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President's Message

A Heartfelt Thank You to El Prado Golf Courses

On behalf of our men's club, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the owners, management team, and staff of El Prado Golf Courses. We are incredibly fortunate to share a relationship that is truly unique among men's clubs in California. Your support and dedication make a tremendous difference, and we deeply appreciate all that you do for us.

To our members, let's take a moment to show our gratitude—whether with a kind word or a simple thank you—to those who help make our club experience so special.

A Fortunate Break for Our President's Cup Tournament

After heavy rains on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning, we were truly blessed with beautiful weather for our President's Cup tournament. It was a fantastic day of golf, and we couldn't have asked for better conditions.

Congratulations to all the President's Cup qualifiers! Wishing you the best of luck in your matches—play well and enjoy the competition.

Spring Forward—It's Derby Time!

This is my favorite El Prado Men's Club event, and I encourage every member to experience it at least once. The Derby takes place on Tuesday following our monthly tournament, with check-in starting at 4 p.m. and the Derby kicking off at 4:30 p.m.

Looking forward to seeing you all there—don't miss out on the fun!

Danny Ortiz, President



UPCOMING DATES

March 4

Online Tournament
Signups Close

March 8

Member/Member
9 Better Ball + 9
Aggregate

March 11

Derby

April 8

Online Tournament
Signups Close

April 12

Individual Low Net
5-4-3 Out

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins

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Tuesday Skins

Tournament News

The 2024 Individual Low Net President's Cup Qualifier is in the books! This month's tournament had our usual 4 flights with 98 golfers. The tournament paid out \$4,568 to 47 players. Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Roger Duran, Gil Vicario, and Gary Abbott, each receiving \$115 pot money. Our 1 free round of golf winner was Tony Williams. Congratulations to all the winners!



Friendly reminder to all who miss online signup deadlines. Once flights are set in Golf Genius, any standby/waitlisted player(s) will only be added if someone in your flight cancels and a spot opens.



Tuesday Skins game news: El Prado Golf Courses has requested that our Tuesday's Tee sheet be sent to the golf shop on Sundays. Signup early if you want to play. Heads up to walkup members wanting to play on Tuesday's when our tee sheet is full – El Prado management has sole discretion to allow additional players.

Congratulations to all who qualified for **President's Cup** Match play! For those who qualified, the matches have officially started. Check out our Golf Genius Portal page where we will again be tracking results and progress. Competitors will find your next opponent just like tracking results of any tournament or skins game. Match Play rules are on our website. If you are in match play, be sure to contact your opponent as soon as you can. Reach out to us for your next opponent's contact information as soon as possible. If you plan to play your match on a Tuesday, please contact Gary. If you plan to play Saturday or have any questions/issues regarding your match please contact Doug by text or email. If you have any questions on how to play your match or what tees you should play, please reach out and let Doug know. With Match Play, it's important to keep moving along at a good pace, even though you are playing a match. Good Luck to all our match play competitors!

The condition of the greens has come up quite a bit lately. We know they are not in the best of shape on Butterfield right now, but I want to assure you that the course is on top of it and are making it a priority. El Prado has been dealing with a fungus that hits grass every few years and they have been spraying to kill it. We have also been told they will be verti-

cutting and rolling much more often, which will help even more. El Prado knows how important it is for the greens to be at their best. Thanks for your patience.

March 8th is the upcoming Member/Member mixed format tournament. Team will score one low net best ball for nine holes and then score combined low net scores for the other nine holes. It's a TEAM event and only one member needs to signup/register the team in GG.

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 scroll 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. As always, 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. 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 with this process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

Member/Member Signups will close in Golf Genius Tuesday March 4th. Please sign up early to guarantee a spot. Online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached, and you will be placed on the waitlist. We will confirm the roster of signed up players in email on Wednesday March 5th, and release pairings by Friday March 7th.

Helpful hint – March 8th Member/Member Tournament - AB flights will be on Butterfield and CD flights will be on Chino Creek.

Respectfully,
Gary Abbott, Golf Competitions
Doug Benc, Golf Competitions

TOP 25 - 2024-2025

Rank	Name	Total
1	Montelongo, Cruz	535
2	Patel, Amaan	449
3	Ortiz, Danny	448
4	Bruder, Thomas	432
5	Cabezas, Cali	423
6	Collins, Nick	400
7	Nichols, Wayne	348
8	Moir, James	346
9	Hallam, Thomas	326
10	Barcenas, Cristhian	325
11	Rief, Mark	320
12	Walsh, James	318
13	Dufour, Jerry	311
14	Potts, Dean	308
15	Earhart, Tom	302
16	Tamashiro, Wes	300
17	Verne, Eric	292
18	Kramer, John	285
18	Morelion, Warren	285
20	Cabezas, Alberto	283
20	Moir, Justin	283
22	Lorenz, Dave	281
23	Willman, Jason	277
24	Moore, George	275
25	Bates, Patrick	269

Pro's Corner

It's been a while everyone, but I promise that we will have a Pro's Corner every month of the remaining year. We hope everyone is doing well; I would like to start by informing everyone of our commitment to providing the best possible golf course to our members. Let me start with a few of the recent changes that have been a huge positive to most of you.



We started with doing some tree trimming on both courses and the purchase of machinery that will impact our greens very soon. We have purchased new range balls and have now gone to a range ball that is more durable and consistent in flight. The weather has not been too cooperative to us but in no time the Spring weather will boost course conditions, and the new maintenance equipment should make a difference in how the golf course is maintained daily.

Regarding the golf courses there are some imminent areas that need to be addressed immediately. We are working on the drainage of Hole 1 Butterfield and the green on Hole 7 on Chino Creek. We are prioritizing these areas so that the flow of our golf course remains smooth and uninterrupted.

Regarding your membership, the men's club will be transitioning to a new SCRIP card in the next few weeks. We will have up to date balances along with discounts provided to all members of all our different golf clubs. Please take advantage of your 10% discount on all merchandise in the golf shop. For those that want to purchase hard goods like golf clubs, drivers, putters or golf bags, please make sure to email or see me in the pro shop for the best deal you can get on any of these items.

Lastly, our golf club will not be complete without having a lesson program that is geared for our members and their families. We have scheduled a junior class that starts on March 1, we have a men's club short game and full swing class that starts on March 15 and then a women's full swing class that starts on March 15 also.

Thanks to all our members, we appreciate you and please give us the opportunity to WOW you and make your membership here at El Prado one of your best decisions yet.

I'll end with two last things, please check out our Instagram page [@elpradogolf](https://www.instagram.com/elpradogolf). We will have weekly posts on El Prado activities here at the club.

For those rules aficionado's out there, let me know in an email the correct answer and you will win a free round of golf for yourself. The rules question needs to be answered with the correct procedure and the correct rules number in the rule book. The rules question has to do with Hole 1 Butterfield, you tee off and see your ball head towards the wash that is marked as a lateral water hazard. Your ball is nowhere to be found but your group saw it go towards the hazard but not in. What is the correct ruling and procedure?

Art Guevara, PGA
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Getaway Signups are Open!

Signups are open and filling up fast for the 2025 Getaway **June 5-7** in Mesquite. [The entry form with all the details](#) is on the website.

Remember – if you pay with Zelle, you are NOT signed up until the form is completed and turned in.

We will be playing the Palmer course Thursday, CasaBlanca on Friday, and Palms on Saturday, followed by a buffet dinner.

Scott Harlin, Treasurer



Handicap Adjustment

Men's club members,

Just so you know, we do get some peer review after most of our tournaments and skins games, with members pointing out "exceptional" performances by some competitors. I review each of these players to see if their handicaps are in line with their demonstrated abilities. Then at our monthly board meeting, we discuss each player on our "watch list". We consider scoring history, tournament performance, home vs. away scoring trends, and how often a member plays in our club events.

There are several ways to adjust a player's index or playing handicap. At this time the usual first step is for a member to play to their 12 month LI in all club events. That can change if we see patterns in the posting etc. Each case is on a person-by-person basis, and the handicap committee votes on the recommendations.

If you are interested in the handicap system you can get read all about it in the [USGA Rules of Handicapping](#), or explore many resources on the [USGA Handicapping Home page](#).

Tim Sleeper, Handicap



It's Derby Time!

With March comes daylight savings, which means the return of the Derby!

In case you forgot, this is a 5-hole horse race on Tuesday afternoon after the monthly tournament. It is alternate shot with a blind draw partner, focused on fun. It's a great opportunity to play with somebody new, from places you may have never played from.



We play the holes together 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. And when we reach the green, we putt out closest to farthest. The highest scores on each hole earn the team an early exit, with ties broken by a chip-off. It's only a \$5 buy in, and the club sweetens the pot with an extra \$100.



The first Derby of the year is March 11 -- following the Tuesday skins game. We check in at 4:00, draw partners, and tee off at 4:30. We would love to see you there!

Lance Ford, Social Chairman

Tournament Results – 4 Clubs Red Tees – December 21, 2024

All payouts are in El Prado Golf Courses scrip. Team payouts will be split.
Complete results are always available at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>

Individual Low Netl

A Flight	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Sleeper, Tim	-5	67	\$130
2	Evans, Cary	-3	69	\$120
3	Abbott, Alex	-2	70	\$100
T4	Poh, Colby	1	73	\$80
T4	Patel, Amaan	1	73	\$80
T4	Deshay, Stan	1	73	\$80
T7	Collins, Nick	2	74	\$20
T7	Dufour, Jerry	2	74	\$20
T7	Dyer, Joe	2	74	\$20

B Flight	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Rincon, Julio	-5	67	\$130
2	Slavin, Troy	-3	69	\$120
3	Lizarraga, Richard	-1	71	\$100
T4	Montelongo, Cruz	1	73	\$85
T4	Ortiz, Danny	1	73	\$85
T6	Law, Brian	3	75	\$43
T6	Lovell, Ron	3	75	\$43
T6	Hughes, Daniel	3	75	\$43

C Flight	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
T1	Morelion, Warren	-2	70	\$125
T1	Barcenas, Cristhian	-2	70	\$125
3	Moir, Justin	-1	71	\$100
4	Rief, Mark	1	73	\$90
5	Becerra, Ralph	2	74	\$80
6	Alberto, Mel	3	75	\$70
T7	Harlin, Steve	4	76	\$30
T7	Rief, Brian	4	76	\$30

D Flight	Player	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Sterling, Rock	-3	69	\$130
2	Lopez, Justin	-1	71	\$120
3	Moir, James	E	72	\$100
T4	Turpin, Jeffrey	3	75	\$85
T4	Hogate, Scott	3	75	\$85
T6	Hall, Justin	4	76	\$65
T6	Rumble, Tim	4	76	\$65

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,599.00

Gross Skins

A Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Dufour, Jerry	2	\$80	Birdie on 6, Birdie on 18
Patel, Amaan	2	\$80	Birdie on 1, Birdie on 12
Mouw, Billy	1	\$40	Birdie on 15
Lorenz, Dave	1	\$40	Birdie on 9
B Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Ozols, Kriss	1	\$37	Birdie on 5
Rincon, Julio	1	\$37	Birdie on 2
Law, Brian	1	\$37	Birdie on 15
Lizarraga, Richard	1	\$37	Birdie on 12
Lovell, Ron	1	\$37	Birdie on 3
Vicario, Gil	1	\$37	Birdie on 7
Cabezas, Cali	1	\$37	Birdie on 1
C Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Moir, Justin	1	\$40	Birdie on 16
Morelion, Warren	1	\$40	Birdie on 14
Martinez, Robert	1	\$40	Birdie on 8
Becerra, Ralph	1	\$40	Birdie on 17
Rief, Brian	1	\$40	Birdie on 18
Briggle, Thomas	1	\$40	Birdie on 1
D Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Lopez, Justin	2	\$100	Birdie on 5, Birdie on 14
Moir, James	1	\$50	Birdie on 17
Dominguez, Philip	1	\$50	Birdie on 3
Kramer, John	1	\$50	Par on 10

Total Purse Allocated: \$989.00

Closest to the pin

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Poh, Colby	\$60	#14 10 ft 1 in
	Slingsby, Dave	\$60	#16 6 ft
	Siakisini, Esela	\$60	#4 3 ft
	Patel, Amaan	\$60	#7 10 ft 4 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			
B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Montelongo, Cruz	\$65	#14 5 ft 5 in
	Ozols, Craig	\$65	#16 1 ft 1 in
	Tamashiro, Wes	\$65	#4 4 ft 11 in
	Law, Brian	\$65	#7 6 ft 5 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$260.00			
C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Morelion, Warren	\$120	#7 27 ft 9 in
	Becerra, Ralph	\$60	#14 10 ft 7 in
	Martinez, Mario	\$60	#17 7 ft 5 in
			#2 11 ft 9 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			

D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Moir, James	\$80	#17 5 ft 8 in
	Avila, Michael	\$80	#2 9 ft 11 in
	Rumble, Tim	\$80	#7 16 ft 3 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			

President's Cup Seeding

A Flight	B Flight	C Flight	D Flight
1 Sleeper, Tim	1 Rincon, Julio	1 Bretado, Henry	1 Sterling, Rock
2 Evans, Cary	2 Slavin, Troy	2 Morelion, Warren	2 Lopez, Justin
3 Abbott, Alex	3 Lizarraga, Richard	3 Barcenas, Cristhian	3 Moir, James
4 Poh, Colby	4 Ortiz, Danny	4 Moir, Justin	4 Hogate, Scott
5 Deshay, Stan	5 Montelongo, Cruz	5 Rief, Mark	5 Turpin, Jeffrey
6 Patel, Amaan	6 Law, Brian	6 Becerra, Ralph	6 Hall, Justin
7 Dufour, Jerry	7 Hughes, Daniel	7 Alberto, Mel	7 Rumble, Tim
8 Dyer, Joe	8 Lovell, Ron	8 Rief, Brian	8 Jones, Kim
9 Collins, Nick	9 Rivera, Albert	9 Harlin, Steve	9 Dominguez, Philip
10 Slingsby, Dave	10 Ozols, Craig	10 Martinez, Robert	10 Kramer, John
11 Siakisini, Esela	11 Sanchez, Victor	11 Aleemuddin, Azam	11 Baker, Robert
12 Benc, Doug	12 Cerda, Mario	12 Williams, Anthony	12 Newton, William
13 Perry, Jacob	13 Lohman, Shay	13 Morelion, Robert	13 Alderete, Ralph
14 Mouw, Billy	14 Reddel, Ben	14 Hederman, Joseph	14 Ferguson, Lyle
15 Clark, Thomas	15 Baker, Clarence	15 Martinez, Mario	15 Walsh, James
16 Abbott, Gary	16 Johnson, Kelly	16 Anderson, Marc	16 Jensen, Paul

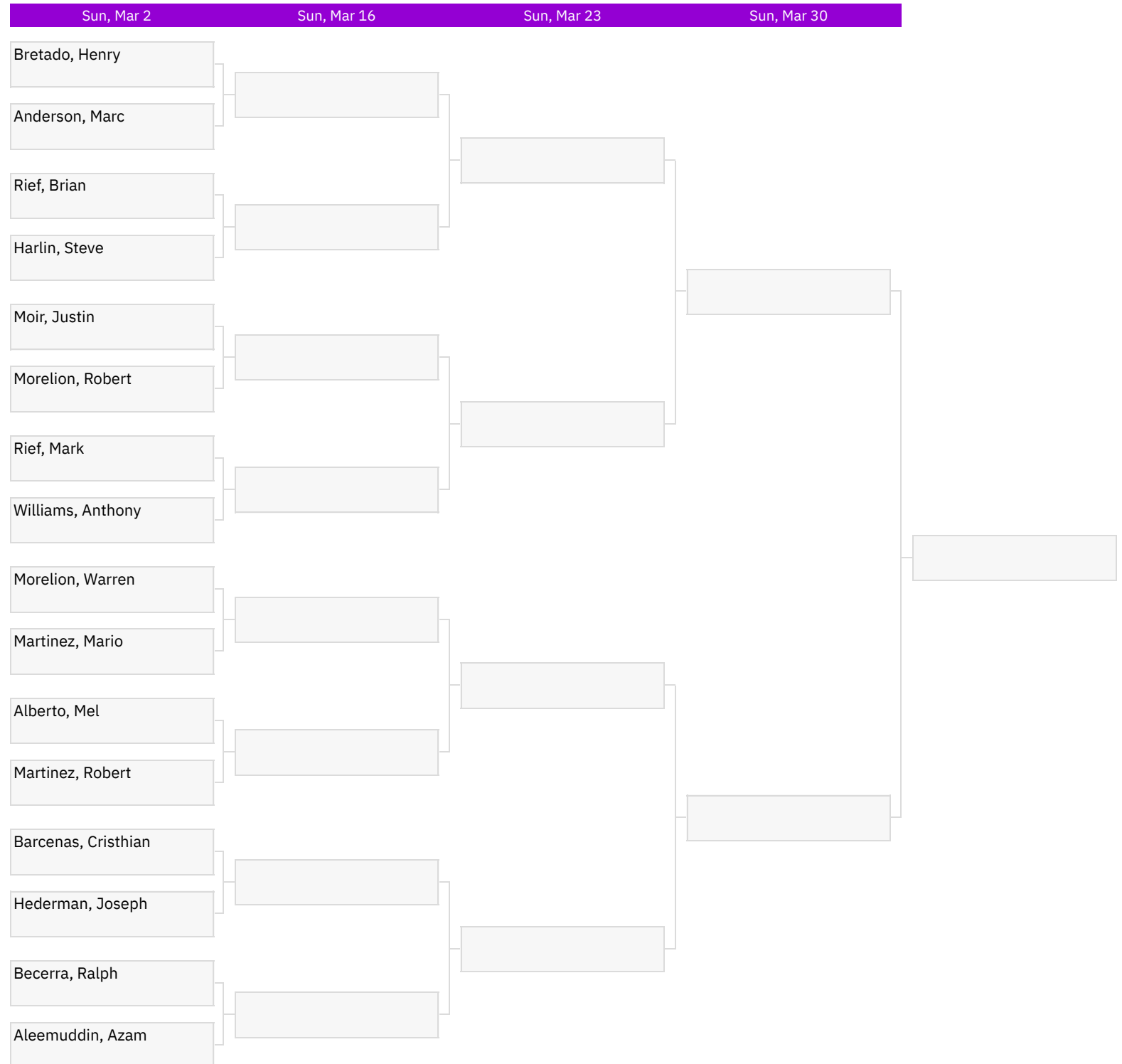
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PRESIDENT'S CUP - B



PRESIDENT'S CUP - C



PRESIDENT'S CUP - D

