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President's Message

One of the most anticipated times of year, begins this weekend at El Prado! The President's Cup! We all love the pressure of taking on our peers, to see where we stand against those members that we don't play with every week.

It's a great time to meet new members or play with a member that you haven't played with in quite a while. The format is always fun and unique to what we do year-round.

Let's also take time to understand that Saturday Tee Times arranged by John Kramer are going to be very difficult for the next couple of weeks. You won't always get the group you play with on Sunday, based on too many variables. But John will do the best he can, to accommodate those in the group.

To avoid putting John in a bad position, we might have signup sheets for the tee times in the bar following scoring on the February, President's Cup qualifier, and it could be a first come first serve basis next year? Turn it into a party! We'll discuss at a future board meeting.

The unique format brings up some not so unique topics that need to be addressed as well.

El Prado does have more skins games in year, that probably any other club in Southern California? Our participation rate is fantastic!

Outside of normal buy-in, many of our golfers enjoy their own side games. It's great to see how it plays out in the bar after the round. With those games, we must be careful to protect the field as well.

A few things to keep in mind while having a partner game within the skins game, to protect the field.

1. You should NOT putt on the same line as someone, unless you are further away, if that putt could give someone a read.
2. You should NEVER stand in line to get a read, while someone else is putting. ONLY allowed in Scramble formats.
3. You must NEVER share information that is not common knowledge of the course. Club selection or how much you think the wind affected your shot is not allowed.

That brings us to Match Play this weekend. Sometimes, in a group may be good friends or even family members. It's important that although on any given day you might give minor swing advice or encouragement, you must be careful to distinguish between those while playing golf.

For instance. Saying to a friend, "come on, hang in there" or "You got this", is fine. But, saying something along the lines of this is not acceptable:

- "Relax and watch your tempo on the back swing."
- "You are jabbing at the putt."
- "It looks like you are rushing your downswing."
- "You normally hit it right on this hole, be sure and aim further left."
- "Be sure and take less club, and put in the fairway on this hole."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 7
Tournament
Signups Due

March 14
Member/Member
Mixed formats
• 9 Better Ball
• 9 Aggregate
5-4-3 Out

April 4
Tournament
Signups Due

April 11
5-4-3 Out

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

**Tournaments
Call
909-984-8220**

Presidents Message (continued)

These are all examples of innocent comments that you might make if you are out having fun, but we must more mindful during competitive matches, and even during skins games. The field will appreciate the opportunity to compete in a fair playing field and that starts with each of us recognizing it begins within our own groups.

Lastly, gamesmanship is something that many of us talk about, and few understand as well as we would like. The match format lends itself to many levels of gamesmanship, but we expect fair play as well. **Let the gamesmanship begin on the course, not when trying to schedule a match and making it difficult for someone to get in touch with you.** If you are aware that someone gave you and incorrect score on a hole, ask them to be sure, before anyone hits their next shot, or even point out what you think they have. IF you are aware of them giving you an incorrect score and you don't try and correct it, it's not a gamesmanship, it's cheating. Intent is everything, so please do your best to make this fair and have fun!

Doug Benc
President
Match Play Coordinator

Tournament News

We had 74 players participate in the President's Cup Qualifier. We have 16 slots in each flight for the match game playoffs and the match play ladder was completed at the scoreboard thanks to Kevin, Doug and Mark. The ladder is posted on the website. Now it is your opportunity to go out and win your match(s), move on to the winners circle, and earn some extra script.

In the regular Individual Low Net tournament, the top flight winners are: A flight: Kirk Dancses 72; B flight: George Moore 68; C flight: David Oshiro 64; and D flight: Robert Delgado at 71. Congratulations to all the winners. Check out the full results and Top 25 on the website.

Match Play: Refer to the ladder posted on the EPMC website. 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 a 2 man team event. The format this year is 9 holes better ball net, and 9 holes aggregate net with 5-4-3 out. Teams should sign up as early as possible and remember an 8 stroke maximum differential is in effect. A and B flight will be on Chino Creek and C and D flight will be on Butterfield Stage. This round is to be posted as a "C" competition round.

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

Dave Cox
Tournament Director

Top 25 - 2019-2020

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Delgado, Robert	83	81	305	469
2	Dancses, Kirk	107	23	330	460
3	Ortiz, Danny	148	84	175	407
4	Hughes, Daniel	85	40	215	340
5	Nomura, Vino	82	76	180	338
6	Oshiro, David	109	64	155	328
7	Becerra, Rafael	77	108	115	300
8	Grinder, John	49	24	225	298
8	Kaplan, Chris	34	170	80	284
10	Moore, George	39	65	180	284
11	Lizarraga, Richard	90	20	170	280
12	Rocovitz, Mark	72	82	120	274
13	Elliott, Steven	87	0	185	272
13	Agan, John	0	36	225	261
15	Nichols, Wayne	68	108	85	261
16	Bach, Richard	80	18	145	243
17	Caliri, Adam	58	23	155	236
18	Cabezas, Calixto	89	46	100	235
19	Teneriello, Louie	39	97	90	226
20	Saulet, Darrel	89	20	95	204
21	Hirt, Terry	28	34	135	197
22	Earhart, Tom	30	98	65	193
22	Abbott, Gary	62	50	70	182
24	Wilson, Darrell	44	63	75	182
25	Ortega, Alfonso	54	32	95	181

Tournament Results – Individual Low Net – February 15, 2020

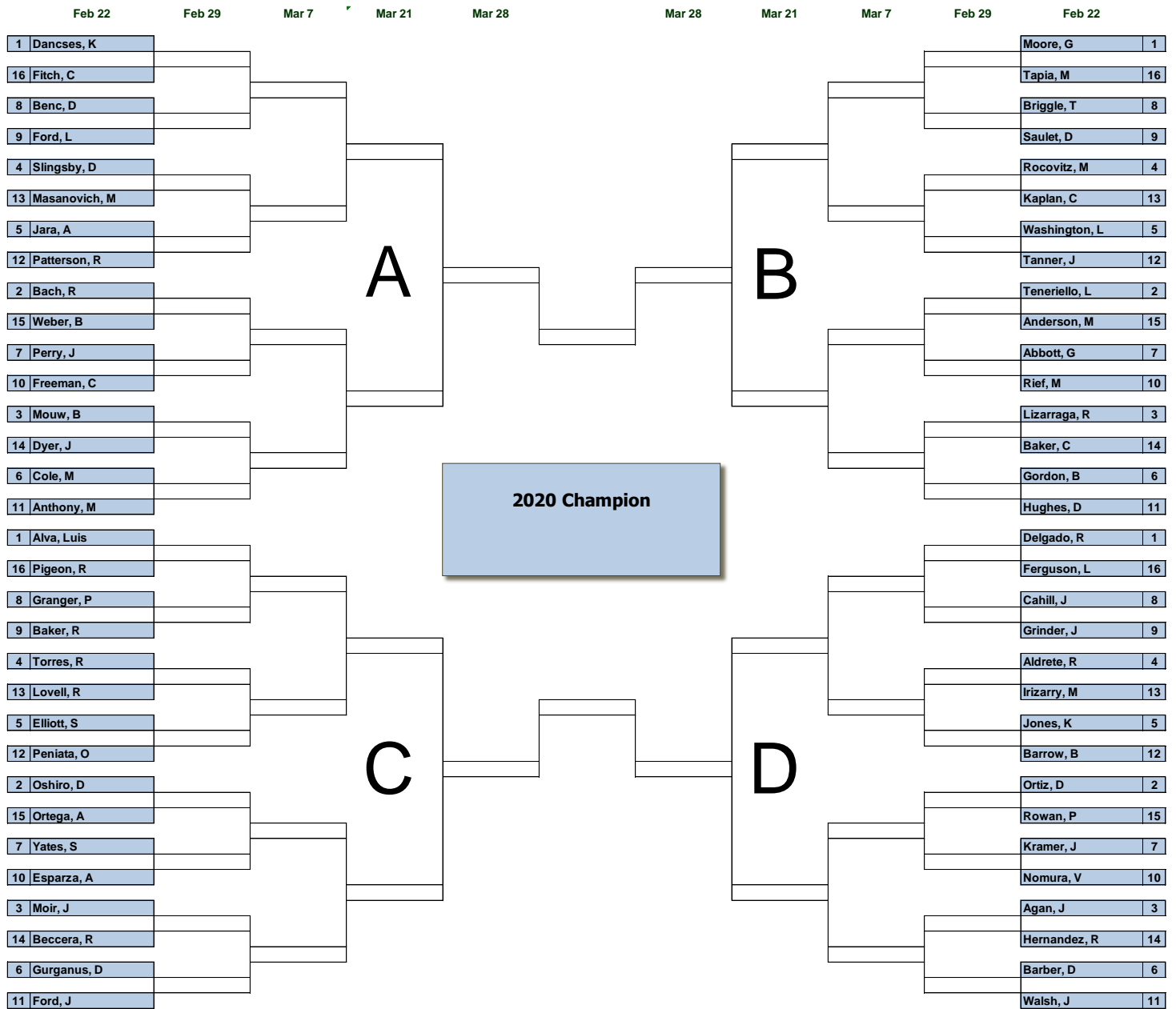
A Flight Butterfield Stage			
Script			
1	72	Dancses, Kirk	\$100
T2	73	Bach, Richard	\$80
T2	73	Mouw, Billy	\$80
T4	74	Jara, Aaron	\$50
T4	74	Slingsby, Dave	\$50
Closest			
#2	4' 6.5"	Jara, Aaron	\$43
#7	8' 7"	Fitch, Chris	\$43
#14	11' 8"	Benc, Doug	\$43
#17	6' 4"	Perry, Jacob	\$43
Skins			
#1		Mundy, Robert	\$17
#4		Mouw, Billy	\$17
#5		Mouw, Billy	\$17
#6		Bach, Richard	\$17
#7		Fitch, Chris	\$17
#8		Jara, Aaron	\$17
#9		Dancses, Kirk	\$17
#12		Mouw, Billy	\$17
#14		Bach, Richard	\$17
#16	Eagle	Cole, Mike	\$17
#18		Perry, Jacob	\$17

B Flight Butterfield Stage			
Script			
T1	68	Moore, George	\$90
T1	68	Teneriello, Louie	\$90
3	70	Lizarraga, Richard	\$75
4	71	Rocovitz, Mark	\$60
5	73	Washington, Louis	\$25
Closest			
#2	3' 6"	Washington, Louis	\$41
#7	7' 6"	Teneriello, Louie	\$41
#14	2' 4.5"	Rocovitz, Mark	\$41
#17	3' 5"	Rocovitz, Mark	\$41
Skins			
#2		Washington, Louis	\$23
#4		Moore, George	\$23
#5		Hughes, Daniel	\$23
#8		Gordon, Robert	\$23
#9		Tanner, Joe	\$23
#10		Teneriello, Louie	\$23
#16		Tapia, Mike	\$23
#17		Rocovitz, Mark	\$23

C Flight Chino Creek			
Script			
1	64	Oshiro, David	\$90
2	74	Moir, James	\$80
T3	75	Elliott, Steven	\$65
T3	75	Torres, Ramiro	\$65
T5	76	Gurganus, Doug	\$20
T5	76	Yates, Scott	\$20
Closest			
#4	24' 1"	Oshiro, David	\$41
#7	22' 3"	Moir, James	\$41
#14	32' 0"	Alva, Luis	\$41
#16	15' 7"	Pigeon, Russ	\$41
Skins			
#1	Par	Granger, Paul	\$23
#5		Cox, David	\$23
#6		Oshiro, David	\$23
#7		Elliott, Steven	\$23
#11		Oshiro, David	\$23
#14		Alva, Luis	\$23
#17		Oshiro, David	\$23
#18		Oshiro, David	\$23

D Flight Chino Creek			
Script			
1	71	Delgado, Robert	\$100
2	72	Ortiz, Danny	\$85
3	73	Agan, John	\$75
4	75	Alderete, Ralph	\$60
T5	76	Barber, Darnell	\$20
T5	76	Jones, Kim	\$20
Closest			
#4	8' 10"	Ferguson, Lyle	\$43
#7	21' 3"	Ortiz, Danny	\$43
#14	15' 0"	Cahill, James	\$43
#16	22' 9"	Delgado, Robert	\$43
Skins			
#1	Par	Walsh, James	\$63
#5	Par	Barrow, Boone	\$63
#8	Par	Ortiz, Danny	\$63

Presidents Cup Brackets



Laughlin Getaway 2020

The getaway will be here before you know it, and signups are due March 15!

This year it's April 30th, May 1st, and 2nd in Laughlin, Nevada. Please invite your family, friends, or coworkers so they can meet new people, enjoy golf in Laughlin and maybe win some money. Who knows they could even join our club. The more participants, the more prize money. Last year we had about \$10,000 going to the winners.

This year we will have the raffle again (Please donate to this cause, it is your club). I already have

10 shirts, and a big screen TV, but I need more. If you can donate, please contact me either at the golf course email or call me. I'm also adding a breakfast for wives or significant others at no cost to them on Friday May 1st in the café at Aquarius Hotel at 8:30 AM, hosted by Charlotte Barrow.

Please sign up early if you know you're going. I need the money by March 15th. The application is on the web site.

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

Here Comes the Derby!

Due to popular demand, we're bringing back the Derby! For those not old enough to remember, this is a 5 hole horse race the Tuesday afternoon following the tournament. Its alternate shot with a blind draw partner and a small buy in, focused on fun. We play the holes as a group, so if you've never seen 20 carts on the fairway at the same time, you won't want to miss it. We'll have details by the next tournament. Special thanks go out to Kevin and the golf course for sponsoring this, and allowing us to bring it back in style!

Danny Ortiz, Membership Chairman
Rafael Becerra, Social Chairman

Use the Rules!

Rules are always a hot topic of discussion, from the PGA tour all the way down to our club tournaments and skins games. Recently we had some situations that remind me that we don't all know the rules, but we should all be able to reference them when needed.

Twice recently, balls in fairway bunkers came to rest in grooves caused by water erosion. In each case, the player asked about relief, and the others in their group agreed that there was no relief other than taking an unplayable lie. The players played their balls as they lied, with the expected horrendous results. Sadly, this could have been avoided, since the players were actually entitled to a free drop in the bunker.

Our club has [local rules](#) that cover all of our events, and one of them states:

Furrows from water flow in bunkers, or adjacent to cart paths and bridges outside of a hazard, is an *abnormal ground condition*. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b

If a ruling is required on the course, remember that you have many ways to check the rules:

- Carry a rule book (free from the club) and a copy of our local rules.
- Use the [USGA Rules app](#) on your phone to check USGA rules.
- Use the [El Prado Men's Golf Club website](#) on your phone to check our [local rules](#).
- Call the golf shop on the phone.

If you can't easily get an answer, or would be delaying play while you wait for one, remember that you can almost always play two balls to complete the hole, and get a ruling after the round, before you sign and turn in your scorecard. See [Rule 20.1 c\(3\) Playing Two Balls When Uncertain What to Do](#) for the details.

Mark Rief,
Communications

Tournament Signup

Member/Member

Saturday March 14, 2020
Format: 9BB 9Agg 543out

Please Print!

Member Name _____

GHIN # _____

Home phone _____

Special Request: _____

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

Entry Forms and email signups due:

Saturday March 7

Send email to: **dcox181@hotmail.com**

Make Checks payable to [El Prado Men's Club](#) and send with this form to:

DO NOT SEND CASH!!!!

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