



# EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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## President's Message



The election is over, and the board has met and assigned positions for the next year. As you can see above, I am your new President, and I am looking forward to a great year.

Let me start off by thanking David Cox for his service as president of the club for the past year. I also want to thank Rafael Becerra and Louis Washington as they end their terms on the board. They served well through two years of board meetings, derbies, and early morning tournament check-ins. We pray for a quick and healthy recovery for Louis as well.

I would also like to congratulate Gary Abbott as our other new member of the board, who will be handicap chairman. Gary is in the

process of handicap certification, and both Gary and I are learning the scoring system so that we can help Doug and Mark in skins and tournaments.

As for tournaments, thank you all for the great turn outs and participation all year long. I would also like to congratulate Zach Kauffmann as our club champion and let's cheer him on as he represents El Prado in the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions at Coto de Caza on December 6.

I've been a member of the club for about 5 years. In this time I have built lasting relationships and friendships. I believe that we are one of the best men's clubs and would love to help it get even better. I am here to help serve you and make it even better.

Thanks,  
Gil Vicario, President

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October 9**  
Tournament Signups Due

**October 16**  
2 Man Better Ball

**October 19 –**  
LAST Derby of the year!

**November 8**  
Tournament Signups Due

**November 13**  
Individual Low Net

**Tournaments**  
**Saturday Skins**  
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## Tournament News

We closed out the tournament year with a fantastic club championship. In the gross division, 16 players played the three rounds. After the first round, 7 were under par, led by Zach Kauffmann who started with a blistering 65 on Butterfield Stage. After two rounds on Chino Creek, Zach remained the lone player under par at -3, claiming the title by three strokes over Brian Dancses. Congrats to Zach and good luck in the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions!



In the net divisions, Nolan Anderson, David Oshiro, Danny Ortiz, and Brian Travis each won their flights. For the tournament, 63 players shared in the total purse of over \$8,200. As always, the complete results are available in this newsletter and on the [web site event page](#).

We also celebrated the end of the year with a super raffle. Thanks to Doug and Kevin for getting a lot of great prizes. All those 50/50 tickets from the past 12 tournaments went in the hopper, along with a whole bunch more we sold at the table. As you can see in the pictures, the room was full, so thanks to everyone who stayed to enjoy the day.

As we look back on the year, you can see from the final Top 25 list that we have a lot of happy golfers. In the 12 tournaments, we paid out \$51,631 to 182 different players. For those that wonder how we do it, this is where most of your membership money goes – to subsidizing tournaments. So thanks to everyone for the great participation all year long.

We are now one year in to using the Tournament Management system (Golfgenius) and the results have been very positive. Our members have learned to use the web site to verify their signups, and check tee times and results. Custom scorecards with key information have saved a lot of time and confusion in tournaments. We got the hiccups out of the TV

leaderboard, so that's here to stay. Thanks for your patience as we all learned to use this technology.

As I mentioned last month, we would like to do online signups and payment, but at this time it's \$500 to upgrade, plus \$2,800 per year, and we're not ready to spend that kind of money yet.

In October we kick off the new tournament year with a 2 Man Better Ball event on Saturday October 16. As usual, you can sign up with a partner, or as a single, and we'll try to match you up. Signups for a guaranteed spot close October 9, or October 12 if we have room. Signup by emailing Doug at [dbenc@ap.org](mailto:dbenc@ap.org). We will publish the roster of signed up players on the Wednesday before the tournament, and release pairings on that Friday.

Mark Rief, Communications  
Doug Benc, Tournament

### FINAL TOP 25 - 2020-2021

Rank	Name	Total
1	Ortiz, Danny	1200
2	Barrow, Boone	1120
3	Kramer, John	1059
4	Barber, Darnell	764
5	Anderson, David	701
6	Alva, Luis	685
7	Abbott, Gary	679
8	Moore, George	668
9	Robertson, Brian	664
10	Harlin, Jeff	664
11	Dancses, Kirk	656
12	Tapia, Mike	639
13	Bruder, Thomas	637
14	Anderson, Marc	607
15	Kaplan, Chris	606
16	Rivera, Albert	597
17	Anthony, Michael	597
18	Lo, Danny	592
19	Hederman, Joseph	578
20	Teneriello, Louie	569
21	Moloney, Josh	565
22	Agan, John	562
23	Iriart, J.P.	544
24	Sullivan, Mike	537
25	Biscocho, Art	526
25	Dancses, Brian	526

*(Includes President's Cup)*

## Pro's Corner

Member expectations - What is your expectation when you come and play El Prado? Are your expectations met or is there something we can do better for you? I ask this question because the staff, Kevin Knutson our General Manager and myself feel strongly



about meeting your expectations. We care that our members are satisfied when they come and play, and we realize that without our members we won't have a golf course to call our own. I bring this up because I see a very solid core of El Prado advocates in most of you. We appreciate that you're here on your days off and play and participate in our programs. If no one has said this to you recently, we appreciate that you call El Prado your home course. Thank you everyone for your support.

We have been doing rules scenarios for the last few newsletters, so I wanted to break that up and give all of you some golf tips instead. One of the best tips I can give all of you is how to chip from around the greens here at El Prado. As most of you know the surrounding grass around all our greens is Kikuyu. This is the same grass that is played at Riviera Country Club and other seasoned Southern California golf courses. There are two things that I try to preach when you are chipping around the greens, the first is to make sure that you do not land your ball on the fringe of the greens. Try to land these chips on the green itself and you will have a better chance to get the ball close to the hole. Lastly, when chipping around the greens try using a gap wedge or pitching wedge but do not use the conventional chipping method. Try chipping by using the toe of the wedge facing down and your hands will feel more upright. The stroke will emulate a putting stroke and see how the ball comes out with forward spin instead of having side spin. This is a very unconventional way to chip but has proven to be very helpful to

many students I've worked with. Hope this helps your game.

Happy Golfing,  
Art Guevara, PGA  
Head Golf Professional  
El Prado Golf Courses

## 50/50 Winners

We had our biggest 50/50 pot of the year at the club championship! Congrats to Chris Ostegaard, Alfonzo Marquez, and Albert Armijo, who each started the day with \$135.

## Derby Results

We had 16 players for the September Derby, which meant 8 blind draw hi/lo teams for the 5-hole alternate shot horse race. We had a couple new faces, so the word is getting out that the derby is returning to greatness!



First place and \$90 went to Gary Vernier and John Agan. Second with \$60 were Eric Habermehl and Danny Ortiz; and third with \$30 were Tom Clark and Gil Vicario.



Our last derby of the year will be Tuesday October 19<sup>th</sup>. Sign in by 4:00, draw teams and tee off at 4:30.

## This is Not the Cart Return



Please return carts to the cart barn when completing your round. If you are unaware, it looks like this:



We know it's an uphill walk back to the bar, but you can do it!

## Tuesday Skins

Remember that if you have a group, or part of a group, you can sign up in advance. [Email](#) or text Doug with your request ahead of Monday night.

If you don't have a group, just show up on Tuesday morning like always. The earlier you show up, the more choices you will have in an available group.

Doug Benc, Tournament

## Green Expansion

Many of us notice that over the years, some greens tend to shrink as other grass encroaches on the borders. To undo some of this, the course has begun a green expansion project on Chino Creek, laying new sod around the edges of greens.



It's a slow process, but necessary to return some greens to respectable sizes, closer to their original design. The sod is from the nursery the course built north of the Butterfield #4 tee. From a rules perspective, the new sod is ground under repair, and you may take free relief.

## Lift Clean and Place

At this time, we are still playing preferred lies in skins games and tournaments, until we announce or post otherwise: **Within the general area, you may lift, clean, and place the ball once, within one club-length, no nearer the hole.**

We will return to playing the ball as it lies (down) as soon as we feel conditions allow.

## Local Rule for Bunkers

As we come out of the COVID restrictions, it is clear that many golfers have forgotten how to rake, or are not comfortable picking up a rake. For this reason, we will play **lift clean and place in the bunker**, regardless if rakes are present or not. Of course, we encourage you to rake when you are finished.

# Club Championship Lunch and Raffle - September 11, 2021





## Tournament Results – Club Championship - September 4, 10, 11, 2021

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

### Club Champion - Low Gross (Scrip)

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	R3	Total Gross	Purse
1	Kauffmann, Zachary	-3	65	74	74	213	\$230
2	Dancses, Brian	E	75	69	72	216	
T3	Anderson, Nolan	2	68	77	73	218	
T3	Fekin, Eric	2	71	76	71	218	
T5	Iriart, J.p.	4	68	73	79	220	
T5	Mouw, Billy	4	67	75	78	220	
T7	Clark, Thomas	5	71	75	75	221	
T7	Fekin, Aaron	5	72	72	77	221	
9	Jara, Aaron	9	74	75	76	225	
10	Champion, Jon	14	70	80	80	230	
11	Weber, Bart	15	76	80	75	231	
T12	Waasdorp, Pete	17	74	81	78	233	
T12	Benc, Doug	17	73	84	76	233	
14	Lizarraga, Richard	19	76	79	80	235	
15	Earhart, Tom	26	77	87	78	242	

### Individual Low Net (Scrip)

#### A Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Anderson, Nolan	-11	64	69	133	\$230
2	Dyer, Joe	-6	71	67	138	\$200
T3	Dancses, Kirk	-5	68	71	139	\$170
T3	Kauffmann, Zachary	-5	65	74	139	
5	Marquez, Robert	-4	71	69	140	\$140
T6	Weber, Bart	-3	72	69	141	\$83
T6	Waasdorp, Pete	-3	69	72	141	\$83
T6	Clark, Thomas	-3	69	72	141	\$83
9	Iriart, J.p.	1	67	78	145	\$40
T10	Lorenz, Dave	2	75	71	146	\$7
T10	Earhart, Tom	2	73	73	146	\$7
T10	Dancses, Brian	2	75	71	146	\$7

#### B Flight

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Oshiro, David	-10	65	69	134	\$230
2	Harlin, Jeff	-8	62	74	136	\$200
T3	Baker, Clarence	-5	71	68	139	\$155
T3	Alva, Luis	-5	65	74	139	\$155
5	Teneriello, Louie	-3	66	75	141	\$110
6	Esparza, Aaron	-2	69	73	142	\$80
T7	Slavin, Troy	-1	76	67	143	\$50
T7	Lizarraga, Richard	-1	68	75	143	\$50
T9	Moore, George	E	75	69	144	\$7
T9	Poh, Colby	E	73	71	144	\$7
T9	Becerra, Rafael	E	70	74	144	\$7

**C Flight**

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Ortiz, Danny	-12	65	67	132	\$230
2	Barber, Darnell	-7	70	67	137	\$200
3	Alderete, Jacob	-5	70	69	139	\$170
4	Anderson, Marc	-4	70	70	140	\$140
T5	Fanning, James	-3	67	74	141	\$95
T5	Torres, Ramiro	-3	70	71	141	\$95
7	Nichols, Wayne	-2	73	69	142	\$60
T8	Tapia, Mike	-1	74	69	143	\$30
T8	Jones, Kim	-1	71	72	143	\$30

**D Flight**

Pos.	Player	To Par	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Travis, Brian	-7	62	75	137	\$230
2	Barrow, Boone	-5	67	72	139	\$200
3	Rivera, Albert	-4	68	72	140	\$170
4	Agan, John	-2	78	64	142	\$140
5	Moloney, Josh	-1	78	65	143	\$110
T6	Cheshire, Mike	E	69	75	144	\$70
T6	Luzar, Les	E	71	73	144	\$70
8	Ruiz, Manuel	1	73	72	145	\$40
9	Armijo, Albert J	2	75	71	146	\$20

Total Purse Allocated: \$4,201.00

**Gross Skins – Round 1 (cash pots)**

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Kauffmann, Zachary	1	\$86	Eagle on 9
Mouw, Billy	1	\$86	Eagle on 16
Anderson, Nolan	1	\$86	Eagle on 18
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Harlin, Troy	3	\$108	Eagle on 9, Birdie on 12, Birdie on 17
Marquez, Alfonso	1	\$36	Birdie on 7
Poh, Colby	1	\$36	Birdie on 10
Tamashiro, Wes	1	\$36	Birdie on 15
Lizarraga, Richard	1	\$36	Birdie on 1
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Bruder, Thomas	1	\$80	Eagle on 12
Ortiz, Danny	1	\$80	Birdie on 7
Peniata, Oscar	1	\$80	Birdie on 10
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Verne, Bryon	2	\$86	Birdie on 4, Birdie on 18
Ruiz, Manuel	2	\$86	Birdie on 13, Birdie on 17
Street, Fred	1	\$43	Birdie on 12
Kramer, John	1	\$43	Birdie on 2

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,008.00

### Closest to the pin – Round 1 (cash pots)

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Earhart, Tom	\$78	#14 9 ft 1 in
	Benc, Doug	\$78	#17 5 ft 11 in
	Lorenz, Dave	\$78	#2 6 ft 2 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$234.00			
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Harlin, Jeff	\$112	#7 12 ft 6 in, #2 7 ft
	Poh, Colby	\$56	#14 9 ft 9 in
	Abbott, Gary	\$56	#17 6 ft 4 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$224.00			
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Anderson, David	\$108	#16 13 ft 2 in, #7 5 ft 11 in
	Lo, Danny	\$54	#14 3 ft 11 in
	Torres, Ramiro	\$54	#4 9 ft 10 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$216.00			
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Barrow, Boone	\$116	#4 12 ft 6 in, #14 12 ft 11 in
	Cheshire, Mike	\$58	#16 8 ft 6 in
	Agan, John	\$58	#7 19 ft 2 in
Total Purse Allocated: \$232.00			

### Gross Skins – Round 2 (cash pots)

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Earhart, Tom	1	\$54	Eagle on 13
Weber, Bart	1	\$54	Birdie on 11
Dyer, Joe	1	\$54	Birdie on 10
Marquez, Robert	1	\$54	Birdie on 18
Dancses, Brian	1	\$54	Birdie on 12
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Abbott, Gary	1	\$80	Birdie on 14
Gordon, Robert	1	\$80	Birdie on 12
Poh, Colby	1	\$80	Birdie on 8
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Verne, Sean	1	\$50	Eagle on 12
Lo, Danny	1	\$50	Birdie on 16
Tapia, Mike	1	\$50	Birdie on 15
Anderson, Marc	1	\$50	Birdie on 14
Fanning, James	1	\$50	Birdie on 2
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Skins</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
Barcnas, Cristhian	1	\$65	Birdie on 7
Agan, John	1	\$65	Birdie on 15
Cheshire, Mike	1	\$65	Par on 3
Rivera, Albert	1	\$65	Birdie on 2

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,020.00

## Closest to the pin Round 2 (cash pots)

<b>A Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Fekin, Eric	\$61	#14 4'8"
	Mercado, Martin	\$61	#16 6'9"
	Mundy, Robert	\$61	#4 10'2"
	Weber, Bart	\$61	#7 13'5"
Total Purse Allocated: \$244.00			
<b>B Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Gordon, Robert	\$54	#14 9'7"
	Verne, Eric	\$54	#16 15'3"
	Abbott, Gary	\$54	#4 12'2"
	Esparza, Aaron	\$54	#7 7'4"
Total Purse Allocated: \$216.00			
<b>C Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Estacio, Rod	\$112	#2 7'1", #7 12'1"
	Anderson, Marc	\$56	#14 4'9"
	Barber, Darnell	\$56	#17 3'5"
Total Purse Allocated: \$224.00			
<b>D Flight</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Purse</b>	<b>Details</b>
	Armijo, Albert J	\$58	#14 14'10"
	Agan, John	\$58	#17 25'5"
	Nomura, Vino	\$58	#2 9'3"
	Verne, Bryon	\$58	#7 15'7"
Total Purse Allocated: \$232.00			