert	261
11	Tapia, Mike	255
12	Alva, Luis	246
13	Barber, Darnell	243
14	Hughes, Daniel	228
15	Jones, Kim	219
16	Deshay, Stan	216
17	Pierce, James	211
18	Esparza, Aaron	205
18	McArdle, Joseph	205
20	Baker, Robert	202
21	Lovell, Ron	198
22	Nomura, Jonathan	195
23	Ortiz, Danny	193
24	Woodhead, Glenn	188
25	Ignacz, Ken	180

Tournament Results – 2 Man Better Ball – January 14, 2023

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

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