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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Fortune

April starts off with our Annual Senior Championship. Kicking off the Major Tournament Season for 2014 this coming Saturday, 4/5 on Balboa, and Sunday 4/6 on Encino. Everyone 50 and older (also meeting the tournament requirements) is welcome. Who will be the new names added to our perennial trophy along with 2013's Champion - Gerard Sanders, and Net Champion - Gordon Seaberg? Spots are limited to 66, so contact Evan Beren at ejberen@me.com or sign up online!

SMGC has also added the Not The Seniors Championship Shamble for those of you not eligible to play in the Seniors event. It's being held Sun 4/6 on Encino. Spots are limited to 34, so contact Evan Beren at ejberen@me.com or sign up online!

Last, but not all least, the Practice Round for The Palumbo - Thurs, 4/24 on the Valley Course at Robinson Ranch. This is a shotgun event, limited to 48 players. Contact Evan Beren at ejberen@me.com or sign up online!

Also in April - the 64th Annual Los Angeles City Junior's Championship - April 12th and 13th. These are our the future LPGA / PGA players, and future club members. The Championship Flights will be competing at Sepulveda, the A, B and C flights are at Hansen Dam and Woodley Lakes. Lets give them a hand and volunteer to Marshall, work Check-in or Scoring. All are welcome! Contact Gene Vano - genevano@hotmail.com, (818) 703-0749 or Branden Augustus - rap.golfchampionships@lacity.org, (818) 246-1135. Hope to see you out there. It's a very worthwhile event.

On a personal note, I'd like to remind everyone to not suffer the same financial, and possibly more important, time / effort loss that I have experienced. This occurred during our MGA round on Thurs, 3/20. As someone who has constantly reminded everyone to **NEVER** leave your valuables in your cars, I stupidly did and was promptly relieved of my wallet and watch. Not only were my ID and all of my credit cards stolen (and used that afternoon!) but the thief / thieves monitored my house and stole one of the new replacements from my front porch. Left there by FedEx the following day. It was taken and used for the next 5 days despite not having been activated. All of this is now back in order and the West Valley LAPD and Mastercard fraud are on the trail. What becomes of that? Who can say? In the meantime - LEAVE NO VALUABLES IN YOUR CARS! DON'T BECOME A VICTIM OF AUTO THEFT AND CREDIT CARD FRAUD! THEY ARE WATCHING!

THE NEXT TEE

Upcoming Tournament Notes from Evan Beren, Tournament Director

We have a lot going on in April!

First off is The Senior Championship, April 5th on Balboa and 6th on Encino. You must be 50 plus to play in this event, you also have to have played in 2 or more tournament since the last Senior Championship and have posted at least 8 rounds, check the website for more information on qualifications. First tee time both days is 8:00 am, cost is \$110 for both days, carts and range balls are extra.

Not a senior? Can't play on Saturday? Have we got a tournament for you! Sunday April 6th, Not The Senior Championship Shamble. 2 man team, each player hits a drive and then pick the best drive, from there, each player plays out his own ball, use low score for hole. Name your partner or we can pick on for you. Cost is \$55.00. Carts and range ball are extra.

We finish April with The Palumbo Practice Tournament, Thursday, April 24th. Shotgun start at 8:06. At Robinson Ranch (Valley Course). Just 48 players so don't wait to sign up! Tournament fee of \$70 includes cart and range balls.

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

CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

SOPORIFIC –

Causing or tending to cause sleep; tending to dull awareness or alertness; relating to or marked by sleepiness or lethargy

Recently someone asked me for a one-word description of the Los Angeles Municipal Golf Program, and that's the word that popped immediately into my head.

That is not the word I'd use to describe most of the persons who work in the system – those I've come to not only respect but in many cases befriend. But that is the word that describes the culture they are forced to work in, and while the best among them frequently get things of consequence accomplished, the truth of the matter is that they have to be exceptional in their resolve to overcome that culture in order to do so. They have to work that much harder, that much longer, and that much more creatively than their counterparts in other systems – not just privately held or operated systems, but similarly situated public systems as well.

Pretty soon those who are less than “the best among them,” which in any system is always by definition the vast majority, resign themselves to the limitations of the culture they find themselves in – not the culture that they created or would create if they had a say in the matter, but the culture as it presents itself to them every day they go to work.

As I pen this column, a full 8 months have elapsed since the Parks Commission approved the retention of Global Golf Advisors to create the “Golf Business Analysis Section” (GBAS), which was the city's answer to 3 previous years of consulting reports and analyses. That would be 3 years and 8 months – 4 months more than the time that elapsed between Pearl Harbor and the defeat of Nazi Germany and a mere 4 months less than the time to accomplish the same victory over Japan. But the clock is still ticking; maybe 4 months from now I'll be able to write that bringing a necessary measure of business/strategic planning acumen to the city's municipal golf program took longer than the entirety of America's involvement in World War II. I certainly hope not, but I've come to learn that there is no institution more adept at the “slow walk,” or should I call it the “soporific walk,” than Los Angeles' Recreation and Parks Department.

We know they can do better than this. They know they can do better than this. We both know they have

to do better than this. Remember, it's not like the GBAS is going to be able to deliver measurable results in a few months or even a couple of years; it's likely going to be at least 3 years before any injection of business/strategic savvy is going to reposition the system sufficiently to bring palpable results.

As Peter Drucker famously intoned, “culture eats strategy for lunch.” Moving from soporific to dynamic isn't going to happen overnight – if indeed it actually happens. I'm an optimist; so I think it will indeed happen. But I'm not a blind optimist. I understand that unless those “best among them” are moved to the forefront of the system, the current culture of “no” will prevail; the system will eventually fail and be replaced by something far more radical than an “injection of necessary business/strategic acumen.”

A good 1st step would be a May City Corner column entitled, “Welcome GBAS.”

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!

Sunday @ Mountain Meadows

March 9, 2014

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

Score	Player	Prize
72	David Gilbreath	\$65
74	Russel Kotzen	\$40
75	Dustin Watanabe	\$25
77	George Villarreal	\$15

“A” Flight Low Net

71	Daniel Longmire	\$65
72	Jay Baca	\$40
73	Asher Kamiel	\$25
74	Ben Raposas	\$15

“B Flight” Low Gross

81	Leonard Zambito	\$65
84	Bill Keanu	\$40
85	Alan Stewart	\$25
88	Bryan Nichols	\$10
88	Hadi Morshed	\$10

“B Flight” Low Net

70	Michael Melamed	\$65
73	Gary Patterson	\$30
73	Todd Mander	\$30
74	David Horwitch	\$15

Gross Skins \$100 each

Hole	Player
3	David Horwitch
9	Dustin Watanabe
11	Chris Halfon
15	David Gilbreath
18	Phil Kapsimallis

Net Skins \$132 each

Hole	Player
3	David Horwitch
11	Chris Halfon
17	Leonard Zambito
18	Phil Kapsimallis

Closest to the Pin \$70 each

6	Dustin Watanabe	20'
10"	9 David Longmire	10' 2"
13	Bill Anapolsky	13' 1"
17	Asher Kamiel	4' 3"

The Honey Pot was \$380.00,
won by the team of
Melemed/Horwitch
with a score of 59.

Prize Money All tournament place winnings are paid in gift certificates.
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MGA Highlights

By Pete Heller

**SENIORS NARROWLY DEFEAT
MENS CLUB TWICE - REMAIN UNDEFEATED**

The Sepulveda Seniors edged The Sepulveda Mens Club twice today by scores of 38-34 and 19-17. Sepulveda Captain Len Zambito said “We played well but they have a really good team. Their best ever.” Seniors Captain John Lanza said “I’m really excited about this club.” And, of course he would be. After struggling for years largely trying to avoid the cellar, the Seniors now have their eyes on the top prize. Next month they take on Griffith Park at Harding for the league lead. These matches will be a morning of truth for both teams.

Elsewhere Griffith Park smashed Hansen Dam 54-18 and 25-11 to maintain their first place tie with the Sepulveda Seniors. It seems hard to believe that the Hansen Dammers were MGA champions just two years ago.

In the final match current champion Rancho Park tied Woodley Lakes 36-36 in the individuals and barely squeaked past them in the best ball contest 20-16. Will they turn it on again as they did last year? Time will tell.

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

George Beams, Jeff Sable, Roger Ikeda,
Bruce Fortune, Len Zambito and
Gene Vano

Two Man:

Crawford/Sable, Fortune/Chase and
Vano/Zambito

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

Taira Kato, Andy Levine, Mike Epstein,
Mo Hurley, Allen Lipsky and John Lanza

Two Man:

Hurley/Levine, Bernard/Kato and
Munn/Epstein

Standings	W	L	T	Points
Sepulveda Seniors	6	0	0	12
Griffith Park	6	0	0	12
Woodley Lakes	2	3	1	5
Sepulveda Mens	2	4	0	4
Rancho Park	1	4	1	3
Hansen Dam	0	6	0	0

Next Matches - April 17, 2014

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

Thursday @ Balboa

March 27, 2014

Format – Low Gross / Low Net*Results coming soon!*

HANDICAP CHATTER

by Stu Olster, Handicap Chairman

Somebody recently questioned whether a round of golf played under conditions of "lift, clean and place" can and should be posted. The answer is yes. The Committee (in charge of the competition) decides in the first instance that the course is in such poor condition that winter rules should be used.

The USGA Handicap Manual, Section 7 suggests that when winter rules are ordered, the Committee make an effort to assure the competition course plays as close as possible to its course rating and slope. Sometimes nothing more than the specification of winter rules is necessary because the course is in such poor condition that it plays far more difficult than under ordinary circumstances. Occasionally the Committee needs to offset the advantage conferred by winter rules by making other adjustments to the course, such as relocating the holes to more difficult positions or lengthening the course.

Like all other handicap issues, implementing winter rules and making other adjustments is an inexact science. Fortunately the Committee has complete discretion to make decisions regarding the conditions of play, including the use of winter rules and to make other adjustments it believes necessary to offset the advantage of winter rules.

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

The Spirit of the Game

Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.



If you have knowledge of a hole-in-one by a member of the SMGC please contact Leonard Zambito by email at leonardzambito@hotmail.com or by phone at (818) 761-3846

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

Standings as of March 26, 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	970	1
Michael Melamed	575	2
Tranquilino Bangis	545	3
Leonard Zambito	525	4
Brian Nelson	520	5
Armen Mesropian	515	6
Johnathan Fernandez	500	7
Farhad Keliddari	490	8
Andy Levine	490	8
Ryan Tumalad	475	10
Dustin Watanabe	470	11
Anthony Bermel	465	12
Bob McKibben	460	13
Dan Crawford	455	14
Gene Vano	455	14
Alan Stewart	430	16
Laurence Silva	425	17
Brad Marks	420	18
Randy Hammock	410	19
Jason Petterson	410	19
Brian Czerniak	400	21
Everardo Gomez	360	22
Dennis Harmon	355	23
Vinay Chhabra	345	24
Butch Chase	335	25
Victor Cervantes	325	26
Marc Carter	320	27
Mike Levy	320	27
Gary Patterson	315	29

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