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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*By Evan Beren*

Welcome to September, the end of summer is almost here. I hope that each and everyone of you have had a chance to take advantage of the long summer days and get some twilight golf in.

We have had some issues at our tournaments lately and so it's time to review a few items:

Payment-Payment can be made when you sign up with a credit card, after you sign up but before the tournament by going to your player page on the website, again with a credit card. Day of the tournament with cash, credit card or check. Checks must be for the tournament fee only; we will not be giving cash back for side games. You can also use your scrip to pay for part or all of a tournament. If your scrip is not enough to cover the entire tournament fee, you can use cash, credit cards or a check to pay the balance. If the scrip is larger than the tournament fee, we will deduct the tournament fee from the scrip and save the scrip for use at a later tournament.

Side games-Side games must be paid in cash. Players must enter side games before they begin play. You cannot win if you do not play. Do not write your name and distance on the closest to the pin markers if you have entered this game. We had players that had not entered this game write their names and distances down, we are now not able to award a winner on this hole.

And now on to other business: We will be hold elections for the board of directors at the October Thursday tournament. If you would like to discuss how to become more active in our club, please contact me at [ejberen@me.com](mailto:ejberen@me.com) or 818-438-0395.

## **THE NEXT TEE**

*By David Horwitch, Tournament Director*

Our road tournament this month should not be missed. For those who have never played the Ojai Valley Inn, it's a fantastic course reminiscent of the Riviera Country Club. The rate to play this course on a weekend is \$160 a round, so the opportunity to play this course at our price is fantastic. A Sunday morning drive to Ojai won't take much more time than our typical jaunt to many other Ventura courses.

Please sign up for the Ojai tournament early, the field will be reduced depending on sign ups. The Thursday tournament will be at Harding on the 28th.

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

## CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

I have probably written at least 80 of these consecutive monthly columns about the relationships among our golf club, our golf courses, the rest of the city's golf courses and the city itself. Thus, the title of the column: City Corner. When I think about it, I wonder was there really that much to cover that I always had something to write at 30-day intervals for close to 7 years? Apparently so, although I am going to bet that at least a few of the columns seemed like I was straining to find something to write.

Well, today I really am strained to find something worthy of your attention. I'm not sure if this is a good sign – in other words, there are no problems to write about. Or maybe this is a bad sign – there is nothing aspirational to write about. Or maybe yours truly is just exhausted by writing this and so many other columns on a regular basis. I write for publications in addition to the SCGA's communication vehicles – other associations, magazines and the occasional newspaper op-ed. And if you're on my SCGA Government Affairs E-mail list, you're literally inundated with copy about all sorts of public policy, political and business matters.

And for a guy as quiet, shy and retiring as I, it hasn't been easy. And it's not getting easier as I struggle to find something of merit to share with you today. But for what it's worth, here it goes.

The game of golf is down right now. No one knows that better than I. I am writing this column a couple of days after a meeting of the "California golf industry needs assessment task force" and just before getting on a plane to Sacramento for a soul searching session of the "California Alliance for Golf." In both cases the subject is really the same: Golf's status quo is not working, and the game's organizations and institutions need to begin thinking, organizing and most importantly, doing differently if we hope to reverse course and get back to better days.

But the game is hardly out. Quite the contrary; it's only because the game enjoyed so many decades of uninterrupted growth and success that we find what amounts to an overdue correction to be distressing. Remember that the next time someone throws some national publication predicting the game's demise in your face. Remember that the next time some smart aleck suggests that it no longer makes sense to use public parkland for golf courses. Remember that when someone dismisses golf as a quaint anachronism from yesteryear. And most of all, remember that the next time some critic insults today's younger generations by suggesting that their attention spans are not conducive to a difficult, slow moving game like golf.

Okay; for a guy who had nothing to say I certainly said a lot. And I thank you for letting me get that out of my system. I'll get back to reservation systems, tournament policies, strategic plans, golf advisory committees, enterprise funds, bureaucrats and politicians next month. I promise.

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

The start of the new season brings a chance for anyone to be Player of the Year. Some familiar names are on top of the leader board already.

Player	Winnings	Rank
Josh Eveland	170	1
Dustin Watanabe	130	2
Juan Lopez	130	2
Michael Melamed	125	4
Ben Raposas	105	5
Gerard Sanders	100	6
Marc Carter	85	7
Matt Soule	85	7
Liam Cavanaugh	80	9
Justin Butler	75	10
Brent Harvey	70	11
George Olteanu	70	11
Lupe Escobedo	70	11
Steve Hansen	60	14
Anthony Zaccaro	55	15
Patrick Warren	55	15
Johnathan Fernandez	50	17
Paul Barrere	50	17
Bob McKibben	45	19
David Patterson	45	19
David Watanabe	45	19
Farhad Keliddari	45	19
Justin Lestrangle	45	19
Louie Rivera	45	19
Tai Ide	45	19
Todd Mander	45	19
Edward Licht	40	27
Mark Vaughan	40	27
Perry Melillo	40	27
Ryan Tumulad	40	27
Chris Halfon	35	31
Dan Melillo	35	31
Rhoneil Santo Tomas	35	31
Richie Nance	30	34
Bobby Cavanaugh	30	34

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

**Sunday @ Buenaventura**

August 13, 2017

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

Score	Player	Prize
68	Josh Eveland	\$85
72	Justin Lestrangle	\$45
72	Dustin Watanabe	\$45
73	Liam Cavanaugh	\$15
73	Sean Cavanaugh	\$15
73	Mark Kessler	\$15

**“A” Flight Low Net**

66	Marc Carter	\$85
68	Bob McKibben	\$45
68	Gerard Sanders	\$45
69	Mike Nichol	\$25

**“B” Flight Low Gross**

77	Juan Lopez	\$85
80	Anthony Zaccaro	\$55
83	Randolph Hammock	\$25
83	Michael Melamed	\$25
83	Justin Butler	\$25
83	Behrouz Shafie	\$25

**“B” Flight Low Net**

65	Matt Soule	\$85
66	David Patterson	\$45
66	Todd Mander	\$45
70	Cruz Sanchez	\$25

**Gross Skins \$178 each**

1	Ray Hassanlou
6	Sean Cavanaugh
12	Justin Lestrangle

**Net Skins \$93 each**

Hole	Player
1	Ray Hassanlou
2	Tommaso Trinchieri
7	Sean MacDonald
9	Brian Nugent
11	David Patterson
13	Branden Augustus

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

5	Mark Reed	3' 2"
7	Mark Kessler	3' 10"
11	Michael Saghian	8' 7"
14	Sean Cavanaugh	1' 10"
17	George Olteanu	3' 5"

**The Honey Pot was \$360**

won by the team of  
Mander/Soule  
and Patterson/Lopez

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

**Thursday @ Encino**

August 24, 2017

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

Score	Player	Prize
65	Dustin Watanabe	\$50
71	Liam Cavanaugh	\$35
72	Eric Nelson	\$20
72	Chris Halfon	\$20

**“A” Flight Low Net**

66	Justin Butler	\$50
67	Bobby Cavanaugh	\$30
67	Richie Nance	\$30
69	Jay Baca	\$15
69	Alfredo Picolomini	\$15

**“B” Flight Low Gross**

79	Johnathan Fernandez	\$50
83	Tommaso Trinchieri	\$30
83	Michael Melamed	\$30
85	John Gilbert	\$15

**“B” Flight Low Net**

67	Paul Barrere	\$50
68	Steve Hansen	\$30
68	David Watanabe	\$30
71	Damian O'Hare	\$15

**Gross Skins \$37 each**

1	Richie Nance
2	Richie Nance
3	John Gilbert
5	Bobby Cavanaugh
7	Dustin Watanabe
13	Bobby Cavanaugh
14	Dustin Watanabe
16	Dustin Watanabe

**Net Skins \$107 each**

Hole	Player
3	John Gilbert
4	Steve Hansen
7	Dustin Watanabe
13	Bobby Cavanaugh

**Closest to the Pin \$60 each**

6	David Horwitch	19' 8"
15	Liam Cavanaugh	11' 8"
17	Liam Cavanaugh	1' 5"

We cannot award a winner for Closest to the Pin on hole #3 as players that had not signed up entered their results.

**The Honey Pot was \$280**

won by the teams of  
Melamed / B. Cavanaugh,  
B. Cavanaugh / R. Nance  
and Alba/Barrere  
with scores of 59

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

**BACKSPIN SHOTS**

by The Gapwedge

Who is Chris Crawford and why is he the subject of this edition of BS? The 23 year old Crawford is an outstanding amateur golfer who has competed in the US Amateur five times. He knows the rules. Unfortunately, his substitute caddie didn't in a qualifying round several weeks ago.

When rangefinders made their appearance, the USGA rules allowed their use if a local rule was adopted by the Committee, provided the device was only capable of measuring distance. Nevertheless, it didn't take long for the device manufacturers to add functions such as wind speed, elevation, temperature, etc.

In the last rules update, the USGA permitted the use of multi-function rangefinders but only for measuring distance. Use of any of the other device's functions was and is still prohibited and breach of that rule ranges from a 2 stroke penalty for one such use to disqualification for multiple uses.

Crawford's regular caddie was ill and he hired a local. As he played his qualifying round at Bel Air CC, he became aware that his caddie had several times used a function that measured slope. He disqualified himself right then and there, although nobody but he and his caddie knew of the breach, thereby depriving himself of the opportunity to move on to Riviera CC in the US Amateur qualifying.

Crawford was lauded for taking the penalty but when interviewed, he said, "Bobby Jones said you might as well congratulate a man for not robbing a bank in that situation. I knew what the rule was and I didn't have a choice. I know nobody else would have known. But I knew. I knew what the rule was. It's just the way it is."

Whether there are 34 rules or 24 simplified rules, as proposed for the 2019 revision, the golfer who competes must know them. Most of us don't often use caddies, but they, too, need to know the rules as Chris Crawford's sad story tells us.

## **HANDICAP CHATTER**

*by Tommaso Trinchieri, Handicap Chairman*

### **eGolfer**

While many of our members are already registered through GHIN, we have many that do not take advantage of the services provided. USGA's GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) service is an online dashboard provides many services to our members.

The myGame dashboard has several views with a selected primary focus on scores or scoring statistics. Additionally, widgets will supplement the primary focus view with information relevant and personalized for the golfer. The golfer can also select an area of interest through the use of a Zip Code setting, which will then display news, events or weather applicable to the chosen area.

Download the free app from Google Play or the iTunes store by searching the key word GHIN. Highlights of the app include ability to post your scores via your smart phone or tablet; view your USGA Handicap Index; handicap Index lookup for fellow golfers by name or GHIN number; GHIN Magazine; Course Handicap can now be calculated for up to 5 partners (including remembering those partners from session to session). The app can show you Handicap History, Scores by course/tee, Nine hole/combined scores, Recent scores, Revision scores and Tournament scores.

And best of all, you can have your USGA Handicap Index information e-mailed to you automatically every revision! In addition to your USGA Handicap Index, the eRevision also contains other valuable information such as your handicap scoring record, Handicap Index History and Association News.

The eRevision also contains a convenient printable handicap card that you can cut out and use as proof of your Handicap Index. To sign up for eRevision, go to <http://www.ghin.com/emailUpdate.aspx>.