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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Bruce Fortune*

February – shortest month of the year, and the only month with less than 30 days – but it doesn't keep SMGC from putting on our great Thursday and Sunday Tournaments - (Thanks to Evan Beren, with help from Tommy Eunice, Gary Patterson, Dan Crawford, Everardo Gomez, Mike Levy and everyone who volunteers to make those check-ins and scorecard collections work so smoothly!) We're playing Sunday, Feb 9th at Griffith Park (Wilson) and Thursday, Feb 27th at Hansen Dam. We've been selling out our reserved tee times, so don't be late! Sign-up and join us for a great time!

We'd like to thank Mike Levy – Trophy Chair – for sticking with it. In addition to handling the individual trophies for our majors – Mike and I have kept after Mr. Bernback of Ready Golf, who has held our trophies hostage for several years now, while claiming he couldn't release / change anything on their premises due to litigation with the City of Los Angeles. We finally convinced Mr. B to give us one trophy at a time and Mike has been taking it to SportsCraft Trophy and Award in Van Nuys (shameless plug – these guys are the BEST!). They have been updating the annual winners and restoring each trophy to its original beautiful condition. Next time you're passing by the store – take a look - it's only one trophy at a time, but your names are now displayed atop the trophies and we are damned proud of you!

Captained by Gary Patterson and Tomasso Trinchieri, SMGC has had a bit of a rough start in our Winter SCGA campaign so far – we ended up 0-2 against Miles Square – lost a close one at home and got our hats handed to us at their home course. Don't count us out just yet – we have 6 more Saturday competitions and we're in for the long haul. Best of luck guys!

Just a reminder – POST YOUR SCORES – Practice rounds, Skins Games, 9 Holes, whatever – In order to keep our Equitable Stroke Control / GHIN Handicaps honest and competitive, you must post your games. The club will continue to post your Tournament Scores – including SCGA Saturday Team Play but everything else is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. We do not take kindly to reports of players who are out there playing but failing to post.

## THE NEXT TEE

*Upcoming Tournament Notes from Evan Beren, Tournament Director*

Sunday, February 9 8:00 AM

Format: LowGross/LowNet at Wilson (Griffith Park)

A great golf course! Don't wait to sign up! This event will fill up fast! Carts and range balls extra!

Deadline: February 5, Maximum Number of Players: 100, \$55.00.

Thursday, February 27 8:00 AM- The White Tee Party

Format: LowGross/LowNet at Hansen Dam Golf Course

We Are Having A Party! A White Tee Party! Everyone Plays From The White Tees!

How Low Can You Go????? Carts and range balls are extra.

Seniors pay the day of the event and save.

Deadline: February 24, Maximum Number of Players: 72, \$40.00.

For information about the above tournaments, or any of our tournaments, contact  
Evan Beren at [ejberen@me.com](mailto:ejberen@me.com) or call 818-438-0395.

## CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

Will be back soon.

### 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](http://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!

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

Standings as of December 27, 2013  
Runs through June 2014

We'll be changing the OOH starting July 2014. The new name will be "Ed Cohn Trophy" and the ranking will be based on a calculation similar to a Quarterback rating in the NFL.

This will allow players in as few as 5 tournaments to be competitive all year.

Player	Points	Ranking
Ben Raposas	725	1
Brain Nelson	520	2
Johnathan Fernandez	490	3
Andy Levine	490	3
Farhad Keliddari	480	5
Anthony Bermel	465	6
Armen Mesropian	465	6
Dan Crawford	455	8
Michael Melamed	450	9
Tranquilino Bangis	445	10
Gene Vano	445	10
Brad Marks	420	12
Jason Petterson	410	13
Dustin Watanabe	410	13
Brian Czerniak	400	15
Ryan Tumulad	395	16
Randy Hammock	390	17
Bob McKibben	380	18
Alan Stewart	370	19
Dennis Harmon	355	20
Vinay Chhabra	345	21
Laurence Silva	345	21
Butch Chase	325	23
Marc Carter	320	24
Victor Cervantes	315	25
Marc Cohen	310	26
Mike Levy	310	26
Jeff Sable	310	26
Roger Ikeda	305	29
Bill Anapolsky	295	30

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

### Sunday - Harding

Sunday, January 5, 2014

Format – Low Gross / Low Net

#### “A” Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
70	David Longmire	\$80
76	Mark Reed	\$50
76	Beeri Meza	\$50
77	Mark Spicer	\$30
81	Thomas Ortiz	\$15
81	Phil Kapsimallis	\$15
81	David Gilbreath	\$15

#### “A” Flight Low Net

70	Allen Freiman	\$80
71	Michael Levy	\$50
71	Ben Raposas	\$50
73	Vinod Chhabra	\$30
74	Jorge Dorado	\$25

#### “B Flight” Low Gross

84	Stacey Shinnick	\$70
84	Anthony Zaccaro	\$70
85	Brian Czerniak	\$35
85	Bob Surbeck	\$35
86	Kyle Bermel	\$25

#### “B Flight” Low Net

67	Farhad Keliddari	\$80
69	George Olteanu	\$55
70	Wayne Curtis	\$40
71	Anthony Bermel	\$30
72	David Joslyn	\$25

#### Gross Skins \$120 each

Hole	Player
1	Sean MacDonald
7	Everardo Gomez
9	John Blake
10	Michael Levy
13	David Longmire

#### Net Skins \$93 each

Hole	Player
1	Brian Nugent
6	Sam Schatz
13	Phil Kapsimallis
14	Christopher Ames
15	Gene Vano
17	Mike Murphy

#### Closest to the Pin \$120 each

5	David Gilbreath	12' 10"
13	Tommaso Trinchieri	6' 9"
15	Beeri Meza	9' 3"

The Honey Pot was \$450, won by the team of Bermel & Bermel with a score of 59.

### MGA Highlights

By Pete Heller

#### SENIORS WHIP RANCHO PARK SEPULVEDA MENS LOSES TO GRIFFITH PARK

The MGA Season opened on a lovely golf day in January which, in fact, was not so lovely for the Sepulveda Mens Club nor defending champion Rancho Park.

The Sepulveda Seniors with a streamlined new look, defeated Rancho at home 40-32 and 22-14. But don't pin any medals on anybody just yet. Last year Rancho started slow and then kicked every ones butt down the stretch.

The Mens Club playing without Captain Leonard Zambito, who might have made a difference, looked less than their usual selves as they lost to Griffith Park 41-31 and 20-16.

And, playing without a full contingency, Hansen Dam lost to Woodley Lakes, who probably would have won anyway 37-29 and 26-10.

#### Sepulveda Men's Match Winners

##### Individual:

George Beams, Bruce Fortune, Gene Vano and Jeff Sable

##### Two Man:

Ikeda/Bryson, Morshed/Vano

Standings	W	L	T	Points
Sepulveda Seniors	2	0	0	4
Woodley Lakes	2	0	0	4
Griffith Park	2	0	0	4
Rancho Park	2	0	0	0
Hansen Dam	2	0	0	0
Sepulveda Mens	2	0	0	0

#### Next Matches - February 20, 2014

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

### Thursday - Encino

Thursday, January 23, 2014

Format – Low Gross / Low Net

#### “A” Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
71	Sean Cavanaugh	\$55
73	Jason Petterson	\$35
74	Ryan Tumulad	\$25
78	Charles MacDonald	\$15
78	David Hutchison	\$15

#### “A” Flight Low Net

66	Alfredo Picolomini	\$55
68	Dan Crawford	\$35
69	Mark Spicer	\$25
70	Ben Raposas	\$15
70	Eric Smutko	\$15

#### “B Flight” Low Gross

79	Laurence Silva	\$55
81	Sean MacDonald	\$35
82	Butch Chase	\$25
83	Ted Johnson	\$20

#### “B Flight” Low Net

65	Pete Prieto	\$45
65	Farhad Keliddari	\$45
66	Khody Azari	\$25
66	Greg Ableser	\$25

#### Gross Skins \$48 each

Hole	Player
3	Dan Crawford
6	Joe Radford
7	Romel Yordi
8	Ryan Tumulad
11	Armen Mesropian
12	Michael Levy
16	Mark Spicer
17	Ryan Tumulad

#### Net Skins \$62 each

Hole	Player
3	Dan Crawford
4	Farhad Keliddari
6	Joe Radford
7	Romel Yordi
9	Laurence Silva
10	Farhad Keliddari
12	Eric Smutko
16	Mark Spicer

#### Closest to the Pin \$50 each

3	Alfredo Picolomini	1' 0"
6	Victor Cervantes	12' 0"
15	Jeff Sable	13' 1"
17	Ryan Tumulad	0' 1"

The Honey Pot was \$210, won by the teams of Chase/Chhabra, Azari/Keliddari and Mesropian/Raafat, \$35 per player.

## HANDICAP CHATTER

by Stu Olster, Handicap Chairman

Clubs sanctioned by the USGA must provide for “peer review,” among other things. Peer review means that each member of the club has the opportunity to play with each other member, have access to his playing record and otherwise learn about his golf potential. That works fine in very small clubs.

Our Club, though not as large as it once was, is a fairly good sized organization with better than 300 members. It’s not practical for each member to play with each other member, but we do have easy access to the playing records of our fellow members which may be the next best thing.

Each semi-monthly handicap index update is posted on the bulletin board just outside the bar. That update contains the member’s name, GHIN number, current index and 12- month low index. With a player’s GHIN number and name, you can easily examine his playing record by going to the player page of our Club’s website or directly to the GHIN website.

Access to a member’s GHIN number also makes it possible for practical jokers to enter bogus scores for the member, and in the past that has happened. But that’s the risk we take in order to provide meaningful peer review in a club as large as ours, and I’m pleased to say it’s been a long time since any such mischief was reported.

*Comments or questions may be addressed to the author at [slolster@yahoo.com](mailto:slolster@yahoo.com)*

## BACKSPIN SHOTS

by The Gapwedge

There’s golf etiquette and there’s ordinary consideration.

Twice within the last month, Gapwedge and his henchmen came to a vacant 10th tee thinking the group ahead had quit after 9 only to have that group rush up to the tee with their ice cold six paks and proceed to tee off while we waited.

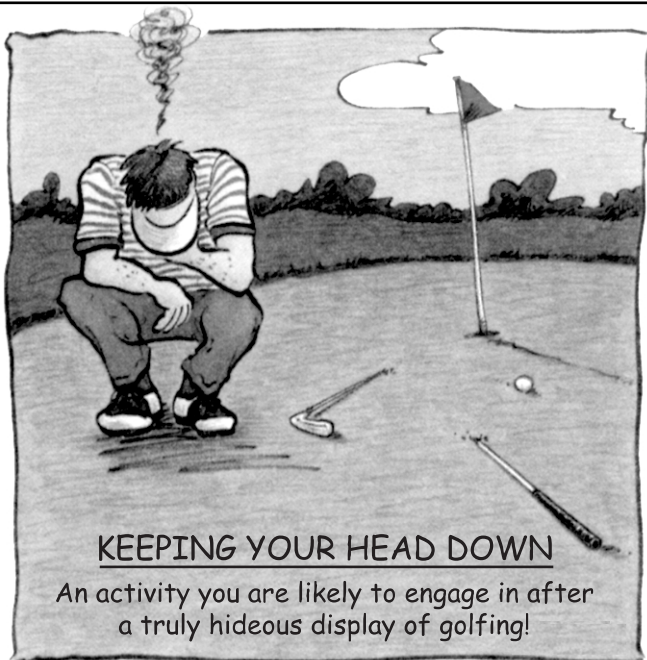
Both 10th fairways were clear when we arrived. Gapwedge doesn’t even need to state, gentle reader, that good manners would have required those foursomes to let us play through while they enjoyed a brew. Neither foursome did that. Nobody even acknowledged our presence much less uttered a word of apology.

If nobody in those two foursomes—8 golfers(!)—couldn’t muster any garden variety consideration, can one really expect them to observe golf etiquette, a practice that requires a special kind of consideration? What would you guess?

Section 1 of the Rules of Golf has been in the news in our Club lately. It describes how the game should be played—with the utmost courtesy, consideration and good sportsmanship. Judging from the number of violations of Section 1 one sees nearly every time out, some golfers seem not to have gotten the memo.

In Michael Murphy’s classic, “Golf in the Kingdom,” Shivas Irons, the iconoclastic golf pro, suggests a second scoring system, “...giving yourself points for a calm and centered attitude or for sweetness in the rough. Perhaps a smile after a double bogey or a gracious remark to your playing partner when he beats you would be worth a point.”

### ***A Sepulveda Moment***



#### **KEEPING YOUR HEAD DOWN**

An activity you are likely to engage in after a truly hideous display of golfing!