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President's Message

If you know me, then you know how much I hate discussing slow play. It's the number one complaint among golfers, but why is it so difficult to solve?

1. Slow golfers are in denial and swear that they are not slow, regardless of how far out of position they are. I once timed a player at consistently over 35 seconds over the ball, and he argued with me that he was a fast player.
2. Slow golfers have no sense of urgency. They are not at work and have the entire day free, so they are going to take their sweet time and enjoy their time outdoors.
3. Slow golfers feel entitled. They take all the time they want, or refuse to pick up, because they think they need to get their money's worth.
4. Slow golfers copy what they see on TV. Copy Matt Fitzpatrick, not Patrick Cantlay.



The reality is that these behaviors affect every player following on the course for the rest of the day. Did you know that on Saturdays for the past year, the 11:00 tee time on whichever course our skins game is on runs a half hour later than the other course? The fact is that our club plays slower than the general public. Sometimes we start late, but the groups spread out and finish even later. We want the tee times all day to on time.

There are some known solutions to slow play, but they are often draconian, and generally only work well at private clubs, where they have resources to spend and are not afraid to penalize or remove a player. For those of us in public golf, our options are limited, but we need to do something. So what are we doing about it?

We will be less forgiving when early groups fall behind. If your group finishes a half hour behind the group in front of you, don't be surprised if you're in the last group next week. We don't care if you like to play early, or are grinding over putts for a side game, or are a scratch player. If you can't keep up, you don't get an early time.

We need you to be on the first tee before your tee time and tee off as soon as the fairway clears. This is not the time to leave the range, or decide your bets, or find your glove, or pull your club. This is the time to hit the ball! Just like every shot on the course – be ready when it's your turn.

We have implemented a Maximum Score (*rule 21.2b*) of gross triple bogey in Tuesday and Saturday skins games. If you miss your putt for a double, you are picking up your ball.

We have asked the course to be more forceful in marshalling. If you don't catch up when asked and are told to skip a hole to get back in position, you will do so, and we will back the course up on this.

The course is temporarily increasing tee time intervals slightly on Saturday, while we have thick rough and cart path only on Chino Creek #1.

I hope these steps are enough to keep all of our men's club groups on time and in position. Please do your part so that I don't have to talk about my least favorite subject again.

Mark Rief, President.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 27-29
Getaway

May 16
Online
Tournament
Signups Close

May 20
2 Man 4 Club Red
Tees Better Ball

May 23
Derby!

SIGNUPS

**Monthly
Tournament**
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Tuesday Skins

Tournament News

The weather was perfect for April's ILN 5-4-3 out tournament. We had 106 golfers and paid out \$4,357 to 61 players. The 50/50 drawing winners were: JP Iriart, Tom Earhart, and Lyle Ferguson - each received \$100 pot money. Congratulations to all the winners!



In Golf Genius news – Online signups were opened on March 14th for the 5-4-3 out tournament. This was done to allow plenty of time for members to register. Let us know if you think this was too early. There were approximately 64 players registered before the tournament sign up reminder email was sent out on April 9th. There were 29 messages from members to the event manager received through Golf Genius' email, which is what we've been averaging per event. After signups closed, only a few additions and cancellations were received. Please keep in mind that once we close signups and Golf Genius calibrates the flights (Friday the day before tournament), the tournament field is set, and last-minute additions cannot be accommodated. However, if you missed signing up for an event, inquire with us anyway as it never fails that there are a few last-minute cancellations.



It appears that most of our active Members are feeling more comfortable using the GG online signup feature for tournaments and Tuesday Skins. Our next step for most users is learning how to cancel your signup if needed, and transition Saturday Skins to online signups. Most members are still emailing and texting when needing to cancel their online signup. The latter is fine, and the communication is appreciated. However, remember that GG allows you to change your status from Playing to Not Playing any time the event portal is open for signups. Give it a try! If you're stuck or not sure how, please ask us and we will gladly take the time to walk you through the short and simple process. As a club we are making great progress in learning Golf Genius. We are here to help anyone needing assistance using the system. Our Tuesday Skins game participation is up and averaging over 30 plus players consistently signing up on-line.

In President's Cup match play – Congratulations to our competitors reaching the bracket finals! At the time of this month's newsletter these are our Semi-final matches: A-flight bracket winner Mike Anthony will compete against B-flight bracket winner Dan Hughes. C-flight bracket winner Tom Briggie will compete against D-flight bracket winner Paul Jensen. Good luck in your matches! If you have any issues or competition questions, please contact Doug.

May 20th is our next tournament, the 2 Man 4 Clubs – Red Tees Better Ball.

Look for on-line signups to open early again! Tournament signups will close Tuesday May 16th. Sign your team up early to guarantee a spot. Online signups will close earlier if the player limit is reached before May 16th. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday May 17th before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings Friday May 19th.

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.

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 before you sign up. 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 in the signup process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

Helpful hint: 2 Man 4 Clubs – Red Tees Better Ball tournament - AB flights will be on Butterfield and CD flights will be on Chino Creek. ☐

Gary Abbott, Tournament/Skins
Doug Benc, Tournament/Skins



TOP 25 - 2022-2023

Rank	Name	Total
1	Fanning, James	789
2	Hederman, Joseph	738
3	Hughes, Daniel	517
4	Patterson, Ronald	512
5	Martin, Gary	506
6	Barrow, Boone	472
7	Lorenz, Dave	464
8	Briggle, Thomas	416
9	Ferguson, Lyle	412
10	Alva, Luis	395
11	Ortiz, Danny	388
12	Lovell, Ron	386
13	Clark, Thomas	378
14	Vicario, Gil	371
15	Tapia, Mike	370
16	Pierce, James	351
17	McArdle, Joseph	330
18	Tamashiro, Wes	318
19	Deshay, Stan	315
20	Barber, Darnell	313
21	Walsh, James	306
22	Becerra, Rafael	302
23	Dancses, Brian	299
24	Sleeger, Tim	292
25	Potts, Dean	291

The Derby Returns!

We had 22 players for our first derby of the year. The weather was great this month for the 11 teams that tees off with the hope of surviving to the last hole. In the end, four teams made it to the 5th hole, and scored 2 pars, a bogie, and a double. The two teams tied for first required two chip-offs from the bunker before JP Iriart and Pat Bates won out and pocketed \$100. Second was Tom Clark and Mark Rief with \$70, and third was Dan Gass and Oscar Peniata with \$40.



For new members, this is a 5 hole horse race in the afternoon on the Tuesday 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 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.



Special thanks go out to Kevin, Art, and the golf course for sponsoring the carts and golf for this fun event!

Scott Harlin, Social Chairman

Getaway Info

If you are attending, you should have received hotel room info last week.

Another email with all the trip details will be sent out next week.

Pairings will be released Tuesday April 25, and will be available on the web site, just like other tournaments.



To see what games are in play each day, as well as the local rules, you can read the [Getaway 2023 Terms of Competition](#) on the Rules page of the web site.

Be prepared for lots of fun, and big payouts.

Any questions, let me know!

Boone Barrow

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In Case You Missed It



Par 3 Tournament

Hello Men's Club members,

Some of you know that I coach the Ontario Christian High School Golf Team. It is something I have had the honor of doing for the past 17 years. It has been one of my greatest joys during my golf career. Over the years we have had many great memories, trips and accomplishments. We have also had 14 players move on to play at the college level.



Our program will be hosting the 1st Annual Par 3 Tournament on Wednesday, May 24 at 4:00 PM and we would love if you would consider playing or supporting. Please see the flyer below for details.

A big part of our fundraising goes to providing the team with memories they will remember for a lifetime. Over the years, we have been able to treat the team to playing courses like Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, Spanish Bay, Poppy Hills, Sandpiper and of course their favorite El Prado.

We've been also able to do things outside of golf such as feeding the homeless and serving others who are less fortunate.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting me and my team. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to sign up or sponsor the Par 3 12-hole event.

Play Prado like it's never been played before!

Kevin Knutson, General Manager

El Prado Golf Courses

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KNIGHTS GOLF

PAR3 TOURNAMENT

FUNDRAISING EVENT SUPPORTING ONTARIO CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL GOLF TEAM



WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

3:30 - CHECK-IN TABLE OPENS
3:30 - DRIVING RANGE IS OPEN
4:15 - DRIVING RANGE IS CLOSED
4:15 - ANNOUNCEMENTS BEGIN
4:30 - SHOTGUN START
7:00 - DINNER & AWARDS
8:00 - EVENT IS COMPLETE

\$150.00

TEAM ENTRY INCLUDES:

PAR 3 GOLF FOR 2
TACO DINNER FOR 2
GOLF CART
RANGE BALLS
ON-COURSE CONTESTS

FORMAT

2-MAN SCRAMBLE
12-HOLES
ALL HOLES ARE PAR 3'S



REGISTER NOW!

\$150.00 / 2-MAN TEAM

SPONSOR THIS EVENT

GOLD SPONSOR - \$1000

(2) TEAM ENTRIES, 4 TEAM HATS, GRATITUDE AT DINNER
+AN ADDITIONAL THANK YOU GIFT

GREEN SPONSOR - \$500

(1) TEAM ENTRY, 2 TEAM HATS, GRATITUDE AT DINNER

TEE SPONSOR - \$100

SPONSOR SIGN ON TEE BOX

REGISTRATION

Email golfer names to Coach:
kevin@elpradogolfcourses.com

ONLY
48 SPOTS
AVAILABLE

Bring check/cash on tournament day
Payable to: Ontario Christian School

El Prado Golf Courses
6555 Pine Ave. Chino



Tournament Results – Individual Low Net 5-4-3 Out – April 15, 2023

Complete results are always available at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>

5-4-3 Out (Scrip)

A Flight	Player	Total To Par	Par3	Par4	Par5	Total	Purse
1	Lovell, Jim	-6	9	31	14	54	\$110
T2	Habermehl, Eric	-3	11	33	13	57	\$95
T2	Slingsby, Dave	-3	9	35	13	57	\$95
4	Jones, Brad	-1	8	37	14	59	\$80
T5	Anthony, Michael	E	10	37	13	60	\$20
T5	Anzora, Nelson	E	9	35	16	60	\$20
T5	Clark, Thomas	E	9	36	15	60	\$20
T5	Fitch, Chris	E	9	36	15	60	\$20
T5	Iriart, J.P.	E	11	34	15	60	\$20
T5	Jones, Adam	E	9	35	16	60	\$20
T5	Lorenz, Dave	E	9	37	14	60	\$20
T5	Pierce, James	E	9	38	13	60	\$20
T5	Siakisini, Esela	E	9	36	15	60	\$20
B Flight	Player	Total To Par	Par3	Par4	Par5	Total	Purse
T1	Briggle, Thomas	-2	9	35	14	58	\$90
T1	Harlin, Jeff	-2	10	34	14	58	\$90
T1	Hughes, Daniel	-2	8	35	15	58	\$90
T1	Slavin, Troy	-2	9	35	14	58	\$90
T1	Spangler, Mark	-2	8	34	16	58	\$90
T6	Gass, Roger	-1	9	35	15	59	\$37
T6	Nichols, Wayne	-1	10	35	14	59	\$37
T6	Ortiz, Danny	-1	10	35	14	59	\$37
C Flight	Player	Total To Par	Par3	Par4	Par5	Total	Purse
1	Peniata, Oscar	-11	7	28	14	49	\$110
2	Arcuri, Bill	-7	7	33	13	53	\$100
3	Bruder, Thomas	-6	10	33	11	54	\$90
4	Lovell, Ron	-4	8	34	14	56	\$80
5	Barber, Darnell	-3	7	36	14	57	\$70
T6	Hederman, Joseph	-2	7	36	15	58	\$22
T6	Nomura, Adam	-2	9	34	15	58	\$22
T6	Rief, Mark	-2	8	35	15	58	\$22
T6	Siliceo, Miguel	-2	9	34	15	58	\$22
T6	Vicario, Gil	-2	8	35	15	58	\$22
D Flight	Player	Total To Par	Par3	Par4	Par5	Total	Purse
1	Cabezas, Alberto	-7	9	31	13	53	\$110
T2	Martin, Gary	-6	5	36	13	54	\$95
T2	Ruiz, Manuel	-6	7	33	14	54	\$95
4	Nomura, Vino	-5	6	36	13	55	\$80
T5	Dominguez, Philip	-4	7	34	15	56	\$65
T5	Reyes, Prudencio	-4	10	35	11	56	\$65
T7	Hall, Doug	-3	9	34	14	57	\$25
T7	Luzar, Les	-3	8	37	12	57	\$25

Total Purse Allocated: \$2,241.00

Gross Skins – (cash pots)

A Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Lorenz, Dave	2	\$104	Birdie on 14, Birdie on 15
Jones, Adam	1	\$52	Birdie on 11
Jones, Brad	1	\$52	Birdie on 2
Habermehl, Eric	1	\$52	Birdie on 18

B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Torres, Ramiro	1	\$33	Birdie on 4
Tamashiro, Wes	1	\$33	Birdie on 17
Harlin, Jeff	1	\$33	Birdie on 5
DeLay, Mark	1	\$33	Birdie on 12
Spangler, Mark	1	\$33	Birdie on 2
Ford, Dane	1	\$33	Birdie on 8
Sleeper, Tim	1	\$33	Birdie on 16
Ortiz, Danny	1	\$33	Birdie on 14

C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Barrow, Boone	1	\$43	Birdie on 16
Lovell, Ron	1	\$43	Birdie on 1
Ferguson, Lyle	1	\$43	Birdie on 6
Cabezas, Cali	1	\$43	Birdie on 12
Peniata, Oscar	1	\$43	Birdie on 3
Hanlon, Brian	1	\$43	Birdie on 8

D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Reyes, Prudencio	1	\$45	Birdie on 16
Hall, Justin	1	\$45	Par on 5
Sanchez, Nick	1	\$45	Birdie on 17
Nomura, Ruvino	1	\$45	Birdie on 12
Martin, Gary	1	\$45	Birdie on 14
Albany, Ramy	1	\$45	Par on 3

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,052.00

Closest to the pin – (cash pots)

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Anderson, Nolan	\$65	#14 6'5"
	Clark, Thomas	\$65	#16 14'3"
	Habermehl, Eric	\$65	#4 8'5"
	Jones, Brad	\$65	#7 1'

Total Purse Allocated: \$260.00

B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Lohman, Shay	\$68	#14 12'1"

	Sleeper, Tim	\$68	#16 5'8"
	Gonzalez, Paul	\$68	#4 9'6"
	Torres, Ramiro	\$68	#7 8'9"
Total Purse Allocated: \$272.00			

C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Bates, Patrick	\$65	#14 5'3"
	Lovell, Ron	\$65	#17 9'1"
	Potts, Dean	\$65	#2 8'4"
	Anderson, David	\$65	#7 6'3"
Total Purse Allocated: \$260.00			

D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Martin, Gary	\$68	#14 2'8"
	Sanchez, Nick	\$68	#17 7'8"
	Nomura, Ruvino	\$68	#2 4'4"
	Renteria, Lawrence	\$68	#7 14'10"
Total Purse Allocated: \$272.00			