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President's Message

Dear EPMC Members,

As we move through another great year of golf, I want to thank each of you for your continued participation and support. The energy and camaraderie at our weekly events have been outstanding, and it's a testament to the strength of our club community.

A few important reminders:

- **Tournament Sign-Ups:** Please remember that sign-ups close Tuesdays at 2:00 PM the week of the tournament. We're typically full by then, and late entries will be placed on a waiting list — no guarantees for a spot.

🎁 **Annual Toy Drive**

We're proud to host our Annual Toy Drive during the upcoming tournament on Saturday, December 13, 2025.

Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate, or consider making a generous monetary contribution. Your kindness helps brighten the holidays for local families in need.

Let's come together as a club to make a meaningful impact — both on and off the course.

- **Pace of Play & Check-In:** Let's continue to respect our fellow members by arriving early, checking in promptly, and keeping pace on the course.

Behind the scenes, your board is working hard to keep things running smoothly - from coordinating events to refining policies that support fairness and fun. If you have suggestions or feedback, don't hesitate to reach out.

Let's finish the year strong, with great golf, good company, and a spirit of giving

Warm regards,
Danny Ortiz, President



UPCOMING DATES

December 9
Online Tournament
Signups Close

December 13
4 Clubs Red Tees

Jan 6
Online Tournament
Signups Close

Jan 10
2 Man Better Ball

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
(772) 408-2421
dbenc@ap.org

[Tuesday Skins](#)

Tournament News

Unfortunately, our second EPMC tournament of the new season was rained out. Our last rainout was January 2023, so we've been lucky for the last few years. We're pleased to share, however, that the Individual Low Net tournament had 94 players registered, 44 special requests in Golf Genius, and 13 players taking advantage of Zelle pre-pay. All Zelle payments have been fully reimbursed.



Our next event is the always-popular **4-Club Red Tees Tournament** on **December 13th**. Keep an eye out for the Golf Genius signup invitation—spots fill quickly, so register early. Player roster will be confirmed via email on **Wednesday, December 10th**, with tee times and pairings released on **Friday, December 12th**.

This is an **individual format**, and each player must sign up through Golf Genius. When registration opens, please follow these simple steps:

Step 1: In the invitation email, navigate to the bottom and confirm your status by selecting **Playing** or **Not Playing**.

Step 2: If needed, you may send a message to the tournament manager with any special requests (tee time or pairing preferences). We will do our best to accommodate.

Step 3: Click **Send** to finalize your response.

The Golf Genius tee sheet will automatically populate with confirmed players. As always, we will monitor signups closely and communicate any issues. Registered players should receive an automated confirmation email from Golf Genius.

December Tournament Tip:

- **AB Flights – Chino Creek**
- **CD Flights – Butterfield**

Pick your favorite four clubs and get ready for a fun day on the course!

Respectfully,

Gary Abbott, Tournaments
Troy Slavin, Tournaments

TOP 25 - 2025-2026

Rank	Name	Scrip
1	Siniscalchi, Nathan	\$208
1	Verne, Troy	\$208
3	Evans, Cary	\$203
3	Lizarraga, Richard	\$203
5	Moir, James	\$168
5	Moir, Justin	\$168
7	Briggle, Thomas	\$145
7	Hughes, Daniel	\$145
9	Kim, Jacob	\$122
9	Lopez, Justin	\$122
11	Boucher, Norm	\$113
11	Ignacz, Ken	\$113
13	Armijo, Albert J	\$110
13	Torres, Ramiro	\$110
15	Lovell, Jim	\$109
15	Tamashiro, Wes	\$109
17	Anderson, Steve	\$108
17	Verne, Bryon	\$108
19	Hurtado, Octavio Jr	\$99
19	Montelongo, Cruz	\$99
21	Cerda, Mario	\$88
21	Gonzalez, Paul	\$88
23	Rumble, Tim	\$85
24	Bermudez, Rolando	\$84
24	Bretado, Henry	\$84

Skins News

As we move into winter, we all know that means rain and weather issues.

One big issue I see as the course softens up are those members that continue to drive their carts right down the middle of fairways. We should all be stewards of our home course.

To protect the course, we suggest following a couple of easy to do rules.

1. Approach the location of your ball from the rough and then drive 90 degrees across the fairway to get to it
2. Stay in the marked areas and off softer areas of the course
3. Be cognizant of the conditions you leave the course behind you for other members and the public



A second issue is how the weather causes cancelations or the belief a round has been canceled because it is raining where you live.

What we ask of our members is this:

- If you sign up for the skins game, be patient and we will let you know if the game is canceled the day before as we usually find out from the course
- Show up to the course if you haven't heard it has been canceled. From experience, we know the weather in Orange Country, or Riverside does not reflect the weather in Chino
- Call the course before you leave the house or reach out to the skins game coordinator to verify, rather than just not show up

For those that have been around long enough, we have seen instances when the day begins with sun and ends with rain and I know of at least two instances where a tournament was canceled over the threat of weather and the day turned out perfect with no rain and lots of sunshine.

Also, because of the location of the course and unfavorable weather conditions, we can get fog from time to time. This WILL slow the game down a bit as the first few groups have a much tougher time following their shots until the fog burns off.

Be patient and if you are the group in front, let the group behind you know that you will either yell back when everyone is clear, or work out some sort of notification to ensure we aren't hitting into the group in front of you.

Thanks,

Doug Benc, Saturday Skins

Getaway 2026

Signups are open for the 2026 Getaway June 4-6 in Las Vegas. The entry form with all the details is included with this Newsletter, and on the website. Please read the instructions carefully.

Remember – even If you pay with Zelle, you are NOT signed up until the form is completed and turned in.

We will be playing Painted Desert Thursday, Highland Falls on Friday and Palm Valley on Saturday followed by a buffet dinner.

Holiday Collections and Toy Drive

Christmas is a time for giving. It's been our tradition to bring a toy or a cash donation to the December tournament. The toys will be given to local kids through our partnership with the City of Chino Fire Department. Please help us support this great cause by dropping off a toy or donation at the check-in table.



We will also have a jar at the table to collect cash for the incredible El Prado Staff and cart barn employees. Let us all be generous to the people that care of us throughout the year.

Show up early and reminisce with your board of directors over coffee and donuts.

Lance Ford, Social

Zelle Instructions

Hello Fellow Golfers,

Thank you to everyone who has been using Zelle for payments — it greatly simplifies the check-in process. I do have a couple of requests to help keep everything running smoothly:

• **Please include your full name and the tournament month in the Zelle payment comment.** Example: "Wayne Nichols for November Tournament."

Some payments come through under a spouse's or another person's name, which makes it difficult to identify who the payment is for. Using the tournament month also helps us find your payment quickly.



• **All Zelle payments must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Friday before the tournament.** Payments cannot be accepted at the check-in table on tournament day.

• **You must still check in at the table even if you paid through Zelle.** This is the only way for us to confirm your attendance.



Thank you again. For those who paid for the November tournament, I sent refunds via Zelle on Saturday. Please let me know if you experience any issues.

See you on the greens,

Wayne Nichols, Bookkeeper/Treasurer

Handicap

This is a reminder that you are responsible for making sure all your eligible scores are posted on the day you play. When you play in our events, we post your scores, but for all other rounds, you need to post using the GHIN app or online. If you play in an SCGA or other tournament, ask if they are posting for you, just to be sure.



If you ever have a question, or make a mistake posting a score, please reach out to me and we will take care of it.

For more information on the handicap system you can visit the [USGA Handicapping Home](https://www.usga.org/handicapping).

Tim Sleeper, Handicap

Pro's Corner

Happy Holidays to all our members, I hope everyone is doing well. The weather has been non-cooperative for the last few days and we are definitely seeing the aftermath of the storms that

have come our way. If you're playing in the next few days, we are asking that members and guests keep the carts on the cart paths and rough only until we have dryer conditions.

With the Holidays approaching, any purchases made in the golf shop has your standard 10% off on items we sell. We will be doing a 20% off sale for golf shoes and golf shirts in the pro shop for the month of December. Please see any of our pro-shop staff to get your member discounts. For members that have script cards, these cards can be used for any purchase you would like to make in the pro shop. We encourage you to please use your script when paying your green fees, merchandise sales, food and beverage and special ordered items that we do not carry in the pro shop. Script cards cannot be used for our monthly Men's club tournaments. Please email me if you would like to find out your script balance or do any special ordered item. (art@elpradogolfcourses.com)

If you haven't heard about our glow golf events, I encourage you to please look at our Instagram page. We posted videos on how the event went and we have one more scheduled for November 28, 2025 (Friday at 6:00 pm). We hope we can get some members to come out and enjoy the night with us.

Lastly, congratulations to our Senior member Fred Guidera who again won our rules question of the month. Our rules question for the month has to do with your chip shot on Hole 8 Chino, your chip shot up # 8 starts to roll back towards you and you remove the loose divot that you just made to prevent the ball from coming to rest against it. Is there a penalty and if so what is the correct rule number.

Art Guevara, PGA

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Tournament Director
El Prado Golf Courses
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El Prado Men's Golf Club

2026 Tournament Schedule

Date	Description
January 10	2 Man Better Ball
February 7	President's Cup Individual Low Net
March 7	Member/Member – 9 holes Better Ball / 9 holes Aggregate
April 11	ILN 5-4-3 Out
May 16	2 Man 4 Clubs – Red Tees Better Ball
June 4-6	El Prado Getaway Classic – Las Vegas
June 20	2 Man Scramble
July 18	Invitational - 2 Man Better Ball <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guests play to Low Index and have 6 recent verifiable rounds.
August 15	4 Man Scramble - ABCD Blind Draw
September 11 Championship Gross Senior Gross September 12-13 All Net Flights	Club Championship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have played in 3 tournaments or 9 skins games, or be club champion within the past 5 years. • Must be an active member as of June 30. • Sunday handicap is based on index that morning. • Sunday pairings are based on standings after previous round(s). • Net flights play 2 rounds. Championship gross plays 3 rounds. Senior SCGA TOCC candidates play 3 rounds. • Gross champion must play blue tees all three rounds.
October 17	2 Man Better Ball
November 14	Individual Low Net
December 12	4 Clubs – Red Tees

Notes

- In 4 flight events, A plays blue tees; B plays white tees on Chino Creek or blue tees on Butterfield Stage; C and D play white tees.
- 2 Man team events are maximum 8 stroke handicap difference.
- Course Handicap and flights are based on the index of the previous Wednesday.
- Tee Times and Results are at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>
- Formats and rules are subject to change.

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2026 Getaway Classic

Las Vegas, NV – June 4-6

Lodging will be at the [Santa Fe Station Hotel and Casino](#). You are responsible for reserving and paying for your room online at [El Prado Mens Golf Club Offer ACIEPMC](#) or calling (702) 658-4900. Our group rates are Wed/Thu \$79, Fri/Sat \$131; plus 13% tax and \$25.99 resort fee.

Golf Thursday June 4 - [Painted Desert](#), tee times starting at 10:40 AM - Skins game with gross and net skins, closest; and single low gross/net. One or two flights based on size of field.

Golf Friday June 5 - [Highland Falls](#) 7:00 AM Shotgun -Skins game with 2-3 flights of gross & net skins, closest; and blind draw partner best ball.

Golf Saturday June 6 - [Palm Valley](#) 7:00 AM Shotgun Individual Low Net Tournament paying 30% of field, gross skins, closest.

Saturday June 6 Awards Dinner at the resort. Dinner Buffet from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Dinner starts at 6:30 PM and is included for golfers. Guests are \$60.

Guests are welcome if space is available at the deadline. Guests play to GHIN LI or adjusted as determined by Handicap Committee in prior Getaway performances. If no GHIN handicap, guests will play to 0 handicap. Guests will be in on skins, closest, and Friday two-man blind draw, and Thursday low net/gross; but are NOT in Saturday's ILN tournament. If we have enough guests, there will be a separate tournament pot for guests on Saturday. For golf questions, contact [Gary Abbott or Mark Rief](#)

Payment- Prices on the entry form include Golf, Saturday Dinner, and prize money. You are responsible for your lodging. Payment must be received by April 6th, so that we can guarantee our place at all venues. Pay with Zelle, check, or cash. However you pay, **you still need to fill out this form.**

For payment questions, contact [Scott Harlin or Wayne Nichols](#).

ENTRY FORM

Required for all golfers

1. Select your golf package:

- ☐ 3-Day Thursday, Friday, and Saturday \$ 530
- ☐ 2-Day Friday and Saturday only \$ 415
- ☐ 1-Day Saturday only \$ 245

2. Awards Dinner Saturday Night

I will attend ☐Yes ☐No

I will bring _____ guests at \$60 each = _____

3. Total Amount

\$ _____

4. Select your Payment Method

- ☐ Zelle to payment@elpradomensclub.com
Account Name _____



Zelle

- ☐ Check payable to El Prado Men's Club
- ☐ Cash to Scott Harlin or Wayne Nichols

5. Hand this form (with payment if not Zelle) to Wayne or Scott, or mail to:

El Prado Mens Golf Club
6555 Pine Ave
Chino, CA 91708

**Payment without completing this entry form
DOES NOT SIGN YOU UP.**

Signups will close when the field is full, or
April 6th, whichever comes first.

Name _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Requests: _____