



EL PRADO

MEN'S GOLF CLUB

6555 Pine Avenue ♦ Chino, California 91710 ♦ 909-597-1753

www.elpradomensclub.com

Volume XLIV

February 2018 rev 1

2017-2018 Board of Directors

Mark Rief.....	President / SCGA Delegate	Dave Cox.....	Tournament
Mike Muscare.....	Social / Recruiting	John Kramer.....	Membership
Richard Lizarraga.....	Treasurer	Fred Wallace.....	Handicap
Doug Benc.....	Communications	Kevin Knutson.....	Golf Courses General Manager

President's Message

I can guarantee two topics that are sure to get our members fired up: slow play and sandbaggers. Lately the board has been working on a fair way to address sandbaggers.

The challenge is differentiating the intentional sandbagger from the player who naturally rises to the occasion and plays better in a tournament. I'm sure you know a player who always makes that putt when it really counts, but in the skins game, if they miss their birdie putt, you just know they'll miss the par putt and take a bogie. Are they managing their handicap? Or did they just lose interest after the miss? Just like some players buckle under tournament pressure, there are many players who honestly perform better in tournaments. In a skins game they're just having a good time with their buddies, but come tournament day they bear down, grind it out, and score well. We don't want to punish our members who truly rise to the occasion in tournaments, but we need to take care of the sandbaggers.

I often hear members cry out "Everyone knows who they are! Just pen them like we used to do!" If only it was that easy. Many years ago the tradition was to have a real S.O.B. as handicap chair. He could walk up to a member with a 12 handicap and say "Hey a**hole! You're playing to a 9 until I say different" and that was that. Of course, at that time there was a waiting list to join the club, and Saturday tee times were hard to get unless you were a member, so it was accepted. In today's culture of political correctness, entitlement, and thin skin, we need an objective way to identify sandbaggers. Today we adjust on a case by case basis, and there is always pushback because it's viewed as personal, and sometimes the members stopped playing. In all fairness we need to look at everyone equally, not just those that members complain about, and that requires some type of system. Some may remember that we had a modified Knuth system a few years ago to address this. It worked pretty well, but team events didn't always look fair, and it was a whole lot of work to maintain, so we went back to case by case adjustments.

In this newsletter you will find a proposal from Dave Cox for Exceptional Tournament Scoring. The board has been discussing it for several months, but before we implement it, this is your chance to review it.

One of the things I like is that if you are adjusted, the only way to work the adjustment back down to zero is to play in tournaments. If you sit on the sidelines and cry about it, that's fine, but when you return the adjustment will still be there, and it will remain until you play in more tournaments.

If you have an opinion on the ETS proposal, please give it to Dave or email from the web site.

Mark Rief, President

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 10

Tournament Signups Due

February 17

President's Cup Qualifier

March 10

Tournament Signups Due

March 17

Member/Member

INFORMATION

Saturday Skins

Call/Text

(909) 260-1717

Signup by
Wed 3 pm

Tournaments

Call

909-984-8220

Tournament News

Two Man Better Ball

We concluded our first tournament of the year with another fine day of golf in Southern California. Man, when I look on TV and see all of the cold weather affecting the south to the north east part of the country, I am so glad to be here amongst all of you. We had a really good turnout and thanks to all of you who participated. A & B Flight teed it up on Chino Creek and C & D Flights teed it up on Butterfield Stage. We had 73 players come out for a great day of golf and friendship. Initially we had 77 players but a couple of teams dropped out at the last minute.

As with all of our tournaments we again had some exceptional scoring take place even under the pressure of tournament play. To address this on-going problem I have proposed a new policy to the Board which I hope will help to solve the problem. We have tried a couple of things in the past but none have worked out so far. We tried the Knuth system, we tried using 3 month Low Index and now we are proposing to try adjustments for "**Exceptional Tournament Scores**". Basically, if you score 68 or lower in a tournament, there will be an adjustment for the next tournament. The Board is still discussing and fine tuning the policy, and we have published the proposal in this newsletter for your review. Let us know if you think this is something you want.

Congratulations to all the winning teams. Check out the results.

Thanks again to Kevin for his work on the scoreboard. Remember, In Tournament events, if you have any issues, please discuss and resolve them with either Kevin, myself or one of the other Board members **before** you hand over your scorecard. Competitors are to **sign their scorecard** and ensure the marker has signed as well and then turn it in to the scoring table. Once the round is posted on the scoreboard, it is final. We still have to perform an audit and publish preliminary results on the web, and need all cards and Close to Pin signs. The event is not final until audit is completed and the final results are published in the newsletter. The only changes made during audit are due to addition errors, transposition errors, or omissions made on the part of scoreboard staff.

The audit this month did reveal the following: added 1 par skin to C flight, 4 par skins to D flight and 1 birdie skin removal from D flight based on a wrong

score posted. Thank you to the golfer who came forward with the correct information on his score. It is nice to know we have some very honest members.

Next month our tournament is on Saturday Feb 17th and is an Individual Low net Presidents Cup. A & B will be on Butterfield Stage and C&D will be on Chino Creek. We certainly would like to see a large field this time around. Send me an email or fill out a paper form and put it in the EPMC mailbox in the golf shop.

Dave Cox, Tournament Director

Top 25 - 2017-2018

	Name	Skins	Close	Script	Total
1	Oshiro, David	100	95	240	435
2	Barreto, Martin	57	94	280	431
3	Becerra, Rafael	84	54	240	378
4	Rief, Mark	158	33	165	356
5	Yurgans, Donald	58	27	245	330
6	Anderson, Marc	38	51	240	329
7	Cole, Mike	83	32	205	320
8	Kaplan, Chris	155	55	75	285
9	Dancses, Kirk	0	70	190	260
10	Tapia III, Mike	46	55	150	251
11	Moore, George	101	55	75	231
12	Alva, Luis	112	0	115	227
13	Street, Fred	0	33	175	208
14	Moore, Gary	52	70	85	207
15	Braucht, Jeff	16	86	100	202
16	Maddox, Randy	90	33	70	193
17	Barrow, Boone	0	0	190	190
18	Sullivan, Mike	48	61	75	184
18	Walsh, James M	44	80	60	184
20	Tharp, Richard	34	38	105	177
21	Patterson, Ronald R	63	60	40	163
22	Wilson, Darrell L	30	30	100	160
23	Saulet, Darrel	19	30	105	154
24	McArdle, Pat	26	40	85	151
25	Randall, David W	15	51	80	146
25	Rief, Brian	76	0	70	146

The Getaway Classic is Coming!

When I played in the January tournament, I received several inquiries for the Getaway Classic. Yes—the time is coming quickly to make your plans. Since the Getaway is early again this year—first weekend in May, the entry dates will also be early. I will get the entry form out in next month's newsletter. Entry checks will be due March 15 with the final deadline April 1. This is driven by locking in numbers a month in advance. I can usually make small changes inside a month but not wholesale changes—so please get you entries in early. When emergencies come up, I have been pretty successful getting most if not all of the entry fee refunded.

On a personal note-- this will be my 21st year of running the El Prado Men's Club Getaway Classic. I'm looking at making this my final Getaway being in charge. It has been a real privilege to have run the event for so long but feel it is time to hang it up.

If you are interested in running this annual event, please contact me or any board member. I can fill you in on what's involved, and will happy to help you out next year as the responsibilities are handed off.

Gary Roehrig

Tournament Results – Two-Man Better Ball - Jan 13, 2018

A Flight Chino Creek			
Script			
1	64	Weber, Bart	\$80
		Tanner, Joe	\$80
T2	65	Dancses, Kirk	\$50
		Cole, Mike	\$50
T2	65	Tharp, Richard	\$50
		Saulet, Darrel	\$50
Closest			
#4	12' 0"	Mundy, Robert	\$21
		Anderson, David	\$21
#7	20' 4"	Weber, Bart	\$21
		Tanner, Joe	\$21
#14	7' 5"	Fitch, Chris	\$21
		Anthony, Michael	\$21
#16	8' 4"	Randall, David	\$21
		Earhart, Tom	\$21
Skins			
#1		Fitch, Chris	\$19
		Anthony, Michael	\$19
#2		Jara, Aaron	\$19
		Dancses, Brian	\$19
#3		Jara, Aaron	\$19
		Dancses, Brian	\$19
#6		Jara, Aaron	\$19
		Dancses, Brian	\$19
#11		Tharp, Richard	\$19
		Saulet, Darrel	\$19

B Flight Chino Creek			
Script			
T1	59	Oshiro, David	\$75
		Tapia III, Mike	\$75
T1	59	Moore, George	\$75
		Kaplan, Chris	\$75
3	64	Patterson, Ronald R	\$40
		Rohwedder, Mike	\$40
Closest			
#4	1' 9"	Moore, George	\$23
		Kaplan, Chris	\$23
#7	3' 8"	Oshiro, David	\$23
		Tapia III, Mike	\$23
#14	8' 11"	Sullivan, Mike	\$23
		Feinman, Michael	\$23
#16	23' 2"	Thune, John	\$23
		Valdez Jr, Manny	\$23
Skins			
#11		Patterson, Ronald R	\$25
		Rohwedder, Mike	\$25
#14		Sullivan, Mike	\$25
		Feinman, Michael	\$25
#15		Moore, George	\$25
		Kaplan, Chris	\$25
#17	Eagle	Moore, George	\$25
		Kaplan, Chris	\$25

Tournament Results – Two-Man Better Ball - Jan 13, 2018

C	Flight	Butterfield Stage	
Script			
1	62	Becerra, Rafael	\$70
		Alva, Luis	\$70
2	63	Braucht, Jeff	\$50
		Randall, Greg	\$50
T3*	67	Anderson, Marc	\$30
		Rowan, Paul L	\$30
		* Tied - Card Off	

Closest			
#5	23' 1"	Anderson, Marc	\$18
		Rowan, Paul L	\$18
#8	11' 3"	Koch, Stephen	\$18
		Kramer, John	\$18
#11	30' 9"	Briggle, Thomas	\$18
		Reardon, Donald	\$18
#16	36' 0"	Koch, Stephen	\$18
		Kramer, John	\$18

Skins			
#9		Becerra, Rafael	\$16
		Alva, Luis	\$16
#12		Becerra, Rafael	\$16
		Alva, Luis	\$16
#14	Par	Anderson, Marc	\$16
		Rowan, Paul L	\$16
#17		Braucht, Jeff	\$16
		Randall, Greg	\$16
#18	Par	Koch, Stephen	\$16
		Kramer, John	\$16

D	Flight	Butterfield Stage	
Script			
1	62	Yurgans, Donald	\$75
		La Bonte, Lawrence	\$75
2	64	Roehrig, Gary	\$55
		Hoover, Bob	\$55
3	67	Barreto Jr, Martin	\$40
		Sherman, Lee	\$40

Closest			
#5	11' 9"	Roehrig, Gary	\$27
		Hoover, Bob	\$27
#8	33' 0"	Yurgans, Donald	\$27
		La Bonte, Lawrence	\$27
#11		None	
#16	43' 0"	Saucedo, Jose	\$27
		Sianez, Alex	\$27

Skins			
#7	Par	Saucedo, Jose	\$23
		Sianez, Alex	\$23
#9	Par	Fanning, James	\$23
		Fanning, Adam	\$23
#10	Par	Roehrig, Gary	\$23
		Hoover, Bob	\$23
#18	Par	Yurgans, Donald	\$23
		La Bonte, Lawrence	\$23

Reminder about posting your scores

There are a couple of changes to the Posting Rules that I want to remind you of:

First, because of the availability of the GHIN app for cell phones, we are now requiring the scores are posted the same day as the round is played.

Second, you will receive a warning if you do not post a tournament round as a "T" instead of just a Home round. Two warnings within a 6 month period results in a penalty round being posted to your scores.

Be sure to read the posing rules on the El Prado Men's Golf Club web page.

Thanks,
Fred Wallace, Handicap Chairman

Proposal: Exceptional Tournament Scoring

We are planning to implement this proposal in the coming months. If you have any questions or comments, please provide them to Dave Cox, or email from the web site.

Proposal: New Policy for Exceptional Tournament Scores - ETS

1. It applies to **all** tournament participants.
2. Adjustments are applied at the conclusion of each tourney and only apply to next played tourney by 'Adjustment accumulation and removal rules'.
3. Tournament chairman will track and apply all adjustments
4. Adjustments only apply to the players own score. This includes any event where the players own score is posted.

How it works:

- ETS begins at an exceptional score of 68, and every subsequent 2 point intervals, 66, 64, 62, 60, 58, etc.
- Adjustment is (-1) stroke for each level attained. Example: 68/67 = (-1), 66/65 = (-2), 64/63 = (-3), etc
- ETS is applied at the conclusion of every tournament for the next tournament.

Adjustment accumulation and removal rules:

Adjustments will accumulate until no adjustment earned. E.g.

- A player plays a tournament and earns a -1 adjustment, subsequently he plays another tournament and earns another -1 adjustment. The next participating tournament he will have a -2 adjustment.

Adjustments are removed following each tournament. E.g.

- A player plays a tournament and earns a -2 adjustment, subsequently he plays another tournament and earns 0 adjustment. The next participating tournament he will have a -1 adjustment. This will continue until he has 0 adjustments.
- Every participating tournament played is considered for removal of an adjustment. E.g. A player earns a -2 adjustment in November ILN, subsequently he plays in December 4 club red tee. Because this is a non-posting round but the player participated, 1 adjustment will be removed at the conclusion of the tournament. At the next participating tournament he will have -1 adjustment. This will continue until he has 0 adjustments.

Tournament Signup

The format is individual low net, with regular monthly tournament payouts for the top 25% of the field, plus skins and closest cash pots in 4 flights.

In addition, this tournament determines the qualifiers and seeding for our annual match play event, the President's Cup. After the tournament, the top 16 in each flight qualify for this single elimination event, with weekly matches for several weeks. The 2017 President's Cup Champion Michael Anthony will be the #1 seed in his flight and will not have to qualify.

If you cannot participate in all the match play, you are still welcome to play the monthly tournament, and just forfeit your first round match.

Presidents Cup Qualifier

Saturday February 17, 2018

Please Print!

The tournament is **\$70** per player. This includes \$51 entry fee, optional \$10 skins, optional \$9 closest to the pin.

Member Name _____

Entry Forms &

GHIN # _____

Email due:

Home phone _____

Send email to:

Saturday February 10

Special Request: _____

dc Cox181@hotmail.com

Make Checks payable to El Prado Men's Club and send with this form to:

El Prado Men's Club
6555 Pine Ave
Chino, CA 91710

DO NOT SEND CASH!!!!