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President's Message

Thanks to all the EPMC members and guests who participated in the 2025 EPMC Getaway in Mesquite, Nevada. This year's weather was much nicer than last year, making the event even more enjoyable. A special thank you to Scott Harlin and Rich Lizarraga for handling the majority of the organization and support.

A big shout-out to Mark Rief, Gary Abbott, Tim Sleeper, and Doug Benc for their dedicated efforts in coordinating the skins game, scoring, payouts, and the tournament. The Getaway was a great success, and we appreciate everyone's contribution.

Summer is here, and we've already been tested by the heat. Please remember to stay hydrated and cool—especially when playing golf. It's important to hydrate properly before your round to stay safe and enjoy your time on the course.

Hydrating before playing golf is crucial, especially since you're often outdoors for 4–5 hours and exposed to sun and wind. Here's how to properly hydrate before a round:



✓ 1–2 Days Before: Build a Hydration Base

- **Drink water consistently** throughout the day (not just in the morning of your round).
- Aim for **at least 8–10 cups (2–2.5 liters) daily**, more if it's hot or you've been sweating.
- **Limit alcohol and caffeine** — they can be dehydrating if not balanced with water.

✓ Morning of Your Round

- **Start hydrating as soon as you wake up.**
 - Drink **16–20 oz (500–600 ml)** of water 2–3 hours before tee time.
- **30 minutes before tee off**, drink another **8–10 oz (250–300 ml)**.
- Consider a **sports drink** if it's going to be hot or humid — something with **electrolytes** (sodium, potassium, magnesium) to help maintain fluid balance.

✓ During the Round

- Sip water **every 15–20 minutes** — don't wait until you're thirsty.
- For hot days or long rounds, alternate with an **electrolyte drink** or **hydration tablet** in water.

✗ What to Avoid

- Avoid **starting the round dehydrated** — even mild dehydration can affect your focus, stamina, and performance.
- Avoid **chugging water all at once** — that can upset your stomach or cause overhydration.

Extra Tip:

- **Check your urine color** — light yellow means you're hydrated; dark yellow means you need more fluids.

See you on the course!
Danny Ortiz, President

UPCOMING DATES

July 15

Online Tournament
Signups Close

July 19

Invitational
2 Man Better Ball

July 22

Derby

August 12

Online Tournament
Signups Close

August 16

4 Man Scramble
ABCD Blind Draw

August 19

Derby

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins

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Tuesday Skins

Tournament News

The June 2025 2 Man Scramble tournament is in the books. We had 58 teams (116 golfers) registered to compete. I am happy to report that finishing scores were competitive in all flights. Another positive note more than half the field received a portion of the \$5298 purse - 38 teams (76 golfers).



Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Nelson Anzora, Anthony Williams, and Danny Ortiz - each receiving \$140 in pot money. Mike Anthony won the free round of golf. Thanks to all that played and congratulations to all the winners!

In Golf Genius news – Online signups for the 2 Man Scramble went smoothly with no issues to report. There were 27 messages from members to the event manager received through Golf Genius' email. Tournament preparation and pairings took much less time than usual as Golf Genius created our foursomes automatically and focus was directed more to accommodating requested tee times. Positive feedback was received from several members on the opportunity to meet and play with different guys; and of course, we had a few complaints from some who did not get to play with their "normal" group. We are continuing the time-only request policy for July team event, and the board will reevaluate it before September.

A great observation was shared with me while I was entering scores. One member commented on the increased social time in the bar area after golf. It's always great to see members sticking around and sharing their golf stories and also supporting our El Prado Golf Courses! All in all, it was another successful EPMC event.

Our next tournament is the July 19th Invitational, a 2 Man team event. This event typically fills up so register early! You can play this event as a member/member or member/guest team. If you've got a friend with a GHIN index, this is the month to invite them out. Guests play to Low Index and need to have recent verifiable rounds posted. Tournament signups will close Tuesday July 15th. Sign your team up early to guarantee a spot. Don't forget online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before July 15th. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday July 16th before the

tournament, and release tee times and pairings Friday July 18th.

It's a TEAM event and only one member needs to signup/register your 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.

****SPECIAL NOTE:** If you are inviting an outside guest, you must send a message to the event manager to include your guest partner's name and GHIN.

Step 3. If you choose - you or your Playing Partner can SEND message to the manager either noting your TEAM PAIRING, or preferred tee time. Note: **NO foursome requests.**

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.

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/teams on a waitlist if reached. If you're lost in the signup process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

Helpful hint: For our July 19th Invitational tournament - AB flights will be on Chino Creek and CD flights will be on Butterfield.

Gary Abbott, Golf Competitions

Skins Games and Rules

As the Saturday skins game coordinator, I really appreciate all the players that show up and play every week, or even those that just play every few months. I can confidently say, we have one of the largest, if not THE largest recurring skins game in Southern California. All members have played a part in keeping this game fun and competitive.



We are always trying to maintain a fair playing field and ensure that handicapped flights allow a chance for everyone to compete. If you ever have any suggestions, please let me know as we are always willing to consider a new way of keeping this game alive over the next 20 years.

It's helpful to those of us running the game to get the most clear and concise communication that we can get. When reaching out to me via email/text/phone, it's best to do so before Wednesday night. I have allowed it a little bit later but would love to get the pairings done on Thursday morning.

Often, Gary and I have received requests from members to put them in a group or time, only to get another note from another member with a completely different request for the same group. If you are going to communicate regarding a grouping or time request, please do your best to clear it with others in your group before putting their name in.

With improvements on the course coming at a rapid pace, there have been a few questions on rules that have come up.

We had one last week. There are many new small, staked trees that have large water wells around them. According to [our local rules](#), "*Staked trees, the stake, and the water well around the tree define a no play zone that is to be treated as an abnormal course condition. Free relief must be taken from interference by the no play zone under Rule 16.1f.*"

You are granted relief for your stance and swing only if you are going to contact the tree, stake, or well; while making a normal swing. If the staked tree is just in your line of play, you are **not** granted relief.

Another interesting note on rules that came up during the US Open last week. If any of you were watching the broadcast, you might have seen Sam Burns asking for relief from temporary water. Per Rule 16.1, free relief "*is allowed from interference*

by animal holes, ground under repair, immovable obstructions or temporary water."

This rule will come up quite often at El Prado, and I will be the first one to say that I have gotten this wrong and did not have a solid understanding of the rule as I do now.

I have seen many players take a stance or step in and draw water from under the sole of their shoes and decide that is temporary water and take free relief. But there is more to it. "*It is not enough for the ground to be merely wet, muddy or soft or for the water to be momentarily visible as you step on the ground; an accumulation of water must remain present either before or after your stance is taken.*"

This is a lesson for me as well as others. I am sure I have gotten this wrong many times.

Keep up the great work and let's have a great summer of golf in the coming months.

Thanks,
Doug Benc, Golf Competitions

TOP 25 - 2024-2025

Rank	Name	Scrip
1	Collins, Nick	760
2	Patel, Amaan	749
3	Montelongo, Cruz	657
4	Verne, Troy	639
5	Dufour, Jerry	631
6	Barcenas, Cristhian	621
7	Kramer, John	585
8	Law, Brian	542
9	Anderson, David	535
10	Earhart, Tom	524
11	Deshay, Stan	522
12	Bruder, Thomas	517
13	Moir, Justin	512
14	Bates, Patrick	506
15	Ortiz, Danny	503
16	Mouw, Billy	499
17	Lovell, Ron	490
18	Albany, Ramy	474
19	Dancses, Brian	473
20	Moir, James	465
21	Walsh, James	463
22	Cabezas, Cali	455
23	Sterling, Rock	443
24	Lopez, Justin	442
25	Gonzalez, Paul	435

Handicap News

As part of peer review, player scores are often brought to our attention by other players. It could be in a tournament or a casual round, but if a player's handicap doesn't seem right, we look into it. As your handicap chair, I research the players' scoring history and bring that information to the board for review every month.



As part of the discussion of players on the "watch list", we usually compare scoring in tournaments, home, and away rounds. We also have tools available from the USGA to analyze a player's scores and recommend a handicap adjustment. Then we decide what to do – make a stroke adjustment, play them to LI, or just keep them on the watch list.

If you want to know more about the process, there are a few places where you can learn more.

The [USGA handicap home](#) has tons of information – you can dig as deep as you want. For specifics about the review process, look for [Appendix D](#) in the [Rules of Handicapping manual](#).



Another great resource is our local [SCGA World Handicap System hub](#), where you will find plenty of information meant for you, the player, including a video on Handicap Review

Let us know what you think on anything you see and remember that peer review is a very important part of the handicap process.

Tim Sleeper, Handicap

Getaway 2025

What a great time we had in Mesquite! We had 48 players Thursday and 74 on Friday and Saturday and handed out \$18k in cash at the dinner Saturday night. There was a later correction to the Saturday Blind Draw payouts, but the players affected have been paid.



Overall feedback has been mostly positive. Being our second year in Mesquite, things went much smoother at the golf courses, and most of you liked Oasis Palmer better than Falcon Ridge.



The brinks truck award goes to Troy Young, who topped the money list, and has obviously drawn the attention of the board. For sure we will be talking a closer look at flights and tees next year.



The overall low net for the Saturday tournament went to Aaron Fekin in the A Flight, who shot 8 under par 64, for a net score of 68. You read that right. Great shooting Aaron!

As always, complete results are on the Event portal on the web site.

Thanks to everyone who completed the online survey. The board will review the results as we prepare for next year. In addition to Mesquite and Laughlin, we are also looking at Las Vegas and Palm Springs as possible destinations. As always, if you have suggestions on where to go, please let a board member know.



And of course, we couldn't have pulled this off without Richard, Gary, Doug, and Tim, who joined us for all the behind the scenes work that it took to make this happen. THANKS!

Scott Harlin, Treasurer
Mark Rief, Communications



Derby News

We held our third Derby of the year on June 24 after Tuesday's skins game. Nine teams competed for the \$190 pot.



First place was the team of Amaan Patel and Justin Lopez, who birdied the final hole to secure \$90. Second place were the perennial derby favorites Tom Clark and Pat Bates with \$60. Third were Tom Earhart and Gary Moore, who split \$40



The next Derby is July 22. We will check in at 4:00, draw partners, and tee off at 4:30. We would love to see you there!

If you're new to this, the derby 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.

Lance Ford, Social/Golf Competitions

Tournament Results – 2 Man Scramble – June 21, 2025

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>

2 Man Scramble

A Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Mouw, Billy + Mouw, Trea	-11.5	60.5	\$250
T2	Anthony, Michael + Masanovich, Mark	-10.5	61.5	\$180
T2	Dyer, Joe + Lorenz, Dave	-10.5	61.5	\$180
T4	Anzora, Nelson + Oaks, Timothy	-9	63	\$70
T4	Collins, Nick + Dufour, Jerry	-9	63	\$70
B Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Anderson, David + Ignacz, Ken	-9.5	62.5	\$250
T2	Earhart, Tom + Law, Brian	-9	63	\$170
T2	Hurtado, Octavio + Montelongo, Cruz	-9	63	\$170
T2	Abbott, Alex + Teneriello, Louie	-9	63	\$170
C Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Radant, Mike + Sterling, Rock	-11	61	\$250
2	Albany, Ramy + Barcenas, Cristhian	-10.5	61.5	\$200
T3	Baker, Clarence + Baker, Robert	-9.5	62.5	\$150
T3	Clancy, Tom + Haagsma, Dylan	-9.5	62.5	\$150
D Flight	Players	To Par Net	Total Net	Purse
1	Rivera, Oswaldo + Verne, Troy	-12	60	\$250
2	Kim, Jacob + Lopez, Justin	-10.5	61.5	\$200
T3	Ostergaard, Chris + Skoglund, Bradley	-10	62	\$150
T3	Green, Scott + Hoch, Matt	-10	62	\$150

Total Purse Allocated: \$3,010.00

Gross Skins

A Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Mouw, Billy + Mouw, Trea	2	\$120	Birdie on 8, Eagle on 16
Anthony, Michael + Masanovich, Mark	1	\$60	Birdie on 3
Furgeson, Anthony + Springer, Marc	1	\$60	Birdie on 4
Bennett, Colin + Mundy, Robert	1	\$60	Birdie on 17
B Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Cerda, Mario + Gonzalez, Paul	1	\$42	Birdie on 10
Johnson, Kelly + Vicario, Gil	1	\$42	Birdie on 15
Anderson, David + Ignacz, Ken	1	\$42	Birdie on 4
Earhart, Tom + Law, Brian	1	\$42	Birdie on 1
Rincon, Julio + Williams, Bobby	1	\$42	Birdie on 14
Bowers, Kevin + Ozols, Craig	1	\$42	Birdie on 3
Abbott, Alex + Teneriello, Louie	1	\$42	Birdie on 5

C Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Verne, Bryon + Verne, Sean	2	\$60	Birdie on 3, Eagle on 17
Barrow, Boone + Lovell, Ron	2	\$60	Birdie on 9, Birdie on 12
Harlin, Steve + Meagher, James	2	\$60	Birdie on 4, Birdie on 10
Albany, Ramy + Barcenas, Cristhian	1	\$30	Birdie on 8
Radant, Mike + Sterling, Rock	1	\$30	Birdie on 7
DelGado, Robert + Ortiz, Danny	1	\$30	Birdie on 18

D Flight	Skins	Purse	Details
Kim, Jacob + Lopez, Justin	3	\$102	Birdie on 7, Birdie on 8, Birdie on 12
Rivera, Oswaldo + Verne, Troy	2	\$68	Birdie on 2, Birdie on 9
Ostergaard, Chris + Skoglund, Bradley	1	\$34	Birdie on 10
Ruiz, Manuel + Rumble, Tim	1	\$34	Birdie on 17
Hall, Justin + Souther, William	1	\$34	Birdie on 14

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,136.00

Closest to the pin

A Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Bennett, Colin + Mundy, Robert	\$148	#7 8'2", #17 1'4"
	Ford, Lance + Iriart, J.P.	\$74	#14 6'4"
	Mouw, Billy + Mouw, Trea	\$74	#2 7'6"
Total Purse Allocated: \$296.00			

B Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Castillo, Tony + Marquez, Alfonso	\$74	#14 36'7"
	Hurtado, Octavio + Montelongo, Cruz	\$74	#17 3'
	Harlin, Scott + Harlin, Troy	\$74	#2 9'5"
	Rivera, Albert + Woodhead, Glenn	\$74	#7 7'
Total Purse Allocated: \$296.00			

C Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Rief, Brian + Rief, Mark	\$70	#14 9'2"
	Barry, Michael + Bates, Patrick	\$70	#16 6'8"
	Harlin, Steve + Meagher, James	\$70	#4 1'1/2"
	Clancy, Tom + Haagsma, Dylan	\$70	#7 22'2"
Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00			

D Flight	Team	Purse	Details
	Irizarry, Mario + Siliceo, Miguel	\$70	#14 8'4"
	Kim, Jacob + Lopez, Justin	\$70	#16 12'1"
	Bermudez, Rolando + Bretado, Henry	\$70	#4 11'4"
	Moir, James + Moir, Justin	\$70	#7 10'1"
Total Purse Allocated: \$280.00			