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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Evan Beren

Our third Major Tournament of the year has been completed. The President's Cup. Congratulations to this year's Champion Sam Schatz who defeated Ted Johnson in the final. The President's Cup is our annual match play major, and some feel that it is the hardest of the major tournaments to win, it takes 6 matches to do the job. Also congratulations to Ted Johnson, the runner-up, Justin Lestrangle and Branden Augustus the semi-finalist.

More from the tournament committee: Are you wondering how to get an early tee time or a late time or how to play with you buddy or not play with someone who is not that much of a buddy? Put a note in the comments when you sign up, or send David Horwitch an email or text. We try to accommodate all players requests, however, please note, all requests are filled in the order in which they are received. Waiting until the tee times are posted to ask to be moved makes things much more difficult for the tournament staff, remember, we are volunteers.

No-shows and late dropouts: When we book a tournament at any course, and this includes the City of Los Angeles courses, we enter into a contract with that course. Most contracts call for a solid player count 7 to 10 days before the tournament. Some courses are less strict than others, but the bottom line is that as we get close to the day of the tournament we have committed to a certain number of players. If you drop out late, the day of or the day before, we may have to pay for your spot, likewise if you just don't show up. If we have to pay for your unused spot, you will be responsible.

As I mentioned above, we are all volunteers, we can always use more help so contact me at ejberen@me.com or 818-438-0395 to learn how.

THE NEXT TEE

By David Horwitch, Tournament Director

With the end of the year approaching it is time to look ahead to 2018. The tournament schedule for next year is beginning to take shape. As always, if you have a course you would like to suggest, feel free to email me.

This month on the 15th we have the Goeckner, our two man team major. Find a partner, or we will happily find one for you. For those that may not know, the tournament has been moved to Hansen Dam.

On the 26th it's Shotgun time ! The Election day tournament is a can't miss Thursday. Stick around after the round to cast your vote for the SMGC board, but most importantly, have lunch on us.

Tournament questions and comments may be directed to dhorwitch@gmail.com

CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

In order for the city to begin fully implementing all elements of its new golf strategic plan it knew that the Golf Division needed a fully functional state-of-the-art Internet Reservation System. For that reason the city released a comprehensive Request for Proposals (RFP) in May to which four (4) firms responded in early June. A panel composed of Department Staff from Golf, Concessions, and Information Technology as well as an outside representative from the golf industry was convened to vet the proposals, conduct proposer interviews, and visit golf courses employing proposers' systems.

The recommendation of that panel was transmitted to Department General Manager Michael Shull, who concurred therein and formally transmitted it to the Board of Referred Powers (City Council President Herb Wesson, Chair) for approval by that Body and subsequent approval by the full Council and Mayor's Office. The Board of Referred Powers is scheduled to consider it 9:00 AM, October 3 in City Council Chambers.

The recommendation is to award EZLinks Golf a 5-year contract with a 5-year renewal option at the sole discretion of the city to perform the following functions: Integrated web based tee time reservations, a point of sale system that integrates fully and seamlessly with the Department's accounting system, customer data base and customer inventory modules, affinity/loyalty programs, a hosted web site that integrates with tee sheets and mobile devices, the ability to create interfaces with retail, food/beverage and other 3rd party vendor software, and training programs for Golf Division Staff.

The recommendation is predicated upon a compelling need described verbatim in the Report as follows:

"RAP requires an advanced golf management and reservation system to handle and process golf memberships, registrations, tee time reservations and point-of-sale transactions. The ability to purchase and install a modern golf management system is critical to improve golf operations, generate more rounds, increase revenue generating capability, improve the public's recreational golf experience, and collect comprehensive data for reporting and analysis."

To which I would only add Amen. This is precisely the stuff of a successful modern municipal golf program, and the more successful the city golf program, the more successful the clubs attached to it like SMGC will be.

Assuming that all of the necessary political approvals are forthcoming, it shouldn't be long before the new system is up and running.

The Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) has been moving slowly on rewriting the city's antiquated Tournament Policy, a policy that includes the rules for club play. The Chair of the subcommittee charged with the task (yours truly) has been too busy to whip the troops, but the "troops" have been working on their own despite the lack of leadership. More importantly, Golf Operations Staff has created a red line version that the subcommittee can work with when it again convenes, which I promise won't be long. I am hopeful that Staff's red line version is in the spirit of the same modernizations and liberalizations represented by the new Internet Reservation System. That way, the subcommittee won't have much work to do, and its lazy Chair can take the credit he so richly doesn't deserve.

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

Dustin Watanabe edges Josh for first place with a win at Ojai and Bobby Cavanaugh is the highest ranking board member tied for fifth. David Watanabe puts two Watanabes into the top 10 with recent wins. Patrick Warren zooms to third with a great score on a challenging course.

Player	Winnings	Rank
Dustin Watanabe	175	1
Josh Eveland	170	2
Patrick Warren	155	3
Justin LeStrange	145	4
Bobby Cavanaugh	130	5
Juan Lopez	130	5
Michael Melamed	125	7
David Watanabe	115	8
Ben Raposas	105	9
Gerard Sanders	100	10
Douglas Rockford	100	10
Steve Hansen	95	12
Matt Soule	85	13
Marc Carter	85	13
Liam Cavanaugh	80	15
Justin Butler	75	16
Michael Saghian	70	17
Lupe Escobedo	70	17
George Olteanu	70	17
David Horwitch	70	17
Brian Nugent	70	17
Brent Harvey	70	17
Virgil Budhu	60	23
Alfredo Piccolomini	60	23
Anthony Zaccaro	55	25
Paul Barrere	50	26
Johnathan Fernandez	50	26
Todd Mander	45	28
Tai Ide	45	28
Louie Rivera	45	28
John Blake	45	28
Farhad Keliddari	45	28
David Patterson	45	28
Bob McKibben	45	28

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

Sunday @ Ojai Vally Inn

September 10, 2017

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

Score	Player	Prize
72	Justin Lestrangle	\$100
75	Michael Saghian	\$70
77	Dustin Watanabe	\$45

“A” Flight Low Net

68	Bobby Cavanaugh	\$100
69	David Horwitch	\$70
70	John Blake	\$45

“B” Flight Low Gross

82	Patrick Warren	\$100
86	Brian Nugent	\$70
86	Alfredo Picolomini	\$45

“B” Flight Low Net

69	Douglas Rockford	\$100
71	David Watanabe	\$70
72	David Joslyn	\$35
72	Virgil Budhu	\$35
72	Reuben Valles	\$35
72	Steve Hansen	\$35

Gross Skins \$60 each

3	Matt Soule
10	Bobby Cavanaugh
15	Bill Brandel
16	David Horwitch
17	David Horwitch

Net Skins \$95 each

Hole	Player
3	Wayne Curtis
13	James Hahn
16	David Horwitch
17	David Horwitch

Closest to the Pin \$35 each

3	Dustin Watanabe	4' 0"
8	David Horwitch	5' 10"
11	Justin Lestrangle	5' 3"
14	Bob McKibben	28' 5"
16	David Horwitch	1' 10"

The Honey Pot was \$150

won by the team of
Cavanaugh/Horwitch
with a score of 60.

Prize Money

**All tournament place winnings
are paid in gift certificates.**

Thursday @ Harding

September 28, 2017

Format – Low Gross / Low Net**Results coming soon!****BACKSPIN SHOTS***by The Gapwedge*

Many of us have had the experience of leaving a golf club on or around a green or elsewhere on the course. Most misplaced clubs are found by another golfer or a course maintenance person and are reunited with their rightful owners as they should be, but many never make it back into the forgetful owner's bag. Why is that?

If the forgotten club is a high-priced sand or lob wedge, one can at least comprehend the logic behind why the finder might 'adopt' it, as odious as his conduct may be. Most of us use sand or lob wedges that don't match our iron sets. But what about that six, seven or eight iron?

An iron from the middle of another player's set has almost no utility or monetary value to the finder, but too often he retains the club anyway, leaving its owner with a hole in his set. Unless the club can be replaced with an identical one, an iffy proposition in this era of weekly obsolescence, the value of the set is decimated and its disappointed owner is left pondering how such a thing can happen in golf, a sport that values honesty and integrity.

Lawyers tell us the finder of a lost article has a claim of ownership subordinate only to the true owner. If there is no practical way to find the true owner and return the article, the finder becomes the keeper. But a lost golf club is different. The finder can simply leave the club at the starter's window or pro shop and it's highly likely that the owner will get it back. Since there is a true owner in existence and an easy way to reunite him with his club, the retention of the club is nothing less than theft, and a senseless one at that.

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 or by phone at (818) 427-1925

HANDICAP CHATTER

by Tommaso Trinchieri, Handicap Chairman

Rules to Remember when Playing Tournaments

During a leisurely round, most players abide by a reasonable -- some would say liberal -- interpretation of golf's laws. Every hazard is treated as a lateral, rocks are thrown out of bunkers, and gimme putts. So many gimme putts. In short, a "winter rules" approach for the entire year.

Unfortunately, those rebellious ways don't fly in competition. The USGA rule book is the law for tournament play; it is absolute, without discussion. If it's your first time entering in an event, from as comfortable as a club championship to U.S. Open qualifying, you need to be well-versed on golf's legislation. And because there are so many golf rules, one could feel overwhelmed. Fear not: Here are some golf rules you definitely need to know when playing in a tournament:

Count your clubs!!!

Oh come on. No one would ever have more than 14 sticks in the bag, right? Right?

Wrong.

Avoid the two-stroke penalty by double-checking your bag before teeing off.

Ball falls off tee

There's a shocking amount of players that aren't 100% sure what to do when this happens. Simple: You get to re-tee without penalty. (Exception: You've already whiffed on the first shot. If the ball then falls off, you have to play it as it lies.)

Giving advice

On the weekend, you may ask your friend what iron they just hit, or, while on the green, point to a spot and say, "I think this is the line." While such behavior is standard in a normal round, it's deemed illegal in competitive play. The penalty is two strokes. (Exception: In a team match, you and your partner, as well as respective caddies, can discuss strategy.)

Tapping down your putts

This doesn't come up as much anymore, as many players wear soft spikes. Nevertheless, you'll occasionally come across spike marks on the green and be tempted to press them down. DON'T: That act constitutes a two-stroke penalty.

Lost ball time

You have five minutes to search for a ball. The clock begins when you start looking, not after you've hit your shot. After five minutes, the ball is considered lost.

Announcing the provisional

A player must announce "I am hitting a provisional" to competitors. You must abandon your provisional ball if your original isn't lost or out-of-bounds, or you determine that it's in a water hazard:

Conversely, anytime you hit a great provisional shot, you might not want to find your original ball. If someone finds it before you play a shot with the provisional, the first ball is the one you must play.

Relief from cart paths, ground under repair, sprinkler heads, immovable objects

Most players understand they get help in such scenarios. In that same vein, most don't know the proper way to push ahead. You take your stance, from there getting one club length of relief. The new spot has to be without interference from what caused the drop. From the USGA: "For example, if the ball lies on a cart path, the ball must be dropped at a point where the cart path does not interfere with the lie of the ball, his stance, and also the area of intended swing. If the ball comes to rest in such a position, it must be re-dropped."

Unplayable lie

Unlike above, your point of drop doesn't start from a place without interference. You have three options:

- Play a ball as nearly as possible to the spot from which the original ball was last played, no nearer to the hole. If it was on the tee, you can re-tee.
- Take a drop within two club lengths of where the ball is at rest, not nearer the hole.
- Draw a line from the hole to where the ball is located and drop anywhere behind that point, keeping the point between you and the hole.

Identifying your ball

Buried in the rough and can't tell if it's your ball? You are allowed to lift the ball for ID purposes. From the USGA: "The player must announce his intention to lift the ball to an opponent, fellow-competitor or marker, and mark the position of the ball. He may then lift the ball and identify it, provided that he gives his opponent, marker or fellow-competitor an opportunity to observe the lifting and replacement."