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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*By Evan Beren*

June saw the weather really heat up. Our tournament action was hot as well. We held our 61st Annual Club Championship in the early part of the month and closed out the month with our President's Cup Qualifier. We had 82 players, in 3 flights, competing over 2 weekends in the club championship. The weather was hot, and so was the play.

Congratulations to the 2016 Club Champion, David Gilbreath. David is a past club champion who returned to the winners circle with a total score of 218, that's David's gross score shot over 3 rounds, even par 72 on Balboa Golf Course, 76 on Encino Golf Course and closing round of 2 under par 70 in the final round again at Encino.

The Net Handicap Champion is Robert Glaessner. Robert compiled a 3-day total of net 213, riding an opening round of net 66 to victory. Ben Raposas was our A Flight Champion. Ben closed with a net 68 and a total of 214 for the 3-day tournament.

This past weekend we held the President's Cup Qualifier. 57 players competed for the 32 spots in the match play bracket. The scores were low on a hot day. Virgil Budhu led all players and won the #1 seed with a net 65 on the Encino Golf Course. It took a net 73 to make the field and with 9 players up for the last 8 places, a card-off was necessary. A quick word about the pace of play: I am pleased to report that for both June tournaments the pace of play was overall pretty good. No groups were hit with the dreaded 2-stroke penalty for violating the 20-minute rule. Let's keep up that trend.

And now a few words about the people that made the June tournaments happen:

David Horwitch, our Tournament Director, handles most of the behind the scenes administrative work, as well as helping out on the tournament days. Tommaso Trinchieri, prints the scorecards for all of our tournaments. Tommaso also designed and printed the scoreboard sheets we have used at our Major Championships this year. Not to mention the Index cards he printed for the President's Cup players this past weekend that will help out with determine how many strokes players give or receive in the match play portion of this tournament.

Tommy Eunice helped with the check in and ran the scoreboard at the 1st round of the club championship, before flying out to South East Asia late that same night. Mark Vaughan, unable to play due to an injury, came all 3 days of the Club Championship to work the scoreboard. Andy Levine, not playing in the tournament, helped with 1st round scoring. Our Honorary Tournament Assistant, Paula Captop, and Virgil Budhu worked with Mark on the scoreboard in the rounds 2 and 3.

At the President's Cup: Mark Michelini runs the tournament, handled the seeding and the entering of the scores. David Horwitch, Armen Mesropian and Everado Gomez worked the scoreboards. It is important to remember that we are a volunteer organization, running these tournaments is a lot work. To help out, contact David Horwitch or myself.

## THE NEXT TEE

*David Horwitch, Tournament Director*

Echoing our President's remarks regarding the June tournaments, thank you to all those that made our great month happen. For me, the best part of the Club Championship & Presidents Cup is having so many members hang out after their rounds. Even in the 100 plus degree heat, people stuck around to watch the board and have a good time.

Following up on the success of the Palumbo, on July 10th we head back to River Ridge. Tournaments there are always well attended and competitive, so sign up early. Our Thursday tournament this month is on the 28th at Harding.

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

## CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

July 9 is James Ward's last day as a Los Angeles City employee. After 11 years as Golf Manager and nearly 40 years of service to the Recreation and Parks Department, he is retiring.

The best way to gauge a legacy is to ask where things stood when someone assumed leadership and compare it to where things stand when they stand down. In James' case the contrast between day one and July 9 is huge.

James assumed the Golf Division helm a few hours after his predecessor imploded – literally. The Golf Division wasn't even a division of the Recreation and Parks Department until 2001. And then the Division was headless for a full year, followed by a first manager who died in office less than one year after that, followed by a second manager who found the job so taxing that he, well, imploded on a certain spring morning in 2005.

That's what James took over when he took over – a Division with no real track record of success and no leadership to speak of. And at that time the Division was still funded by City Council appropriation; it didn't become an enterprise fund until 2011. So, for James' first six years he had to deal with hiring freezes, budget cuts, and myriad other matters making it difficult to run a business enterprise – all during a period of time in which the American financial system nearly collapsed, the economy went into the deepest recession since the Great Depression of the 1930's, a certain Mayor entertained letting the golf courses go fallow, and a certain General Manager ignored his counsel and decided that the best way to handle all of the above was to raise prices while cutting services.

Trying to keep staff's morale steady and the Golf Advisory Committee from becoming unglued during all of this was no easy task. James did better with his staff than he did with the Golf Advisory Committee, but that was more a reflection of the different roles played by employees and volunteers than of James' ability to navigate rough waters.

The mood of the next few years brightened with the city's recognition that it needed to move beyond what I just described. But as with many things in government in general and our fair city in specific, what could and should have taken a year or so ended up involving multiple consulting efforts and taking 4 years to complete. James had to keep hopes and spirits up throughout – again, not the easiest of tasks.

Finally, with the completion of the Golf Business Analysis Section's strategic plan and the implementation of that Plan's 1st batch of recommendations two months ago, James determined that he had set the Golf Division on the bright course we all envisaged when golf became its own division many years ago, and he could retire comfortable in the knowledge that he had left the Division's 4th manager with a solid foundation upon which to build a world class municipal golf program – a luxury he certainly never had during his tenure.

Job well done James! You inherited a mess. You left us with a great public golf system in the making. I'd call that a legacy you ought to be proud of and a record we all ought to be grateful for.

Thank you. Godspeed in retirement.

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

### Final Results for the 2015-2016 Season

Josh wins for the second year in a row, and without competing in the Club Championship. Ben Raposas and Robert Glaessner with net wins at the Championship move clearly into 2nd and 3rd place. Congratulations to all the winners this year!

Player	Points
Josh Eveland	655
Ben Raposas	630
Robert Glaessner	600
Ted Johnson	545
Brian Czerniak	510
Hadi Morshed	480
Armen Mesropian	465
David Gilbreath	455
Ryan Tumalad	435
David Horwith	420
Michael Melamed	390
Mark Vaughan	385
Dustin Watanabe	355
Brian Nugent	340
Sean Cavanaugh	330
Gordon Seaberg	325
Steven Fox	325
George Olteanu	315
Gerard Sanders	315
Michael Saghian	310
Bruce Davies	300
Mark Galper	295
Sean MacDonald	255
Khody Azari	255
Mark Reed	250
Steve Weible	235
Dan Crawford	230
Russel Kotzen	230
Rich Nance	225
Tommaso Trinchieri	220
Liam Cavanaugh	220

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

# The 61th Annual Club Championship

**Club Champion**  
**218 - David Gilbreath**  
**Handicap Champion**  
**213 - Robert Glaessner**

## BACKSPIN SHOTS

by The Gapwedge

What's the most unusual thing you've ever seen on a golf course?

In the early 60s, Gapwedge played two years of varsity golf at CSUN, then known as San Fernando Valley State College. SFVSC played in a conference called the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAA), which conference included all the California state colleges and universities and a number of private schools, such as Occidental and USC.

Each year after the season was over the conference held a tournament in the Palm Springs area. In 1961, that tournament was played at Bermuda Dunes. Each school fielded a 6-man team and played two rounds in one day.

As the sun sank in the west, the last teams finished and two teams had tied for first place. For the sudden death playoff, each of the two teams selected three players and the six golfers played the first hole, a par 5.

By the time the playoff started, there was so little daylight left that players from the other teams had to line the fairway with lit matches or lighters to show the players the way. By the time they had reached the green, it was nearly pitch dark. With matches and lighters illuminating the green, the players putted out until there was one player left with a 15-foot putt to tie the hole. Somebody lit a book of matches, threw it into the hole and the player rolled it right into the flames! The average score for the six competitors was par.

That was the most unusual thing Gapwedge ever saw on a golf course.

Championship Flight		
Score	Player	Prize
218	David Gilbreath	\$300
219	Rory Posin	\$200
222	Michael Saghian	\$135
225	Gerard Sanders	\$90
228	Branden Augustus	\$15
228	Liam Cavanaugh	\$15
"A" Flight Low Net		
214	Ben Raposas	\$300
215	David Horwitch	\$200
216	Marc Carter	\$135
217	Mike Nichol	\$90
218	Larry Zuckerman	\$15
218	Alfredo Picolomini	\$15
218	Sean MacDonald	\$15
218	Laurence Silva	\$15
218	Behrouz Shafie	\$15
218	Phil Kapsimallis	\$15
218	Mark Michelini	\$15
218	Rich Nance	\$15
218	Robert Cavanaugh	\$15
218	Mark Reed	\$15
218	Craig Cacek	\$15
218	Sam Schatz	\$15
218	Chris Stronberg	\$15
"B" Flight Low Net		
213	Robert Glaessner	\$300
214	Khody Azari	\$200
216	Ted Johnson	\$135
221	Lupe Escobedo	\$90
222	Alan Stewart	\$15
222	Tal Almquist	\$15
222	Jeff Sable	\$15
222	Jay Baca	\$15
222	Sepehr Raafat	\$15
222	Farhad Keliddari	\$15
222	Patrick Warren	\$15
222	Ray Hassanlou	\$15
222	Gary Patterson	\$15
222	Anthony Zaccaro	\$15
222	Virgil Budhu	\$15
222	Jack Barton	\$15
222	Mark Galper	\$15

Skins - Round 1 Balboa		
Saturday, June 4		
Gross Skin \$160		
Hole	Player	
3	Phil Kapsimallis	
8	Bobby Cavanaugh	
9	Ben Raposas	
17	Branden Augustus	
Net Skins \$150 each		
Hole	Player	
4	Bobby Glaessner	
8	Robert Cavanaugh	
12	Chris Stronberg	
15	Virgil Budhu	
18	Gary Patterson	
17	Brian Nugent	
Closest to the Pin \$100 each		
4	Patrick Warren	2' 6"
13	Branden Augustus	13' 3"
17	Mark Michelini	19' 10"
Round 2 Encino		
Sunday, June 5		
Gross Skins \$157 each		
Hole	Player	
4	Jack Barton	
6	Beeri Meza	
10	Liam Cavanaugh	
17	Virgil Budhu	
Net Skins \$92 each		
Hole	Player	
4	Jack Barton	
7	Brian Nugent	
9	George Olteanu	
10	Liam Cavanaugh	
11	George Olteanu	
12	Mark Michelini	
17	Virgil Budhu	
18	Jack Barton	
Closest to the Pin \$100 each		
3	Russel Kotzen	2' 2"
6	Beeri Meza	12' 8"
15	Evan Beren	35' 10"
17	Russel Kotzen	9' 6"
Round 3 Encino		
Sunday, June 12		
Gross Skins \$41 each		
Hole	Player	
2	Rory Posin	
3	Rich Nance	
6	Robert Cavanaugh	
7	David Gilbreath	
9	Laurence Silva	
11	Jay Baca	
10	Craig Cacek	
17	Jay Baca	

Sunday, June 12		
Net Skins \$120 each		
Hole	Player	
9	Laurence Silva	
10	Craig Cacek	
11	Jay Baca	
Closest to the Pin \$40 each		
3	Sean MacDonald	6' 5"
6	Lupe Escobedo	46' 4"
15	Phil Kapsimallis	1' 10"
17	Craig Cacek	9' 8"

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

## HANDICAP CHATTER

*by Tommaso Trinchieri, Handicap Chairman*

### Posting of Scores and Getting a Handicap

Remember that the SCGA requires you to post every acceptable score that you have played. If you played 9 holes (either the back nine early in the morning or the front nine late at night) you must post that round as a nine hole round. The SCGA will establish your handicap as soon as you have posted at least 5 rounds. Your handicap will be calculated using the lowest 10 of your most recent 20 differentials (your adjusted score less the course rating).

You can post scores at any course that has a rating and slope during the Active Season (which in SoCal is year-round). The SCGA allows multiple methods for posting scores. You can post the score at the posting computer at the course you just played and you can even post on a posting computer at a different course (just make sure to change the course for the posting). In addition, if you are unable to post at a course, you can always post online at [ghin.com](http://ghin.com), [scga.org](http://scga.org) or on our site at [smgc.org](http://smgc.org). Alternatively, you can post on the GHIN app as well as several other apps that have access to the GHIN system.

Index updates occur twice a month (1st & 15th each month). You need to get your scores posted by 9:00 pm on the last day of the month or by 9:00 pm on the 14th to have the score reflected in the latest revision.

Most importantly, remember to adjust your score based on the Equitable Stroke Adjustment table. The most you can take on any hole is as follows:

<b>Course Handicap</b>	<b>Maximum Strokes</b>
<b>9 or less</b>	<b>Double Bogey</b>
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 and above	10

Lastly, if you happen to make a mistake when you post, just send me an email at [tt@tommaso.com](mailto:tt@tommaso.com) with all the details and I'll make the correction.