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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Evan Beren

- It's September and once again time to lament on the passing of another summer. Did you get a lot of golf in? If you are like me not enough, never enough.
- Need to play more golf? The Sepulveda Golf Complex is still offering great prices....Monday through Friday, starting at noon, \$22.50 with a cart for seniors with a senior card, and just \$30 with a cart for the rest of us. What a deal!
- Fall aeration is on the horizon, with the smaller ¼" tines, the greens will heal faster and there will be almost no disruption in play.
- The President's Cup is almost wrapped up with Ben Raposas set to meet Erik Rogers in the finals. It's been a great tournament with lots of close matches.
- We said farewell to Pete Heller in August. Pete was a past president of SMGC as well as a past president and founding member of the Sepulveda Seniors. Pete was remembered at a memorial on August 21st.
- Have you played Encino or Balboa lately? The new 8 minute tee times are really helping with pace of play.
- It will be fall soon, but, its still going to be hot, so remember to stay hydrated and use sun screen.
- If you have any questions or comments you can contact me at ejberen@me.com or 818-438-0395.

THE NEXT TEE

David Horwitch, Tournament Director

How fast time flies. This month we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Balboa conversion to a par 72. We will be holding this tournament on Saturday the 17th, with all participating players receiving a commemorative hat honoring the day. Our Thursday tournament will be at Rancho Park on the 22nd.

Tournament questions and comments may be directed to dhorwitch@gmail.com

CITY CORNER

By Craig Kessler

Last year the USGA performed some Pace of Play studies at Sepulveda and Rancho. The Sepulveda exercise was a traditional one, focusing on developing tee intervals and player support mechanisms conducive of faster play. The Rancho exercise was non-traditional, focusing on maintenance practices capable of speeding up play and lowering costs.

The USGA reported out the results at a public meeting in Pasadena at the beginning of this year. Those results in combination with the recommendations of the Golf Business Analysis Section (GBAS) led to the new 8-minute tee intervals at the city's 18-hole golf courses, greater use of 1st tee checkers and on-course marshaling support, and greater focus on maintaining those areas of the golf courses where golfers actually venture.

While much of this is still a work in progress, the results have thus far been impressive. Stories abound of foursomes teeing it up late mornings at some of the busier courses such as Wilson and Harding and finishing in 4 ½ or fewer hours. I am told that revenues haven't dipped as a result, which means that the program has restored value to those late morning tee times in such a way that the loss of tee times early in the day is being more than made up by more play later in the day. Remember, we aren't in the 1990's anymore, when the courses, particularly on weekends, were jammed from sunup to sundown. Golfers are no longer interested in playing 6-hour rounds that commence late morning or midday; they go elsewhere.

The USGA is in the process of doing some follow-up studies at the city courses, and as someone who has been a USGA Committeeman for 20 years, this focus on municipal golf courses does my heart good. We can only hope that the USGA doubles down on its newfound love affair with municipal golf and perhaps even begins to recognize that the USGA Turf Advisory Service (TAS) provides more value to municipal courses than to the country clubs it now disproportionately serves, something that results not from any overt intent, but rather from the fact that the TAS charges a price too rich for most municipalities' blood. If anyone is listening in New Jersey, please recognize these comments as a direct plea to lower its Turf Advisory Service fees to the governments that own municipal golf courses across the nation.

For those who find that plea a brief for special consideration please understand that the USGA, the PGA of America, and yes, even the SCGA owe a deep debt of gratitude to those governments for having used public dollars to build thousands of golf courses that were until very recent years operated at a loss and those same public dollars to rebuild irrigations systems, refurbish clubhouses, redesign driving ranges, and resurface parking lots when their useful lives had come to an end.

The game simply never would have grown to the game it is today without that commitment – something the USGA and all of us ought to remember.

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

Welcome to the New Tournament Season

Well done to the current leaders, Matt Soule, Membership Chairman Virgil Budhu, and Craig Cacek. It is a tight group at the top of the leader board so we can expect to see many lead changes throughout the year. Like the lottery, you gotta play to win.

Player	Winnings	Rank
Matt Soule	175	1
Virgil Budhu	165	2
Craig Cacek	145	3
Jason Petterson	135	4
Dustin Watanabe	130	5
David Gilbreath	120	6
Justin Butler	100	7
David Longmire	85	8
George Olteanu	85	8
Bill Brandel	80	10
Andy Levine	75	11
Todd Mander	75	11
Tommaso Trinchieri	75	11
Armen Mesropian	70	14
Patrick Warren	70	14
Stacey Shinnick	70	14
Romel Yordi	65	17
Johnathan Fernandez	60	18
Brandon Wahl	55	19
Bruce Fortune	55	19
Mark Reed	55	19
Sean Cavanaugh	55	19
Larry Scott	50	23
Mitchell Weiner	50	23
Phil Kapsimallis	50	23
Christopher Ames	45	26
Michael Radtke	45	26

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

Sunday @ Olivas Links

August 7, 2016

Format – Low Gross / Low Net

“A” Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
66	David Longmire	\$85
67	Sean Cavanaugh	\$55
71	Liam Cavanaugh	\$35
74	Mark Reed	\$25

“A” Flight Low Net

64	Craig Cacek	\$85
67	Brandon Wahl	\$55
68	Sean MacDonald	\$30
68	Marc Carter	\$30

“B Flight” Low Gross

81	Virgil Budhu	\$85
82	Christopher Ames	\$45
82	Michael Radtke	\$45
84	Anthony Zaccaro	\$20
84	Patrick Warren	\$20

“B Flight” Low Net

64	George Olteanu	\$85
68	Bruce Fortune	\$55
70	Jack Barton	\$30
70	Anthony Bermel	\$30

Gross Skins \$183 each

Hole	Player
4	Sean Cavanaugh
8	Mark Michelini
12	Mark Michelini

Net Skins \$210 each

Hole	Player
1	James Hahn
10	Greg Fowble
13	Virgil Budhu

Closest to the Pin \$75 each

5	Daniel Sniegowski	1' 4"
8	Mark Michelini	3' 2"
13	Paul Barrere	8' 0"
17	Liam Cavanaugh	3' 3"

The Honey pot was \$480

won by the team of
Budhu & Olteanu
with a score of 58.



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 or by phone at (818) 427-1925

Thursday @ Wilson

August 25, 2016

Format – Low Gross / Low Net

“A” Flight Low Gross

Score	Player	Prize
74	Jason Petterson	\$75
75	George Villarreal	\$40
75	Brad Hartz	\$40
81	Kevin West	\$25

“A” Flight Low Net

71	Andy Levine	\$75
72	Phil Kapsimallis	\$50
73	Romel Yordi	\$35
74	Brent Harvey	\$20
74	Justin Butler	\$20

“B Flight” Low Gross

84	Matt Soule	\$75
86	Mitchell Weiner	\$50
87	Johnathan Fernandez	\$35
88	Todd Mander	\$25

“B Flight” Low Net

70	Tommaso Trinchieri	\$75
72	Damian O'Hare	\$40
72	Daniel Sniegowski	\$40
74	Ted Johnson	\$20
74	Paul Barrere	\$20

Gross Skins \$47 each

Hole	Player
4	Mark Reed
5	Phil Kapsimallis
8	Johnathan Fernandez
9	Mike Nichol
11	Jason Petterson
13	George Villarreal
16	Brad Hartz
17	Phil Kapsimallis

Net Skins \$90 each

Hole	Player
1	Ted Johnson
8	Johnathan Fernandez
9	Todd Mander
12	Daniel Sniegowski
17	Irving Reitzenstein.

Closest to the Pin \$75 each

3	Michael Levy	13' 3"
11	Nick Baker	4' 2"
15	Brent Harvey	12' 6"

The Honey pot was \$150

won by the teams of
Fernandez/Tumalad
and
Mander/Soule
with scores of 64.

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

BACKSPIN SHOTS

by The Gapwedge

Gapwedge was toiling on the practice putting green when a gentleman approached and asked if his long putter was “legal.” Gapwedge said it was and went on to explain that Rule 14-1b only prohibits “anchoring” the club or a hand or forearm against the body to create a pivot point around which the stroke is made.

The man told Gapwedge that a nearby private club prohibits the long putter altogether in its competitions because some of the members complained about its use and the membership voted to ban it. Gapwedge thought the restriction was improper and said so.

Later, Gapwedge reviewed the appendix to the Rules of Golf to see if banning a particular conforming club could be the subject of a local rule and found no such authorizing provision. Gapwedge then wrote to the USGA and asked whether or not such a restriction was within the broad discretion of the “Committee.”

The reply came very quickly and confirmed Gapwedge’s suspicion in these words: “A Local Rule or condition of competition prohibiting putters over a certain length is not permissible because it waives a Rule of Golf.”

Part A of Appendix I to the Rules of Golf specifies those subjects about which a club may adopt a local rule. Unless the proposed local rule falls within one of those categories, it violates or waives a Rule of Golf and is therefore improper.

MGA Results and Standings

As of August 18, 2016

Standings	W	L	T	Points
Rancho Park	13	3	0	26
Griffith Park	12	4	0	24
Sepulveda Mens	7	8	1	15
Hansen Dam	7	9	0	14
Woodley Lakes	7	9	0	14
Sepulveda Srs	1	14	1	3

HANDICAP CHATTER

by Tommaso Trinchieri, Handicap Chairman

Keeping Your Scoring Record Accurate

Having an accurate scoring record is important in connection with the calculation and issuance of a Handicap Index. Sometimes, a little assistance is needed, whether it is understanding why a number has gone up or down, fixing a mistake made while posting or needing to know what to do when you become injured.

Because a Handicap Index is issued by our club, your first point of contact should be the club. Reaching out to us gives you the best chance of resolution, especially if it is in regard to an error in the record itself. Only the club is empowered to make score corrections, change Handicap Index values, etc.

Regarding score corrections, any element that is inaccurate should be corrected. It is easy to touch the wrong button and the difference between an 88 and 98 can be significant in the calculation. Yet errors in choosing or entering the wrong tee or the wrong course can have an impact as well and the correct date is meaningful in keeping scores in the correct order and/or confirming that you posted a score for date x.

Timing of a correction is also important. For example, if on April 5 you notice that a score from March 28 was incorrect and you ask to make the correction, your April 1 Handicap Index does not magically get recalculated. That value was calculated and stored on April 1. This can be important for an upcoming competition. If we change the earlier example and on April 5 you noticed an April 2 score had something inaccurate, because that score has not yet been used in a revision calculation, correcting the score will make it so that the April 15 revision is correct, as that is the first time that the April 2 score will have been considered for a calculation.

If you become injured and this impacts your scoring ability, the club Handicap Committee is again the place to go. It has oversight in these situations.

One last note. If you look at your scoring record and don't see a score that you have posted relatively recently (i.e. since the last revision date) make sure to choose the "Recent Scores" tab. The display defaults to "Revision Scores," which will not include scores posted after the most recent revision date.

We know that there is some complexity in the USGA Handicap System and we do our best to help in understanding the nuances, please never hesitate to reach out to us if you ever need any clarifications.