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President's Message

We have a number of new firsts which I would like to acknowledge:

1: This is the first time we have used the USGA Tournament Management program (TM Club) to do one of our events. I want to thank Doug Benc and Mark Rief for going to the seminars and learning all about TM club and for setting it up and utilizing it for the first time in our Nov 2020 Individual Low Net tournament. It has many really neat features which they were able to use this time and even more to come in the future. I also noticed Gil Vicario helping Doug to input all of the scorecards. This was a big help. Art Guevara manned the scoreboard to post all scores, skins and closest to the scoreboard. Thanks to both of them. TM Club automated our audit, and the preliminary results with payouts were out in record time by early Sunday morning. Still, if you notice any discrepancies, we want to hear from you immediately so we can address the issues. This is a new way of doing business for us and there are bound to be a couple of hiccups.

2: Thanks to Art Guevara for bringing in four to five new members, and all of your efforts at bringing in your friends, and to Danny Ortiz for managing our membership. We had a slew of new members playing in this month event. New faces I want to welcome are: Josh Moloney, Sean Verne, Esela Siakisini, Norm Bailey, Adam Bailey, Robert Tellez, Ramiro Lopez, Greg Wright, Cary Evans, Lane Zemba, Nick Sanchez, Art Bochoco, Rod Estacio, Manny Ruiz, and Ted Mercado.

What with Covid19 resurging and our continued effort to run a safe environment for recreational golf and club activities, we would first off like to remind everyone to practice good sound judgement in following all course, county and state guidelines. We want to continue to enjoy our events and at the same time support our course.

The rules can sometimes be to your benefit if you know them very well. I will just mention a couple of them each month, which I think can help you out in certain situations. One of the players in our foursome encountered the following situation. He was in a penalty area and was unsure if he could ground his club. The answer is in 17.1b item1, yes, he can ground his club and take a practice swing.

Rule 17.1a When Ball is in Penalty Area - A ball is in a *penalty area* when any part of the ball:

- Lies on or touches the ground or anything else (such as any natural or artificial object) inside the edge of the *penalty area*, or
- Is above the edge or any other part of the *penalty area*.

Rule 17.1b Player May Play Ball as it Lies in the Penalty Area or Take Penalty Relief - The player may either:

- Play the ball as it lies without penalty, under the same Rules that apply to a ball in the general area (which means there are no special Rules that apply how a ball may be played from a *penalty area*), or
- Play a ball from outside the penalty area by taking penalty relief under Rule 17.1d or 17.2

Dave Cox – President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 5
Tournament
Signups Due

Dec 12
4 Clubs – Red Tees

Nov 9
Tournament
Signups Due

Jan 16
2 Man Better Ball

Saturday Skins
(772) 408-2421
dbenc@ap.org
by Tuesday Noon

Tournaments
(772) 408-2421
dbenc@ap.org
by Saturday prior

Toy Collection Cancelled

Every December, we collect toys and cash donations for the Annual Rotary Christmas Basket Giveaway. I know that many of you enjoy bringing a toy to be distributed to local families. With this being 2020, as expected, Chino Rotary has told us they cannot accept any toys, so we cannot do our traditional toy drive at tournament check in. They are able to accept monetary donations, so we will still collect cash for them to use to purchase items to fill the gift baskets. Please remember that these donations provide food and gifts directly to 50 local families.

Rafael Becerra
Social Chairman

Tournament News

Thanks to the 82 players who played in this month's Individual Low Net tournament. Unfortunately, we had a rough time getting ready due to 8 late signups. If you want to play in a tournament, please sign up early, so that we can divide the flights and obtain the tee times that we need.

As you have probably heard or read, we are now using the USGA TM (Tournament Management) system for all our tournaments and skins games. This month we planned to use the old system while testing the new system, but the testing went so well we immediately switched to the new system and won't look back.

One of the benefits is that the scoring and results are completely transparent, and available to all members through the Events link on the web site. This means that we are no longer going to publish preliminary results separately – you just look at them for yourself. Also, the results in the newsletter are organized differently, based on what is generated automatically from the TM system.

We are still looking at how to report the Top 25 list, so you won't see it in this newsletter. We should have something figured out by next month.

Your email address is now more important than ever. First of all, in 2021 it will be required to post scores in the GHIN system, and each golfer must have his own email address. Second of all, it is the primary form of communication in the TM system. If we want to let you know about signups, tee times, or results; it will be via email. If you are not receiving emails from the club, please let us know, so that we can be sure your correct email address is in our systems.

This month is our traditional December tournament – 4 clubs from the red tees. Skirts are optional. We will be using white tee handicaps to avoid the confusion with all the plus handicaps we saw in August.

This is usually our most popular tournament of the year, so please sign up by Saturday December 5 to guarantee your spot. We will accept signups until Tuesday the 8th if we have tee times available.

To sign up, Email dbenc@ap.org or Call/Text: 772-408-2421.

If you have a request on who you do or don't want to play with, or what time you want to play, write it in your email to Doug. We cannot possibly remember your personal schedule or who gets on your nerves! And remember, requesting to play with your buddy does not sign your buddy up for the tournament! He has to do that himself.

We are still finalizing the 2021 Tournament Calendar. It should be approved and published later this month.

Please bear with us as we learn the TM system. If you have any issues or feedback, please let us know!

Mark Rief, Communications
Doug Benc, Tournament Director

Changes to Skins Games

For all those that have played in our skins games in the past week, you might have noticed some changes? These changes have nothing to do with golf, but in process and scoring. We have moved our scoring over to a Tournament Management software that is part of our USGA package.

Moving forward you no longer need to write down your net and gross scores, circle birdies or eagles or post your score after the round. Our new system allows us to keep score while using the system within the flight you are in based on your handicap. Once scoring is done and posted, your scores will be sent along to GHIN and within seconds recorded.

The benefits of using this software is going to be impressive to all our members. #1, the transparency of scoring and skins. Within a couple of minutes of the last group posting scores, we'll be able to publish on our site the results and you will be able to view anyone else's score as well! Calculations for the winnings is done automatically!

There will be occasional hiccups as we learn how to use this software, so please be patient with our messaging and process while we continue to learn how it will best be used in our club.

We are exploring the process in having an email sent out, and a reply would be your sign up for that week's skins game. We also are exploring a way of being able to have you go into a portal, and pick your own tee time and affirm your presence for the skins game as well!

But, for now, it's going to be as simple as this:

- Sign up for Saturday by texting/emailing Doug @ 772-408-2421 or dbenc@ap.org
- Let us know by Wednesday, so we can put in up on the site
- On the home page of our website, you can go to the "Events" link, in the upper left and pick either Tuesday or Saturday and view tee times, or results. This link will always be live and you should be able to view results from previous games as well.
- We ask that you do NOT post your scores and we will post for you.
- It's more important now to be sure and write your full name and scores legibly on the scorecards

All of this is a positive move for our club and I think we'll all find it helpful in the long run. Thank you all for your patience and understanding and we look forward to implementing the more robust portion of the software in the coming months!

Doug Benc, Tournament Director
Mark Rief, Communications

Tournament Signup

There is no signup form in the newsletter or the golf shop because signups are **EMAIL ONLY** to dbenc@ap.org. We will not accept paper entry forms. Signups are due the Saturday prior to the tournament, but we will take requests as late as the following Tuesday if we have openings.

Tournament Results – Individual Low Net - November 14, 2020

Individual Low Net (Scrip)

A Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
T1	Dancses, Kirk	-4	68	\$85
T1	Habermehl, Eric	-4	68	\$85
3	Earhart, Tom	-1	71	\$70
T4	Benc, Doug	E	72	\$55
T4	Cole, Mike	E	72	\$55
T6	Ford, Lance	1	73	\$20
T6	Lorenz, Dave	1	73	\$20

B Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
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1	Kaplan, Chris	-2	70	\$90
2	Teneriello, Louie	E	72	\$80
3	Briggle, Thomas	2	74	\$70
T4	Rocovitz, Mark	3	75	\$55
T4	Lizarraga, Richard	3	75	\$55
T6	Saulet, Darrel	4	76	\$13
T6	Gordon, Robert	4	76	\$13
T6	Baker, Clarence	4	76	\$13

C Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
T1	Lovell, Ron	-5	67	\$85
T1	Biscocho, Art	-5	67	\$85
3	Anderson, David	-4	68	\$70
T4	Fanning, James	2	74	\$55
T4	Washington, Louis	2	74	\$55
T6	Anderson, Marc	4	76	\$13
T6	Ortiz, Danny	4	76	\$13
T6	Robertson, Brian	4	76	\$13

D Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Kramer, John	-9	63	\$90
2	Pacheco, John	-5	67	\$80
3	Vicario, Gil	-4	68	\$70
T4	Barrow, Boone	-3	69	\$55
T4	Bruder, Thomas	-3	69	\$55
6	Verne, Sean	-1	71	\$40

Gross Skins (Cash Pot)

A Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Dyer, Joe	1	\$50	Birdie on 12
Masanovich, Mark	1	\$50	Birdie on 2
Siakisini, Esela	1	\$50	Birdie on 1
Habermehl, Eric	1	\$50	Eagle on 17

B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Briggle, Thomas	2	\$84	Birdie on 3, Birdie on 7
Rocovitz, Mark	1	\$42	Birdie on 9
Baker, Clarence	1	\$42	Birdie on 10
Lizarraga, Richard	1	\$42	Birdie on 14

C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Lovell, Ron	2	\$50	Birdie on 8, Birdie on 16
Bailey, Adam	1	\$25	Birdie on 1
Bailey, Norm	1	\$25	Birdie on 17
Biscocho, Art	1	\$25	Birdie on 15
Anderson, Marc	1	\$25	Birdie on 6
Torres, Ramiro	1	\$25	Birdie on 18
Lo, Danny	1	\$25	Birdie on 11

D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Bruder, Thomas	3	\$70	Par on 10, Birdie on 11, Par on 15
Kramer, John	3	\$70	Birdie on 7, Birdie on 13, Birdie on 18
Estacio, Rod	1	\$23	Par on 3
Vicario, Gil	1	\$23	Birdie on 9
Pacheco, John	1	\$23	Birdie on 12

Closest to the Pin (Cash Pot)

A Flight

Player	Purse	Details
Danceses, Brian	\$45	#14 - 27' 10"
Siakisini, Esela	\$45	#16 - 15' 5"
Evans, Cary	\$45	#4 - 11' 7"
Earhart, Tom	\$45	#7 - 6' 7"

B Flight

Player	Purse	Details
Hirt, Terry	\$94	#7 - 3' 4", #14 - 13' 3"
Hughes, Daniel	\$47	#16 - 9' 2"
Lizarraga, Richard	\$47	#4 - 9' 2"

C Flight

Player	Purse	Details
Robertson, Brian	\$45	#14 - 26' 5"
Anderson, David	\$90	#2 - 4' 9", #17 - 9' 6"
Bailey, Norm	\$45	#7 - 10' 8"

D Flight

Player	Purse	Details
Grinder, John	\$47	#14 - 13' 5"
Vicario, Gil	\$47	#17 - 3' 1"
Bruder, Thomas	\$47	#2 - 11' 10"
Estacio, Rod	\$47	#7 - 4' 5"