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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Fortune

August finds us on track with the President's Cup competition. Congratulations to those of you moving into the 3rd Round, the Round of 16. If you're able, please try to get two matches in this month - leaving us with only the Final Pairing! Mark Michelini is doing a great job keeping us on track with updates. Please keep him apprised of match results. Remember to post these matches - in fact, remember to post All of your rounds, practice, skins games, whatever.

An important bit of information! (The following is plagiarized directly from GPMGC - another fine LA City Men's Golf Club) Are you aware that ALL of your scores must be posted, even those casual rounds with your buddies or your casual round played alone, away and at home?

It's a rule! The USGA Handicap System requires that "Adjusted gross scores from all courses with a USGA course...and slope rating...both at home and away...must be posted." Further, it requires that "Scores in All Forms of Competition" be posted to a Handicap Index. Yes, this includes MATCH PLAY (Think President's Cup). As long as 13 or more holes are played, the player has an 18-hole score to post. So, if your match ends on hole #15 and you stop play, you would post holes 16 through 18 as par plus any handicap strokes you were allowed on those holes. More on the specifics of Match Play to come in a future article of the Handicap Chatter. For now, let's keep our handicaps up to date and "honestly" competitive. post every round you play!

A quick reminder - LA County Team Play. We are looking for players of all level who excel at match play. We intend to field teams in 6 flights, competing in a 4 Ball Format. The 6 man teams (3 pairs, per flight) will be broken into flights determined by the last 3 month Low Index (May, June and July) - playing four Sundays in September - Handicapped Groups are as follows - Championship 5.2 and below, A Flight 5.3 - 8.1, B Flight 8.2 - 11.0, C Flight 11.1 - 13.8, D Flight 13.9 - 16.7, and E Flight 16.8 + (no maximum). If you are interested - contact Evan Beren evanjberen@me.com or Gary Patterson gary.patterson27@me.com. Important note - you do not have to be able to play every Sunday in September. Come join us - this is a great completion.

And last, but certainly not least, we want to remind you that ALL SMGC Tournaments will be played with a two (2) stroke penalty, per player, imposed on every group that finishes more than 20 minutes behind the previous group. NO EXCEPTIONS. At the 8/25 Thursday Rancho Park event the Tournament Committee had to "award" a two stroke penalty to a foursome that turned in their scorecards a full 40 minutes late. We are making every effort to make our tournaments more "user friendly" i.e. finish in a reasonable amount of time. Pace of play is everyone's responsibility.

THE NEXT TEE

Upcoming Tournament Notes from Evan Beren, Tournament Director

On September 7, we will hold a rare Saturday tournament. San Dimas Canyon Golf Course, in the foothills of the beautiful San Gabriel Mountains. First tee will be 8:00. The tournament fee of \$75 includes: golf, carts, range balls and other assorted goodies. Only 60 spots, sign up now.

Our Thursday tournament will be on September 26. At Balboa Golf Course, yes a Home Tournament. The format will be Modified Stableford. It's the tournament you want to have a high score at! The tournament fee is \$40.00, Carts and range balls are extra. Seniors with a senior card pay the day of the event and save.

For information on these or any tournaments contact Evan Beren, 818-438-0395, ejberen@me.com

HANDICAP CHATTER

by *Stu Olster, Handicap Chairman*

If you're a regular reader of this column you know that I believe the best competition occurs when the handicaps of the four players are close enough to play "straight up." How close is "close enough?" In my experience, it doesn't have to be as few as a stroke or two.

Regulars will also be aware that I consider handicaps a necessary evil that can change the basic nature of the game, especially when lots of strokes are given in match play. Competing without handicaps avoids inherent compromises, but clearly that won't work in Club events where the handicaps are all over the lot. Consequently, these comments apply only to specific foursomes usually in casual play.

Over the years I've had occasion to play matches with very low handicap players. Invariably when there are as many as 3 or 4 strokes difference, I played them straight up and had a fair amount of success. By the same token I have been beaten straight up by players whose handicaps are 3 or 4 strokes higher than mine. Playing with better players without the crutch of handicap strokes will tend to make one play better.

In general though, golfers playing regularly against one another must be fairly close in handicap if eliminating "pops" is to work. Obviously, a differential in handicap of 5 or more will need some equalization, so unless you have a foursome in which the players are within a few strokes of one another, plus or minus, strokes will need to be given and received.

Comments or questions may be addressed to the author at slolster@yahoo.com

CITY CORNER

By *Craig Kessler*

The City Corner will return in October and Craig will update us on what's happening in the golf world!

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"On the Other Hand"

Trophy in Memory of Ed Cohn For the Best Tournament Player of the Year

Standings as of August 31, 2013

Runs through June 2014

No clear leader yet, its wide open

Player	Points	Ranking
Marc Cohen	310	1
Andy Levine	300	2
Johnathan Fernandez	275	3
Dustin Watanabe	275	3
Virgil Budhu	265	5
Dan Crawford	260	6
Anthony Bermel	225	7
Sean Cavanaugh	210	8
Roger Ikeda	195	9
Liam Cavanaugh	185	10
Randy Hammock	185	10
Mark O'Keefe	185	10
Gary Patterson	185	10
Julio Cano	180	14
Dennis Harmon	180	14
Brian Nelson	175	16
Jason Petterson	175	16
Chuck Ruiz	175	16
Mike Radtke	160	19
Brian Czerniak	155	20
Tal Almquist	140	21
Bruce Fortune	140	21
Khody Azari	135	23
Alan Stewart	130	24
Josh Eveland	125	25
Hadi Morshed	125	25
Gene Vano	120	27
David Joslyn	110	28
Michael Melamed	110	28
Berri Meza	110	28
Jeff Sable	110	28
Tranquilino Bangis	100	32
Paul Barrere	100	32

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

Sunday @Sterling Hills
August 11, 2013

MGA Highlights
By Pete Heller

Thursday @ Rancho Park
August 22, 2013

"A" Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
73	Sean Cavanaugh	\$85
76	Beeri Meza	\$55
80	Julio Cano	\$20
80	John Folsom	\$20
80	Chris Halfon	\$20

"A" Flight Low Net

Score	Player	Prize
71	Liam Cavanaugh	\$85
72	Marc Cohen	\$55
74	Alan Stewart	\$30
74	Ben Navarrete	\$30

"B" Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
80	Gary Patterson	\$85
86	Dennis Harmon	\$55
87	Ray Hassanlou	\$35
88	James Rodriguez	\$25

"B" Flight Low Net

Score	Player	Prize
68	Hadi Morshed	\$85
72	Wayne Curtis	\$45
72	Virgil Budhu	\$45
73	Tommy Eunice	\$15
73	Mark Vaughan	\$15

Gross Skins \$120 each

Hole	Player
5	Bobby Cavanaugh
10	Ray Hassanlou
12	Bob McKibben
13	Gary Patterson

Net Skins \$264

1	Gary Patterson
2	Gary Patterson
5	Bobby Cavanaugh
8	Dennis Harmon
9	Mark Michelini
13	Gary Patterson
14	Gary Patterson
18	Ray Hassanlou

Closest-to-the-Pin \$65 each

Hole	Player	Distance
3	Vinod Chhabra	4' 9"
8	Dennis Harmon	4' 7"
11	Virgil Budhu	4' 1"
15	Mark Vaughan	2' 0"

The Honey Pot was \$280, won by the team of Eunice and Budhu with a score of 63.

SEPULVEDA WHIPS RANCHO TWICE
- BACK IN THE RACE
SENIORS DROP TWO TO RISING
HANSEN DAM

The Sepulveda Mens Club defeated Rancho Park 47-25 and 20-16 and now once again contend in the MGA League race. Rancho Park's record in the first half of the season was 9 wins, 1 tie and no losses. In the second half they are 0-6. Very Strange.

Hansen Dam's record was 0 wins, 8 losses and two ties. In the second half they are 6-0. Also very strange. They got to this point by routing John Lanza's Senior Club 40-29 and 26-10. Up to this point the Seniors had been playing steady golf and had even envisioned a high finish. Alas, these hopes have turned to pipe dreams.

In the final match, Griffith Park, also 6-0 in the second half edged Woodley Lakes 38-34 and 23-13 thereby pulling themselves into the MGA lead, but only by a single point. This is a close race folks, which like last year, probably will not be decided until the final day.

Sepulveda Men's Match Winners
Individual:

Armen Mesropian, Len Zambito, Jeff Sable, Roger Ikeda, Mark Green, George Bryson, Bruce Shafie, Bruce Fortune, and Alan Stewart

Two Man:

Ikeda/Mesropian, Zambito/Bryson and Sable/Shafie

Sepulveda Senior's Match Winners

Individual:

Bob Charles, John Lanza and Mike Cornner

Two Man:

Krojansky/Lanza

Standings	W	L	T	Points
Griffith Park	10	6	0	20
Rancho Park	9	6	1	19
Sepulveda Men's	9	7	0	18
Sepulveda Seniors	7	8	1	15
Hansen Dam	6	8	2	14
Woodley Lakes	5	11	0	10

Next - September 19, 2013

Griffith Park vs Sepulveda Men's
Sepulveda Seniors vs Woodley Lakes
Rancho Park vs Hansen Dam

"A" Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
73	Sean Cavanaugh	\$60
74	Dustin Watanabe	\$40
75	George Villarreal	\$30
77	Chris Halfon	\$20

"A" Flight Low Net

Score	Player	Prize
70	Johnathan Fernandez	\$60
73	Randy Hammock	\$35
73	Andy Levine	\$35
74	Brad Marks	\$20

"B" Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
80	Brian Nelson	\$60
86	Jeff Sable	\$40
87	Victor Cervantes	\$30
88	Bruce Davies	\$20

"B" Flight Low Net

Score	Player	Prize
68	Khody Azari	\$60
69	Anthony Bermel	\$40
70	Michael Melamed	\$25
70	Gene Vano	\$25

Gross Skins \$37 each

Hole	Player
3	Chris Halfon
5	Marc Green
6	Michael Radtke
7	Andy Levine
9	Sean Cavanaugh
10	Jeff Sable
12	Steven Fox
13	Dustin Watanabe
15	Sean Cavanaugh
18	George Villarreal

Net Skins \$67

5	Randy Hammock
7	Andy Levine
10	Jeff Sable
11	Evan Beren
14	Victor Cervantes
16	Darryl Hiyama
17	Greg Ableser

Closest-to-the-Pin \$60 each

Hole	Player	Distance
3	Gene Vano	6' 3"
8	Anthony Gavin	7' 5"
12	John Gilbert	3' 5"
16	Sean Cavanaugh	6' 9"

The Honey Pot was \$340, 2 teams won, Nelson/Almquist 59, and Vano/Azari 60.

BACKSPIN SHOTS

by The Gapwedge

Gapwedge went back and read some of his earlier columns and noticed they always seem to harp on the negative and annoying stuff that happens on and around golf courses. He was determined to make this column different.

Rather than talk more about the discourteous and disruptive behavior of some of our fellow golfers, this edition of BS compliments those golfers who stand quietly while others in their groups prepare to play their shots, who fix ball marks on the greens, who rake the bunkers, who know the rules well enough to hit and play a provisional ball when hitting their shots close to the out of bounds markers or into the bulrushes, who never play a shot from out of bounds, who don't throw clubs or a tantrum after missing a shot, who properly adjust and post their scores every time, who move away from the hole on the practice green after putting to it so others can use it and who are familiar with and comply with Section I of the Rules of Golf.

If that description sounds special or extraordinary, it shouldn't. It represents the ideal, but it should also be commonplace. Most of us fit that description, but the few proverbial bad apples that threaten to spoil the barrel attract much more attention because they stand out and because they bother their playing companions so much.

Last time Gapwedge checked, the Golden Rule was still in effect. If all golfers treated their fellows the way they wished to be treated by them, the golf course would be a quieter, more pleasant place and one that allows for the kind of focus and attention required for good golf

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!

PRESIDENT'S CUP

by Mark Michelini

The bracket is posted on the website, so please don't waste time and contact your opponent. I will be collecting score cards this year. If you can scan it, email them to me with both signatures and the winner clearly shown. If you can't email it, please leave it at the starter's window at Encino.

Reminder of rules.

- 1) We are playing to LI (LOW INDEX) for 12 months.
- 2) Encino or Balboa are the default courses if you can't decide.
- 3) Default Tees -- Blue
- 4) Scores should be posted as non tournament scores.
- 5) Please check indexes and strokes before you begin. Please don't assume.
- 6) Have fun and good luck.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (818) 355-6492. See you on the links.