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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bruce Fortune

May / June Gloom... Hah! Who wouldn't like to return to those cool, overcast mornings in May and June where it's in the low to mid 60's for the majority of the morning? It's been really, really nice getting out in the early AM and have just that kind of weather. What little rain we got mid-month was also a welcome relief. It was so wonderful to experience our local courses that 'greened' up for the following several weeks. Get out there and golf!

Congratulations to our winners of the 20th Annual John C. Palumbo Memorial Classic. Our winners, whose names will be added to the perpetual trophy, are: Josh Eveland, A Flight Gross; Ian Brumbaugh, A Flight Net; Mike Radtke, B Flight Gross and Brian Nugent, B Flight Net. Congratulations to all who competed. This year's event was a toughie, playing on an already fast track, Robinson Ranch GC. It was quite daunting to find that your perfectly hit iron carried / ran like you'd just hit a hybrid. LOTS OF ROLL was the order of the day. Next years event will be moving to a new location. We love Robinson Ranch, but the course now presents playability issues (water issues, lack of grass in some areas) and it's been agreed that it's degree of difficulty may be more of a challenge for some of our higher handicap players than we want to present. Stay tuned.

The 2015 President's Cup is in full swing. By the time the Eagle is printed we will have our "Round of 16" players list. Congratulations to all who have made it through the first two rounds. Keep up the great work, and thank you for getting those matches played in such a timely fashion. Mark Michelini is doing a fantastic job of managing the event, with some additional help by Everardo Gomez. Don't forget to post your rounds! To those of you who, like myself, didn't advance... Better luck next year!

New "Last Minute Cancellation, Drop-out Penalties" are now in play. We have decided to put an end to the abuse of our Tournament Volunteers time, not to mention the fiscal impact. The Tournament Committee recommended and the Board approved unanimously, to create a \$50 (per violation) fine for anyone who does not notify the Tournament Chair 48 hours in advance of the event date. No exceptions. You will be required to pay the fine before being allowed to play in any subsequent events. A further explanation is in The Next Tee. Sorry, folks, but we cannot continue to condone the lack of respect shown to our volunteers. Their time is valuable. Avoid the penalty, cancel in the time allotted.

Pace of Play. As those of you who played in the Thursday event at Brookside 5/28 know, we have now begun to RANDOMLY assign a Pace of Play Captain in each group. In the event your group falls behind, we will be asking your POP Captain to provide us with an explanation of how you fell behind without catching up. PLEASE don't put that player in an awkward position. YOUR GROUP MUST KEEP UP! We will continue to enforce the 2-stroke per player penalty for falling behind. If you do not turn in BOTH of your group's scorecards within 20 minutes of the group ahead of you, you will have the strokes added to your overall scores. Period.

Here are several suggestions –

1. You MUST STAY UP with the group ahead of you!
2. We are a READY GOLF club. Hit when ready. Prepare to putt as others putt. Don't spectate.
3. If you fall a hole behind, split into two. First two to hole out, GO HIT!

THE NEXT TEE

Upcoming Tournament Notes from Evan Beren, Tournament Director

New No Show Late Drop Out Policy

Due to the constant last minute dropouts and no-shows, the Tournament Committee, with the full approval of the SMGC Board of Director's is announcing the following new policy: Players that dropout late or no-show at a tournament will be subject to a \$50 charge. The dropout deadline is as follows:

Thursday..... Tournament Deadline is Tuesday at 12:00 noon.

Friday..... Tournament Deadline is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Saturday..... Tournament Deadline is Thursday at 12:00 noon.

Sunday..... Tournament Deadline is Friday at 12:00 noon.

There will be no exceptions. Players will have to pay the Dropout Charge before they will be able to play in the next tournament.

If you have any question please contact Evan Beren at ejberen@me.com or 818-438-0395.

CITY CORNER
By Craig Kessler

SMGC President Bruce Fortune and I serve on the ad hoc subcommittee of the Golf Advisory Committee that has been tasked with engaging on a regular basis with the principals of Global Golf Advisors, the firm the city has retained to put together the "Golf Business Analysis Section." (GBAS for short)

This has put us in position to gain a pretty good understanding of what the firm's final set of recommendations will look like; indeed, they've been issuing monthly progress reports since December. And more than just "issuing" reports, they have been actively seeking the guidance and input of our ad hoc committee every step of the way.

A few themes have emerged.

First, most of what the GBAS has been reporting involves issues the Golf Advisory Committee and the city golf community have been raising for years – the primacy of course conditions, the need to resurrect a marshal program, pace of play, coordination of concessions, long-term strategic planning, a dysfunctional and counterproductive rate structure, a modern reservation system, an affinity program inclusive of the clubs, and the big one – the need to generate the liquidity necessary to fund the long-term capital investments and improvements the city's golf system so desperately needs in order to remain competitive with its municipal and daily fee competitors.

Second, GBAS is not planning to err on the side of timidity. The consultants are going to come full barrel with strong and provocative recommendations. When they do, we'll find out whether the Recreation and Parks Department and our Mayor's Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners are really interested in what they say they're interested in pursuing – the moves required to turn the Los Angeles municipal golf program into one the nation's 2nd largest city and largest golf market can take genuine pride in. These "moves" won't be easy, not for the Department, not for the clubs, and not always for the public. But they will be "required" to get us all where we say we want to be.

Third, GBAS has joined a long line of consultants (three of them now) that has identified May 1, 2010 as black day in the history of LA City municipal golf. That is the day that previous Recreation & Park General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri overruled his Golf Manager and all of the advice provided him by the game's golf organizations/institutions and imposed a greens fee structure that he and he alone thought would work for all those rich folks who drive their BMW's into LA's golf course parking lots and take advantage of below market rates. The World got it right; Mukri got it wrong. But I think the GBAS has a fix, and I believe that today's RAP management is inclined to listen to the counsel of experts.

Finally, the relationship between GBAS and the Golf Advisory Committee has been exemplary, and that bodes well for translating GBAS' recommendations into reality. The GBAS has been solicitous of public opinion/input, and the Advisory Members have demonstrated the flexibility necessary to consider new ways of thinking, organizing and doing – ways that are at times a bit frightening. If Staff and Board are similarly open minded this adventure in consulting should mark a turning point in the history of Los Angeles municipal golf.

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

Player of the Year Standings as of May 30

Josh Eveland is still holding the lead. There is some jostling at the top of the leader board, Dustin, Kyle, Ben, and Joe are battling David for third with Stacey. Ben Raposas jumps to second with some great play at Brookside.

Ranks 2 through 9 are up for grabs. A win at the Club Championship could vault players in 20th place all the way into 2nd.

Player	Points
Josh Eveland	725
Ben Raposas	515
David Gilbreath	490
Joseph Rodriguez	436
Kyle Bermel	430
Dustin Watanabe	410
Stacey Shinnick	405
Chris Stronberg	395
Scott Feldman	360
Chris Halfon	335
Michael Radtke	330
Alfredo Picolomini	315
Buzz Osborne	310
Brian Nugent	295
Nick Hernandez	290
Jason Petterson	275
Robert Bryan	270
Sean MacDonald	265
Farhad Keliddari	258
Dan Crawford	255
David Horwitch	250
Anthony Bermel	245
Bob McKibben	245
Louie Rivera	245
George Olteanu	240
Bryan Nichols	235
Bill Keanu	225
Sean Cavanaugh	225

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

The Palumbo Memorial

May 3, 2015

Format – Low Gross / Low Net

“A” Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
72	Josh Eveland	\$150
75	David Gilbreath	\$100
78	Chris Halfon	\$70
79	Bill Brandel	\$50

“A” Flight Low Net

73	Ian Brumbaugh	\$150
74	Ben Raposas	\$100
75	Scott Feldman	\$70
77	Branden Augustus	\$20
77	Randolph Hammock	\$20
77	Hadi Morshed	\$20

“B Flight” Low Gross

Player Low Gross

84	Michael Radtke	\$150
86	Kyle Bermel	\$100
91	Bob Surbeck	\$60
91	Juan Lopez	\$60

“B Flight” Low Net

73	Brian Nugent	\$115
73	George Olteanu	\$115
75	Anthony Bermel	\$60
75	Robert Glaessner	\$60

Gross Skins \$610 each

Hole	Player
9	Ian Brumbaugh

Net Skins \$140 each

Hole	Player
2	Kevin Carmony
5	Liam Cavanaugh
8	Brian Nugent
9	Ian Brumbaugh
15	Craig Cacek

Closest to the Pin \$85 each

3	Josh Eveland	12' 4"
7	James Hahn	3' 4"
11	Bill Brandel	5' 3"
14	Michael Saghian	8' 5"

MGA Highlights

By Pete Heller

SENIORS GIVEN A LESSON IN YOUTH BY “YOUNG MENS CLUB”.

An unnerving nemesis was what Len Zambito might call the John Lanza's Senior team as year after year they stood in the way of any chance the Sepulveda Mens Club may have had at an MGA Championship. Finally, after four years of frustration SMGC blasted their way to twin victories and now stand in position to compete again with a good final run. Showing no mercy the final scores were 46-24 and 24-12.

Elsewhere, Rancho Park held onto to first place by eking out slim victories over Hansen Dam 30-28 and 19-11. And, defending Champion Griffith park kept pace by defeating a good Woodley Lakes Team 50-22 and 22-14.

Sepulveda Men's Match Winners Individual:

Jeff Sable, Pete Ruiz, George Beams, Roger Ikeda, Bruce Fortune, Steve Fox and Alfredo Picolomini

Two Man:

Sable/Fox, Chase/ Beams, Vano/Ruiz, Zambito/Ikeda and Picolomini/Mesropian.

Standings	W	L	T	Points
Rancho Park	7	1	2	16
Griffith Park	7	3	0	14
Sepulveda Mens	6	4	0	12
Woodley Lakes	6	4	0	12
Sepulveda Seniors	2	6	2	6
Hansen Dam	0	10	0	0

Next Matches: June 18, 2015

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

Thursday @ Brookside

May 28, 2015

Format – Low Gross / Low Net

“A” Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
76	Ben Raposas	\$50
79	Sean Cavanaugh	\$35
81	Aaron Lee	\$25

“A” Flight Low Net

72	Roger Ikeda	\$50
72	David Horwitch	\$35
74	Alfredo Picolomini	\$25

“B Flight” Low Gross

91	Bruce Fortune	\$30
91	Joseph Rodriguez	\$30
91	Victor Cervantes	\$30
91	Farhad Keliddari	\$30

“B Flight” Low Net

71	Rene Nazarian	\$40
71	Khody Azari	\$40
77	Michael Melamed	\$15
77	Chris Wertz	\$15

Gross Skins \$76 each

Hole	Player
3	Tim Davison
10	Bobby Cavanaugh
18	Ben Raposas

Net Skins \$58 each

Hole	Player
3	Tim Davison
8	Sepehr Raafat
12	Farhad Keliddari
14	Jack Guzman
15	Ben Raposas
16	Daniel Sniegowski

Closest to the Pin \$35 each

5	George Beams	5' 0"
10	Bobby Cavanaugh	3' 10"
12	Ben Raposas	18' 8"
15	Sean Cavanaugh	7' 8"



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.

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

The Player Forum is Back

The Player Forum, a bulletin board for our membership, is back. A few years ago we established this online feature to allow our members to express themselves on all things golf. Unfortunately it fell into disuse and was abandoned. Now it's being revived. Click on the link on our home page and say what's on your mind or just see what your fellow members are thinking.

BACKSPIN SHOTS

by The Gapwedge

As earlier reported, Gapwedge subscribed to GOLF Magazine because it made him an offer he couldn't refuse. His son-in-law gets Golf Digest (which Gapwedge doesn't understand because he doesn't play golf and never has) so Gapwedge gets those too.

Thanks to all that golf reading, Gapwedge never buys last year's Pro V-1 or, heaven forbid, a less current model, although those inferior balls are cheaper.

Player tests reported in these publications are always amusing because they usually use panels of amateurs that include mid and higher handicappers trying to sound like they can hit two consecutive shots the same way. If any of these testers can tell a 2011 Titleist from the 2013 model from the new, improved 2015 model, Gapwedge will buy them each a dozen Pro V-1s.

The ads suggest that distance is the holy grail these days and that the product they're pushing is the only way to get it. One company even boasts that its irons are too long for the pros. Huh?!

It's a puzzling paradox that Gapwedge takes golf equipment ads with a ton or more of salt yet still feels behind the times and handicapped by his outmoded premium 9 year-old driver whose current estimated trade in value is \$8.60!

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>.



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