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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Evan Beren*

Fall has really arrived; cooler temps and morning clouds make for great days to play golf. The summer Twilight Special at The Sepulveda Golf Complex will be ending as we set our clocks back when Daylight Saving time ends on November 4th.

The new ¼ aeration was a huge success, if you had a chance to play Encino or Balboa after they were punched you could almost not tell they had been punched as well, so enjoy the great shape out greens are in.

All the Major tournaments are completed for 2016. Congratulations to the team of Budhu and Olteanu, our 2016 Geockner Champions.

Fun Fact: So far in 2016 we have held 11 weekend tournaments with a total of 774 competitors! That's an average of 70 players per event. On behalf of the guys that work on the Tournament Committee, we are always pleased when the members come out and support the events. As a reminder, the guys working on the tournaments are David Horwitch, Dan Melillio, Tommaso Trinchieri, myself and of course Mark Michelini who runs our President's Cup Tournament.

A special thank you to Bobby Cavanaugh, the course operations manager at Sepulveda. Bobby was a huge help at the Election Day Tournament, shot-gun tournaments are can very difficult to manage, with Bobby's help the tournament went off with out a hitch.

Remember, we are an all-volunteer organization, we always need more help, so contact me if you want to help at a tournament, or if you are interested in helping in some other way, who knows, you might like it.

Renewals for 2017 are well underway, if you have not renewed yet, take a look at our home page at [smgc.org](http://smgc.org) for information on how to go about it. Now through December 31st the rate is \$110, in January the rate will increase to \$125, so renew now and save.

## THE NEXT TEE

*David Horwitch, Tournament Director*

It has been said that one of the most magical drives in all of Southern California is the one to Fontana. Experience the journey first hand when you sign up for Sunday @ Sierra Lakes on the 13th. It will be SMGC's first trip out to this often recommended course. Following Thanksgiving, on the 25th we play the Annual 5 Club. This year we honor **Alan Stewart**. Every club counts, even putter. Stick around for lunch after the round, it will be provided by the club.

***Tournament questions and comments may be directed to [dhorwitch@gmail.com](mailto:dhorwitch@gmail.com)***

## BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

The results are in for the SMGC board member elections. The board members up for re-election decided to remain on the board so all were incumbents. Returning board members are: Mark Michelini, who efficiently runs the President's Cup; Mike Levy who manages our trophies with aplomb; Richie Nance who tirelessly publishes the SMGC Eagle; Evan Beren, our benevolent president; and Tommy Eunice, club secretary. Thanks to all our board members for their behind the scenes work every month keeping the club running smoothly.

## CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

We're about to see some tangible results from the new Strategic Plan – more specifically the first project funded by the local capital surcharge fund that was created May 1 as part of that Plan's initial set of recommendations. On that date resident/nonresident distinctions were eliminated, Friday rates were eliminated, initial forms of dynamic/flexible pricing were created, and the last 2 dollars of each greens fee were directed to a capital projects fund restricted to use at the site where they were collected.

While the Golf Division is the final arbiter of how those new capital funds are to be spent, the program's protocols call for the Division to seek the generic input of the Golf Advisory Committee and the specific input of the local clubs when determining which projects to pursue.

Based upon a Golf Advisory Committee recommendation that the city system would benefit from an overall program to upgrade short game practice facilities, Sepulveda's clubs (men, women and senior) met with Golf Division Staff and determined to develop the property between the golf shop/starter building and the driving range into a comprehensive chipping, pitching and bunker practice area. The area is large and underutilized, not to mention duplicative to the extent to which it is now used exclusively as a practice putting area.

The expenditure is small, but the benefit promises to be large. Because the expenditure is small, it won't dent the capital surcharge fund very much, leaving plenty in the coffers for additional projects of palpable value. And don't forget the fund grows every day Encino and Balboa are open for business.

This may seem a small matter, but to those who labored so long to shift the city's thinking about its golf program from "open it and they'll come" to "provide a quality customer experience and they'll come back," the matter has consequences far beyond the benefits of a short game practice area. It represents a way of thinking and doing that promises to snowball over time into a much improved municipal golf program.

In other news the Department is conducting interviews in November to find a replacement for retired **Golf Manager** James Ward. The hope is to have someone aboard before the end of the year. The RFP for the **Internet reservation system** cum marketing platform that is central to the 2nd phase of Strategic Plan is nearing release. Because of its importance, the Department is taking great care to get this one right before releasing it. **Pilar Diaz** is the latest addition to the **Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners**. She plays golf, knows something about the golf business, is well known in the Los Angeles golf community, and has a great reputation in the general community for service, integrity, and judgment.

Final item. **The Los Angeles Municipal Golf Association (MGA)** has received 501 (3)(c) tax exempt corporate status under the umbrella of Community Partners, which will enable it to raise monies through tax deductible donations, maintain 100% control over those and the other monies it raises, and become the independent support organ it has endeavored to be for some time. My colleague at SCGA, **Larry Cloud** (President of Penmar Golf Club), did the heavy lifting and deserves great praise for the accomplishment. Let's show our appreciation by transforming the MGA into a great asset for city golf and city golf clubs.

## 2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Ben Raposas by winning the President's Cup, moves into first place. Matt Soule, Membership Chairman Virgil Budhu, and other winners of the Dick Goeckner Memorial made moves to the top of the leaderboard. There is a lot of golf left so expect more lead changes.

Player	Winnings	Rank
Ben Raposas	445	1
Virgil Budhu	325	2
Erik Rogers	320	3
Armen Mesropian	315	4
George Olteanu	245	5
Matt Soule	245	5
David Gilbreath	195	7
Craig Cacek	190	8
David Horwitch	175	9
Dustin Watanabe	175	9
Michael Levy	160	11
Todd Mander	145	12
Jason Petterson	135	13
Mark Vaughan	135	13
Justin Butler	100	15
Tommaso Trinchieri	95	16
Michael Melamed	90	17
Patrick Warren	90	17
Ryan Tumulad	90	17
Bruce Davies	85	20
David Longmire	85	20
Khody Azari	85	20
Bill Brandel	80	23
Andy Levine	75	24
Paul Barrere	75	24
Anthony Bermel	70	26
Bill Magalogo	70	26
Farhad Keliddari	70	26
Mark Michelini	70	26
Stacey Shinnick	70	26

The complete standings can be found at [WWW.SMGC.ORG](http://WWW.SMGC.ORG)

### Dick Goeckner Classic

October 16, 2016

#### Format – Team Better Ball

<b>62 \$160 each</b>	George Olteanu	Virgil Budhu
<b>63 \$70 each</b>	Matt Soule	Todd Mander
<b>63 \$70 each</b>	Armen Mesropian	Mark Michelini
<b>63 \$70 each</b>	Farhad Keliddari	Khody Azari
<b>63 \$70 each</b>	Bill Magalogo	Michael Levy
<b>64 \$25 each</b>	Bruce Davies	Robert Glaessner
<b>65 \$20 each</b>	Eric Smutko	Michael Kawase
<b>65 \$20 each</b>	Anthony Zaccaro	Gerard Sanders
<b>66 \$15 each</b>	Alan Miller	Paul Nance
<b>66 \$15 each</b>	Dan Melillo	Josh Eveland
<b>66 \$15 each</b>	John Blake	Marc Carter
<b>66 \$15 each</b>	Larry Scott	Paul Barrere
<b>66 \$15 each</b>	Michael Saghian	Sam Schatz
<b>66 \$15 each</b>	Hector Moreno	Juan Lopez

#### Gross Skins \$250 each

##### Hole Player

10	Eric Smutko
11	Dan Melillo
15	Bob McKibben

#### Net Skins \$162 each

##### Hole Player

2	Paul Barrere
9	Alan Miller
10	Eric Smutko
11	Dan Melillo
14	David Patterson

#### Closest to the Pin \$95 each

3	Erik Rogers	6' 8"
6	Paul Barrere	19"
15	Virgil Budhu	9' 9"
17	Mark Michelini	20' 0"

#### Prize Money

All tournament place winnings are paid in gift certificates.

### Election Day Tournament

October 27, 2016

#### Format – Low Gross / Low Net

#### “A” Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
70	Dustin Watanabe	\$45
70	Mark Kessler	\$45
72	Rory Posin	\$25
75	Ryan Tumulad	\$15

#### “A” Flight Low Net

67	Craig Cacek	\$45
67	Ben Raposas	\$45
68	Roger Ikeda	\$20
68	Ted Johnson	\$20
68	Bob McKibben	\$20
68	Dan Crawford	\$20
68	Greg Fowble	\$20
68	Laurence Silva	\$20
68	Behrouz Shafie	\$20

#### “B Flight” Low Gross

83	Mark Vaughan	\$45
83	Steve Hansen	\$45
85	Tommaso Trinchieri	\$20
85	Erik Rogers	\$20

#### “B Flight” Low Net

67	David Patterson	\$55
69	Herman Gouzy	\$35
71	Jim Robison	\$25
72	Evan Beren	\$15
72	Daniel Sniegowski	\$15
72	Gene Vano	\$15

#### Gross Skins \$51 each

##### Hole Player

1	Herman Gouzy
4	Rory Posin
11	Gary Patterson
14	Tommaso Trinchieri
15	Greg Fowble
17	Craig Cacek

#### Net Skins \$48 each

##### Hole Player

1	Herman Gouzy
2	Mark Vaughan
3	Sam Schatz
12	Tommaso Trinchieri
14	Tommaso Trinchieri
15	Greg Fowble
17	Craig Cacek
18	David Patterson

#### Closest to the Pin \$40 each

3	Dustin Watanabe	29' 5"
7	Ryan Tumulad	13' 9"
12	Sam Schatz	5' 3"
15	Rory Posin	10' 5"

#### The Honey pot was \$250

won by the team of Crawford and Vaughan with a score of 58.

### BACKSPIN SHOTS

by The Gapwedge

Gapwedge has been an avid baseball fan all his life. He recalls outings with his Dad at Wrigley Field--not the historic ballpark in Chicago, the home of the LA Angels, a AAA Pacific Coast League franchise which was in the Cubs' farm system. Are you ancient enough to remember that?

As a teenager, he celebrated the arrival of Vin Scully and Dodger baseball in 1958 and the opening of beautiful Dodger Stadium in '62.

Watching baseball and other sports over so many decades has allowed Gapwedge to compare today's players with those of past years. In a word, there's no comparison! The athletes of today are bigger, stronger and faster. Plays that were spectacular back in the day are now almost routine because the average level of play is so much better. Remember when hard throwers had a 90 mph fastball? That's a change up for some of today's hurlers who can hit triple digits on the gun.

What's true for baseball holds true for football, basketball, track and field and, of course, golf. While the top players in any sport would excel in any era, the marginal player of 40 years ago would be hard put to make the team (or the PGA Tour) today.

Need proof? Go out and watch the kids play in the LA City Junior Golf Championship and see 15 year-olds hit tour-length drives, practically turning our Encino and Balboa tracks into pitch and putt courses.



If you have knowledge of a hole-in-one by a member of the SMGC please contact Mike Levy by email at [mikelevy69@gmail.com](mailto:mikelevy69@gmail.com) or by phone at (818) 427-1925

## HANDICAP CHATTER

by Tommaso Trinchieri, Handicap Chairman

### **What Do I Post for Handicap Purposes?**

During a round of golf a member may run into a situation where picking up and not finishing a hole makes sense for a multitude of reasons (partner has already won the hole, conceded a putt, etc.) Do you know how to correctly record those scores for handicap purposes?

#### *Unfinished Holes or Conceded Strokes*

A player who starts but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke must record for handicap purposes the most likely score. The most likely score consists of the number of strokes already taken plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that position more than half the time. The most likely score is not to exceed the player's maximum allowable under Equitable Stroke Control.

Example: A player lies 3, 12 feet from the hole and is conceded the putt. For posting purposes, the player will record x5 because 5 is the player's most likely score, based on the player's best judgment that two putts would have been required to complete the hole.

#### *Holes Not Played or Not Played under the Rules of Golf*

If a player does not play a hole or plays it other than under the principles of the Rules of Golf, the score recorded for that hole for handicap purposes must be par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on the hole. If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score, scoring the remaining holes as net par. If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player would post a nine-hole score.

Example: A player with a Course Handicap of 10 does not play the 18th hole on the course because of darkness. The 18th hole is a par 4 and is the number 8 handicap-stroke hole on the scorecard. For handicap purposes, the player will post a score of 5 (par = 4 plus 1 stroke based on the Course Handicap of 10).