



# EL PRADO

## MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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### President's Message

Congratulations to Frank, Danielle, and Phyllis!

We'd like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Frank, Danielle, and Phyllis on securing an extension of the lease for the El Prado Golf Courses. The San Bernardino County Board made the right call, and your persistence, perseverance, and dedication truly prevailed.

The improvements you and your management team have made are clearly paying off—the fairways and greens are coming back to form, and we're excited to see continued progress in the upkeep and transformation of the course. Thank you for your hard work and commitment!

Tournament Update: New signup rules for June & July. After discussions with many of our members, the Board has decided to change our request policy for the upcoming June and July two man team tournaments. Players will now sign up with a selected partner, and your twosome will be paired with another random twosome via Golf Genius to complete your foursome.

This change is aimed at helping members meet and play with others they may not know yet—building camaraderie and community on the course.

Thank you to those who shared this suggestion!

Coming Soon: Zelle Payments for Tournaments You've asked—we listened. Many members have requested the option to use Zelle for tournament payments. We're currently working out the final details and are aiming to roll this out in time for the Club Championship in September. If you have any questions about Zelle or how it will work, please feel free to reach out to any Board member. We're happy to help.

See you on the course!

See you soon,  
Danny Ortiz, President



### UPCOMING DATES

**June 5-7**  
Getaway

**June 17**  
Online Tournament  
Signups Close

**June 21**  
2 Man Scramble

**June 24**  
Derby

**July 15**  
Online Tournament  
Signups Close

**July 19**  
Invitational  
2 Man Better Ball

**July 22**  
Derby

### SIGNUPS

**Saturday Skins**  
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**Tuesday Skins**

## Tournament News

The month of May provided another great EPMC golf tournament for participating members. We had 120 golfers/60 teams and paid out \$5,382 to 68 golfers/34 teams. There were some great scores played from the red tees with A flight winners posting a net 64, B flight winners net 66, C flight winners net 63, and D flight winners with two teams tied at net 66!



A big congratulations to member Nick Collins on his ace playing Butterfield Stage hole #2!

This is one of my favorite tournaments, it's fun and allows for more socializing between members when half the guess work of proper club selection is eliminated. Who said you need 14 clubs? Our 50/50 drawing winners were Pat Bates, Colby Poh, and Octavio Hurtado, each receiving \$135 in pot money. Congratulations to all the winners and thanks again to all who played. The courses are really shaping up and you can see the improvements.

In Golf Genius news – For our May tournament, there were 43 messages from members to the event managers. Thanks for those who frequently use the GG system it helps with tournaments and Tuesday skins games! Many of you have noticed that Golf Genius pushed out a recent update, so the signup page looks a little different and now requires checking two boxes as an additional step. Please help us spread the word to other members regarding the update.

Other news: Mesquite Getaway June 5th – June 7th We look forward to seeing all that are going!

Our next El Prado Men's Club home tournament will be June 21st – 2 Man Scramble.

Regarding the 2 Man Scramble, the Board recently met and passed unanimously a motion to allow for partner/team request only for this event and let Golf Genius randomly set our foursomes. Several reasons were discussed for making this decision and I share a few: to minimize the time spent doing tournament preparations; to assist in fostering a tournament competition mentality primarily based on the

size of EPMC tournament purses; to assist players needing help in the rules of golf and interpretations; and finally to get to know other members in our club.

Look for the 2 Man scramble signups to open in early June. 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, 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.

Please keep in mind that once we close signups and Golf Genius calibrates the flights (a couple days before tournament), the tournament field is set. If you missed open signups for an event and wish to play at the last minute inquire with us anyway. There's always a possibility of a last-minute cancellation and we may be able to accommodate.

Helpful hint: June 21st 2 Man Scramble tournament - AB flights will be on Chino Creek and CD flights will be on Butterfield.

Gary Abbott, Golf Competitions

## TOP 25 - 2024-2025

Rank	Name	Scrip
1	Patel, Amaan	709
2	Collins, Nick	685
3	Dufour, Jerry	596
4	Kramer, John	585
5	Montelongo, Cruz	535
6	Deshay, Stan	522
7	Bruder, Thomas	517
8	Verne, Troy	480
9	Moir, Justin	477
10	Dancses, Brian	473
11	Bates, Patrick	471
12	Barcenas, Cristhian	466
13	Cabezas, Cali	455
14	Ortiz, Danny	448
15	Law, Brian	436
16	Potts, Dean	433
16	Willman, Jason	433
18	Moir, James	430
19	Walsh, James	423
20	Tamashiro, Wes	420
21	Earhart, Tom	418
22	Gonzalez, Paul	414
23	Ruiz, Manuel	396
24	Anderson, David	389
25	Johnson, Kelly	384

## President's Cup Results

I want to thank all the participants of the President's Cup this year. From those that came out and attempted to qualify and those that did qualify. The weather cooperated this year, which might be the first time in recent memory.



If you see Justin Hall on the golf course, please congratulate him as President's Cup Champion.

Dave Slingsby finished second in a closely decide final after winning the A Flight portion of the competition. Also winning the B and the C Flight's respectively was Ron Lovell and Marc Anderson to move into the semi-finals where Lovell was defeated by Slingsby and Anderson was defeated by eventual champion Hall. Scrip payouts for the top 16 are listed below.



As the President's Cup coordinator, I want to thank everyone that worked together to get the matches in and finished on time. We were always on schedule because players were very understanding and did their level best to complete matches in the week they were supposed to be completed. I especially want to thank those players that went out of their way to complete matches on different days of the week that our skins games, to allow their opponent to play, based on work/life schedules. This says so much about the fair nature of our members and club.

We are always looking to improve our tournament formats and suggestions are always welcome. Don't be afraid to reach out to the board and let us know for future years ahead!

Thanks,  
Doug Benc, Golf Competitions

Place	Name	Flight	Wins	Scrip
1	Hall, Justin	D	6	120
2	Slingsby, Dave	A	5	100
T3	Lovell, Ron	B	4	80
T3	Anderson, Marc	C	4	80
T5	Poh, Colby	A	3	60
T5	Ozols, Craig	B	3	60
T5	Martinez, Mario	C	3	60
T5	Jensen, Paul	D	3	60
T9	Collins, Nick	A	2	40
T9	Patel, Amaan	A	2	40
T9	Ortiz, Danny	B	2	40
T9	Reddel, Ben	B	2	40
T9	Williams, Anthony	C	2	40
T9	Barcenas, Cristhian	C	2	40
T9	Hogate, Scott	D	2	40
T9	Walsh, James	D	2	40



## Getaway News

It's almost time to head north to Mesquite! We have 48 players Thursday and 75 on Friday and Saturday.

If you signed up, you should have received a confirmation email for each round of golf on May 7.

We have contacted all the golf courses directly and should have no mix ups this year! Pairings will be published by Monday June 2. You will receive a separate email for each day. There were some conflicting pairing requests, so we prioritized those who signed up earliest.

If you want to take a look at the tees, games, and local rules, the [Conditions of Competition](#) are available on the web site.

If you have any questions, let us know!

See you in Mesquite!

Scott Harlin, Treasurer  
Mark Rief, Communications



Tom and Justin secured third place \$42 with a bogey. Tom and Danny won the chip off for first place and \$104, leaving Aaman and Lawrence with second place and \$64 to split.



The next Derby is June 24. 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.



## Derby News

We held our second Derby of the year on May 20 after Tuesday's skins game. Eleven teams competed for the \$210 pot. Four teams were left standing for the final hole: Tom Earhart and Justin Lopez, Amaan Patel and Lawrence Renteria, Gary Abbott and Mark Rief, and Tom Clark and Danny Ortiz.



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

## A Message from Ownership

### A Victory Worth Gloating Over

April 29th was a clean shot down the fairway—and we landed it exactly where we aimed. With a 4-1 vote from the County Board of Supervisors, El Prado's lease is officially moving forward. And we are gloating in our success.

For the last few months, a small group attempted to rewrite our future—to undermine our leadership and derail our long-term vision through false narratives, confusion, and calculated chaos. Their efforts were designed to cast doubt and challenge precedent. But through it all, something stronger emerged. Our team didn't just hold the line—we grew. Individually and collectively, we became sharper, clearer, and more unified. This wasn't just about a lease—it was about standing our ground and refusing to yield to undue influence, bribery, and manipulation disguised as concern.

To Art Guevara, Ulysses Maldonado, and Richard Lizarraga—thank you for standing firm. When things got difficult, you didn't hesitate. You led with loyalty, steadiness, and strength—and showed that leadership is about courage under pressure.

To President Danny Ortiz—thank you for showing up when it counted most. You've always said this course is looking better and better, but this time, you said it where it mattered. You could have stood neutral, but instead, you stood beside us—with integrity, conviction, and courage. That's true leadership. And it will always be remembered and respected.

To the El Prado Men's Club members who signed the petition—thank you. Your willingness to recognize progress and stand behind us, even if not at the podium, meant more than you know. Whether in name or in deed, your support added weight when it mattered most.

Much of our confidence throughout this process came from the legal foundation we stood on. My husband, Frank Lizarraga, is not only an

experienced business owner, he's a seasoned attorney who has practiced municipal, government, and real estate law for over three decades. His expertise is exactly why we pursued El Prado. We understood that the existing leaseholder holds first rights in these agreements, and that this is well-established in county ordinance and precedent.

We also acknowledge Rick Kerian, a long-time El Prado veteran, for being present in support of our lease renewal.

So now—with clarity, momentum, and the path ahead finally cleared—we turn the page.

Renovations begin soon, starting with the parking lot and continuing throughout the property. We're committed to restoring and elevating El Prado—not just in form, but in function and spirit. This course means something to us, and we're honored to keep building on that legacy.

To our supporters—thank you for standing by us.

To our critics—thank you for sharpening us.

And to the El Prado family—this win was for you.

**With appreciation,**  
Danielle Lizarraga





## Pro's Corner

I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the great weather we are having. The weather has been fantastic for the golf courses, and I hope everyone is seeing how great the greens have been on both courses. I am a big believer that the greens set the precedent on



everything involved with our golf club and seeing the participation from El Prado member clubs: from our women's club, senior's club and our men's club, the playing numbers have been exceptional. A huge thank you to all of you for coming and playing your rounds at El Prado.

We have a busy summer coming up, the schedules from all our clubs have the normal expected events listed. I would like to add a few more events to look out for and hopefully we can entice you to participate in one these activities.

The first has to do with Father's Day, starting on June 1st-members from all our clubs can avail a 20% discount on clothing apparel and shoes. We have all types of clothing and shoes to offer from golf shirts to jackets and spikeless and spiked golf shoes. Please let our staff know what club you belong to and take advantage of the big savings.

We will also be hosting group lesson programs starting in June, we will have wedge fittings where we can work on your short game and offer a free wedge when you sign up. Please look for the programs that will be posted on our website or flyers at the golf shop.

Please help us preserve the middle area on Chino Creek that is in the middle of Holes 13, 14

and 15. We have set up a nursery and it borders the holes mentioned. We would like your cooperation to not drive your golf cars in that area. We have designated that area as ground under repair so please make sure to preserve that area as best you can.

Lastly, for my rules aficionados here is your dilemma. (please state the proper rule number and penalty if appropriate)

Player A asks Player B what club he hit after Player B hits his tee shot on a par 3. Player A already hit his tee shot prior and they are heading towards the hole. Player B hesitates and then says I hit 8 iron, Player A then says I hit 9 iron. This conversation is overheard by a spectator and tells the rules official that was just arriving at the hole. What is the correct ruling?

The first person to answer correctly wins a free round of golf on their next club outing.

Art Guevara, PGA

Director of Golf, El Prado Golf Courses

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## Tournament Results – 2 Man 4 Club Red Tees – May 17, 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>

### Better Ball

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
1	Cole, Mike + Dancses, Brian	-8	64	\$250
T2	Evans, Cary + Patel, Amaan	-6	66	\$190
T2	Collins, Nick + Dufour, Jerry	-6	66	\$190
T4	Poh, Colby + Springer, Marc	-4	68	\$60
T4	Dyer, Joe + Lorenz, Dave	-4	68	\$60
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
1	Kostyk, David + Law, Brian	-6	66	\$250
T2	Bowers, Kevin + Ozols, Craig	-5	67	\$190
T2	Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	-5	67	\$190
T4	McArdle, Joseph + Vicario, Gil	-4	68	\$20
T4	Haldeman, Reeve + Ozols, Kriss	-4	68	\$20
T4	Davis, Bruce + Lindsay, David	-4	68	\$20
T4	Deshay, Stan + Hughes, Daniel	-4	68	\$20
T4	Lovell, Jim + Tamashiro, Wes	-4	68	\$20
T4	Harlin, Jeff + Harlin, Scott	-4	68	\$20
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
1	Lohman, Shay + Potts, Dean	-9	63	\$250
2	Furgeson, Anthony + Sterling, Rock	-6	66	\$210
3	Anderson, Steve + Ostergaard, Chris	-5	67	\$170
4	Bermudez, Rolando + Bretado, Henry	-3	69	\$120
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Players</b>	<b>To Par Net</b>	<b>Total Net</b>	<b>Purse</b>
T1	Rivera, Oswaldo + Verne, Troy	-6	66	\$230
T1	Ruiz, Manuel + Rumble, Tim	-6	66	\$230
T3	Albany, Ramy + Barcenas, Cristhian	-4	68	\$145
T3	Anderson, Chad + Anderson, David	-4	68	\$145

Total Purse Allocated: \$3,000.00

## Gross Skins

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Cole, Mike + Dancses, Brian	2	\$120	Eagle on 1, Birdie on 4
Abbott, Alex + Abbott, Gary	1	\$60	Eagle on 12
Collins, Nick + Dufour, Jerry	1	\$60	Hole in One on 2
Dyer, Joe + Lorenz, Dave	1	\$60	Birdie on 7
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Johnson, Kelly + Sanchez, Victor	1	\$100	Birdie on 5
Deshay, Stan + Hughes, Daniel	1	\$100	Birdie on 14
Kostyk, David + Law, Brian	1	\$100	Birdie on 13
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Clancy, Tom + Haagsma, Dylan	1	\$74	Birdie on 4
Lolmaugh, Chad + Siakisini, Esela	1	\$74	Birdie on 17
George, James + Rodriguez, Eduardo	1	\$74	Birdie on 5
Becerra, Rafael + Torres, Ramiro	1	\$74	Birdie on 13
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Rivera, Oswaldo + Verne, Troy	2	\$144	Birdie on 2, Birdie on 11
Armijo, Albert J + Renteria, Lawrence	1	\$72	Birdie on 16
Hall, Justin + Souther, William	1	\$72	Birdie on 7

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,184.00

## Closest to the pin

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Poh, Colby + Springer, Marc	\$75	#14 2'6"
	Fekin, Eric + McCance, Eric	\$75	#17 3'9"
	Abbott, Alex + Abbott, Gary	\$75	#7 3'
	Collins, Nick + Dufour, Jerry	\$75	Hole in One
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Patterson, Ronald + Rocovitz, Mark	\$75	#14 10'11"
	Deshay, Stan + Hughes, Daniel	\$75	#17 8'4"
	McArdle, Joseph + Vicario, Gil	\$75	#2 5'4"
	Saulet, Darrel + Tharp, Richard	\$75	#7 6'8"
Total Purse Allocated: \$260.00			
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	George, James + Rodriguez, Eduardo	\$75	#14 3'0"
	Lolmaugh, Chad + Siakisini, Esela	\$75	#16 12'10"
	Clancy, Tom + Haagsma, Dylan	\$75	#4 6'2"
	Furgeson, Anthony + Sterling, Rock	\$75	#7 8'1"
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Team</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Albany, Ramy + Barcenas, Cristhian	\$72	#14 7'2"
	Skoglund, Bradley + Verne, Bryon	\$72	#16 7'1"
	Avila, Michael + Lopez, Justin	\$72	#4 8'4"
	Anderson, Chad + Anderson, David	\$72	#7 4'
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			