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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Fortune

We move into the start of summer having played our 2nd Major – The 19th Annual John C Palumbo Memorial Tournament, Sunday 5/4/2014. Playing on Robinson Ranch's Valley Course was no deterrent for 'going low' this year. Congratulations to David Gilbreath, A Flight Gross; and multiple congratulations for a THREE WAY TIE for A Flight Net – shared by Marc Carter, Vinod Chhabra, and Alan Stewart. In the B Flight, John Blake won the Gross, and John Overmyer the Net. Five trophies for five great rounds. Well done, gentlemen. A personal thanks to all who participated – Pace of Play was excellent.

This month is the start of our 3rd Major – The 58th President's Cup – Individual Match play at it's finest. Mark Michelini and Everardo Gomez are running everything and setting this great event in motion. Please make sure you've paid before contacting your opponent and getting that first match underway. As with all of our Majors, we have requirements (provided by Mark in a well written email). Included below are several of the most important items -

A) Players will calculate course handicaps using 80% of their 12 month low index as of June 1st (provided by Tournament Manager). ***This is new!

B) Each player must have been a member of the Club for at least three months, must have posted at least eight (8) scores in the previous 6 months and participated in two or more Club competitions in the previous 12 months not including the previous President's Cup.

C) All match scorecards must be signed, dated and turned in at the Sepulveda Starter's Window or digitized and sent to Mark or Everado. **No Scorecard** – the match will not counted. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

This is always a fun, competitive event – please play your matches within the time frame proscribed and good luck to you all!

Brookside will be the site of our June 1st away tournament. Another SOLD OUT event! We will simply have to anticipate this new level of interest and get more tee times. Fantastic! Best of luck to all, as this course always requires your 'A' game. Hope to see you out on the course

The 97th Annual Los Angeles City Men's Golf Championship will be held June 12t, 13, 14 and 15. Best of luck to all of the SMGC players who will compete and a reminder that the city will be in need of volunteers to help run this venerable event. Contact Brendan Augustus @ rap.golfchampionships@lacity.org (818) 291-9980 ext. 248 if you are able to participate. As with many of the city's events, Craig Kessler and I look forward to seeing you out there.

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Upcoming Tournament Notes from Evan Beren, Tournament Director

June is Championship month as we play our Club Championship. Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd are the first and second round. We cut the field for the final round, 50% and ties make the cut, played Saturday, June 28th.

We play grouped by handicap with the high handicappers going out first on Saturday and the Low handicap players going out first on Sunday. For the final round it is again high to low.

Cost is \$130.00 for all rounds of golf. All players will get Club Championship golf shirts. We award trophies for the Club Champion, Net Champion and Net Flight winner, as well as the biggest prize fund of the year. All players must qualify to play in this tournament, please check the web site for more details about qualifications.

For more information about this tournament or any of our tournaments contact Evan Beren, ejberen@me.com or 818-438-0395.

CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

Recreation and Park Assistant General Manager Kevin Regan stopped by the May meeting of the Golf Advisory Committee unannounced. Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, the Advisory Committee's May meeting had been moved up a week, leaving only 3 weeks between meetings. Regan didn't expect to be able to report significant progress regarding the establishment of the "Golf Business Analysis Section" (GBAS) in such a compressed time frame; thus, he didn't ask to be put on the agenda.

But appear he did, because he had considerable good news in those intervening 3 weeks, and he wanted to share it with the troops. And the "troops" were delighted to hear that the Department and Global Golf Advisors had agreed to consolidate all of the disparate tasks associated with this ambitious consulting undertaking into one expedited package – 12 "tasks" in all, ranging from strategic/master planning, capital projects planning, and strategic positioning/marketing to consion management and reservation systems/ policies – and all points in between. Of course, all of this will be performed in phases, but by consolidating the phases into one integrated whole, the city can ensure that the whole of these phased tasks will be precisely that – an integrated whole consistent with an overarching grand vision for city golf, not a jumble of one-off projects in search of common ground.

Regan has been disarmingly honest in his reports to the Golf Advisory Committee, bringing the members into the fold of his thinking as he works with Golf Operations to literally invent what is according to Regan, the most unique and ambitious consulting exercise he has witnessed in his 30 years with the Parks Department. He has been completely open to the thoughts, suggestions, and insights of the Advisory Committee, which he has already indicated will be an active part of the unfolding GBAS process. Perhaps most of all, he has gladdened the hearts of the members by repeatedly intoning that he wants this process to deliver tangible results, not a playbook that collects dust on a shelf.

It is fun to go to Golf Advisory Committee meetings again. Everyone believes that we're on a common track to get things done. The tensions that roiled the room during the long slog to get to this point have evaporated in favor of a camaraderie between Advisory Members and city Staff that we haven't seen in years. I must say it feels good; more importantly, it can deliver "good" for the city golf program.

Everyone understands that it won't be easy. We're entering foreign territory. As Regan shared with the Advisory Committee, the Parks Department has spent most of its history directed to act unconcerned about the generation of revenue and concerned only about the generation of services for kids and communities. Now, the Department is charged with looking at how it delivers everything through a lens focused disproportionately on revenues. That may be an easier charge for golf than most of the Department's other recreational services, but it is still a difficult mindset for managers who cut their teeth on a radically different ethic.

Regan has it right; the only way we're going to pull this off is by working in unison – not necessarily always in agreement but always as one.

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Tournament Player of the Year Trophy in Memory of Ed Cohn "On the Other Hand"

Standings as of April 20, 2014
Runs through June 2014

Mr. Raposas has run away with the trophy this year. We'll be changing the OOH starting July 2014. The new name will be "**Ed Cohn Trophy**" and the ranking will be based on \$\$ won. This will allow players in as few as 5 tournaments to be competitive

Player	Points	Ranking
Ben Raposas	1145	1
Andy Levine	685	2
Roger Ikeda	655	3
Brian Nelson	645	4
Len Zambito	645	4
Michael Melamed	635	6
Bob McKibben	610	7
Gene Vano	605	8
Randy Hammock	595	9
Tranquilino Bangis	545	10
Armen Mesropian	545	10
Charles MacDonald	530	12
Johnathan Fernandez	500	13
Farhad Keliddari	500	13
Dan Crawford	485	15
Ryan Tumulad	485	15
Dustin Watanabe	480	17
Jason Petterson	470	18
Anthony Bermel	465	19
Hadi Morshed	460	20
Alan Stewart	450	21
Ted Johnson	440	22
Laurence Silva	435	23
Brad Marks	420	24
Virgil Budhu	415	25
Alfredo Picolomini	415	25
Brian Czerniak	400	27
Butch Chase	395	28
Daniel Sniegowski	390	29
Sean MacDonald	380	30

The complete standings can be found at WWW.SMGC.ORG

The John C Palumbo Memorial

May 4, 2014

Format – Low Gross / Low Net**“A” Flight Low Gross**

Score	Player	Prize
81	David Gilbreath	\$150
82	Bobby Cavanaugh	\$100
83	Josh Eveland	\$65
83	Bill Brandel	\$65

“A” Flight Low Net

74	Alan Stewart	\$110
74	Marc Carter	\$110
74	Vinod Chhabra	\$110
76	Ben Raposas	\$50

“B Flight” Low Gross

83	John Blake	\$150
87	Hadi Morshed	\$90
87	Behrouz Shafie	\$90
88	Bill Keanu	\$50

“B Flight” Low Net

72	John Overmyer	\$150
76	Brian Czerniak	\$90
76	George Olteanu	\$90
78	Leonid Levin	\$40
78	Buzz Osborne	\$40

Gross Skins \$92 each

Hole	Player
3	George Olteanu
4	David Gilbreath
5	John Blake
7	Leonard Zambito
11	Phil Kapsimallis
12	Andy Levine
15	Bob McKibben

Net Skins \$125 each

Hole	Player
3	George Olteanu
5	John Blake
11	James Hahn
15	Bob McKibben
17	Paul Nance
18	James Hahn

Closest to the Pin \$90 each

3	John Folsom	5' 10"
7	Bill Keanu	11' 7"
11	James Hahn	11' 10"
14	Daniel Melillo	3' 6"

MGA Highlights

By Pete Heller

SEPULVEDA ROUTS RANCHO AT HARDING SENIORS WILT IN HANSEN DAM HEAT

Len Zambito's Sepulveda squad got off the deck and routed defending champion Rancho Park 41-31 and 21-15. The wins moved them into third place in a very crowded battle for second. We keep waiting for Rancho to explode, but so far duds only.

Meanwhile, Seniors Captain John Lanza and MGA Director Ray Stuckert picked up individual and doubles wins, but got little help as SSGC went down in the heat to reviving Hansen Dam 43-29 and 25-11.

Griffith Park's armor cracked slightly as they split with Woodley Lakes 38-34 and 11-25. The loss in the best ball match was their first of the year.

Sepulveda Men's Match Winners**Individual:**

George Bryson, Mike Nichol, Jeff Sable, George Beams, Gene Vano
Bruce Shafie and Armen Mesropian

Two Man:

Nichol/Sable, Zambito/Ikeda, Shafie/Bryson, Mesropian/Vano

Sepulveda Senior's Match Winners**Individual:**

Taira Kato, Andy Levine,
John Lanza, and Ray Stuckert

Two Man:

Stuckert/Krojansky and Lanza/Kato

Standings	W	L	T	Points
Griffith Park	9	11	0	18
Sepulveda Seniors	6	4	0	12
Sepulveda Mens	5	5	0	10
Woodley Lakes	4	5	1	9
Hansen Dam	4	6	0	8
Rancho Park	1	8	1	3

Next Matches: June 19, 2014

Sepulveda Mens vs Griffith Park
Rancho Park vs Sepulveda Seniors
Woodley Lakes vs Hansen Dam

Thursday @ Encino

May 22, 2014

Format – Low Gross / Low Net**“A” Flight Low Gross**

Score	Player	Prize
70	George Villarreal	\$55
71	Brandon Quezada	\$40
74	David Carlson	\$25
75	Ryan Tumulad	\$15
75	Sean Cavanaugh	\$15

“A” Flight Low Net

65	Wayne Lura	\$55
66	Hector Moreno	\$40
67	Ben Raposas	\$25
68	Bobby Cavanaugh	\$15
68	Frank Costello III	\$15

“B Flight” Low Gross

72	Sean MacDonald	\$55
79	Dan Crawford	\$35
79	Robert Paciorek	\$35
80	George Beams	\$15
80	Laurence Silva	\$15
80	Richard Whorton	\$15

“B Flight” Low Net

64	Joseph Tourouk	\$50
64	Mike Nichol	\$50
66	Sepehr Raafat	\$25
67	Farhad Keliddari	\$20

Gross Skins \$56 each

Hole	Player
3	Brent Harvey
4	George Villarreal
5	Laurence Silva
6	David Carlson
7	Wayne Lura
9	Brandon Quezada
11	Sean MacDonald
15	Bobby Cavanaugh

Net Skins \$60 each

Hole	Player
1	Andy Levine
3	Brent Harvey
5	Laurence Silva
6	David Carlson
7	Wayne Lura
10	Robert Schultz
13	Sepehr Raafat
14	Irving Reitzenstein
15	Mike Nichol

Closest to the Pin \$55 each

3	Jeff Sable	8' 10"
6	Sean MacDonald	11' 8"
15	Robert Schultz	6' 10"
17	David Carlson	13' 10"

The Honey Pot was \$120,

won by the teams of
Raafat/Keliddari, 58
and Levine/Crawford, 60

Prize Money

All tournament place winnings are
paid in gift certificates.

HANDICAP CHATTER

by Stu Olster, Handicap Chairman

When players of different handicap levels compete with one another in match play, the USGA Handicap Manual requires that the lowest handicap player play at scratch and the other player(s) deduct the low player's handicap from theirs to determine the number of strokes to which he/they are entitled.

The holes on which a player receives his stroke(s) is determined by the hole handicap ratings appearing on the scorecard. So if a player is entitled to five strokes, he takes strokes on holes rated 1 through 5.

The USGA recommends that each player in a four-ball competition take 100% of the difference between his handicap and that of the strongest player. It's my opinion that this formulation gives the weaker players an advantage. Why? Because handicaps are calculated on the basis of stroke play which could cause a player's handicap to be a poor indicator of how he might fare in match play. To reduce this advantage and achieve a better balance, I believe something less than 100% of the differential should be used. Our Board of Directors has been discussing an adjustment for our two significant match play events, the Goeckner Classic and President's Cup and is on the verge of using a percentage of less than 100 for those events.

Handicap strokes cause distortions, but are a necessary evil if players of different skill levels are to compete. In a perfect world, all players would compete with golfers who share similar skill levels and the player who "has it" that day would win.

Questions or comments may be addressed to the author at: stulster@yahoo.com

SMGC IS ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER

We've gone social. The club's Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/SMGC1955> and our twitter handle is @SMGC1955. We've also set up a group on Facebook to share tee-times. If you've got a tee time to fill or looking for a time, join the group and share. The Facebook group is SMGC Golf Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SMGC.golf.group/> so join up and play more golf. We'll be posting pictures, events, and news items on the Facebook page and twitter.

But the club's current web page, www.smgc.org, will still be your main internet source for tournament signups and tee times, news, managing your player profile, etc. The SMGC Golf Group is a way for club members to fill out tee times, possibly for President's Cup and Goeckner Classic matches, or just to play with guys you know. Please keep all the comments and messages directly related to the Club. It's all about playing golf and having fun!

BACKSPIN SHOTS

by The Gapwedge

Gapwedge enjoys watching professional boxing. In a recent welterweight bout, one of the fighters landed a big left hook. It didn't knock his opponent down but it hurt him enough that he turned his back and put a glove protectively behind his head.

In response, the veteran referee, acting under the rules, stopped the fight because the loser, by turning his back, had "given up the fight." Although he quickly regained his senses and vehemently objected, it was clear that he didn't understand what he did to cause the stoppage. Of course he may have lost eventually anyway, but his ignorance of the rule deprived him of any opportunity he may have had to win.

That boxing rule reminded Gapwedge of the Rules of Golf and all the golf tournaments and competitions that have been lost because the player didn't know or understand a rule. Even elite PGA tour players can violate a rule out of ignorance and suffer costly consequences. Do you remember Craig Stadler "building a stance" with a towel while hitting a shot from his knees and incurring a penalty?

When one reviews the Rules of Golf and sees how they're organized, one gets a sense of the kinds of things the Rules cover and where most likely to find them when needed. The reader will also become aware of the significant differences between match and medal (stroke) play and gain an appreciation of the different ways in which the two formats treat the violation of a rule.

Obviously 34 rules can't possibly cover an infinite number of situations that can arise on the course. But the player who has familiarized himself with the rules has a distinct advantage and will do a better job of avoiding penalty strokes and DQs.



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