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## Newsletter for March 15, 2015

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### Presidents Corner By: Michael Berg, Club President



It is my honor to serve as your next President. I have already met and/or had communications with many of our members throughout the years I served as our Club's Handicap Chairman. In the coming months, I hope to meet more of our members.

In my term as Handicap Chairman, I prided myself on being responsive to any member's requests or concerns. I plan on this same course of action in my tenure as President. Should any member have a question on club policy, please feel free to contact me directly either by phone or email. I will do my best to communicate to you in a timely manner.

The TPMGC is one of the premier golf clubs in the United States and the reason it is outstanding is due to the

numerous volunteer hours our Board Members and Club Members put in. Tournaments do not run themselves, and we are very fortunate to have so many unselfish members willing to sacrifice their free time for the benefit of the club. I would ask that you consider volunteering for one of the committees and get involved. With close to 1,250 members, we need additional volunteers to step up and pitch in. You will immediately be rewarded with the satisfaction that you are giving back to the Club and most likely make valuable new friendships. Contact information for the various Committee Chairs is all listed on the website. Write or call the chairman indicating your desire to help out. You won't be disappointed.

The following Directors are serving as Committee Chairs:

Technology: Marshal Dhillon

Membership: Larry Prosi

Handicap: Marc Sorenson

Rules & Conduct: Kevin McLean

Weekday Tournament: Bob Hood

Weekday Away Tournament: Kevin McLean

Weekend Tournament: John Hoffman  
Media: Ken Bien

Volunteer: Bill Riordan

I am also pleased to announce the following Club Officers:

Peter Born will serve as our Vice President, Jerry Jeli remains our Club Treasurer and Brian Dresser has agreed to serve another term as Secretary.

We look forward to serving you, our members, in the coming year and insuring that the TPMGC remains the terrific golf club that it is.

### Special points of interest:

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## HELP WANTED

### ALL MEMBERS – GET INVOLVED!

#### Volunteer Opportunities in the San Diego area:

**Kia Classic (LPGA)** – late March- need volunteers for many different positions including marshals, scorers, standard bearers, and others.

**Celebrity Championship** – May – volunteers for marshals, scoring, and others.

**IMG Junior World** – July, held at many different San Diego area courses which host the various age groups starting at 8 and under to 17, boys and girls. Various positions needed.



**TPMGC 2015**  
**Board of**  
**Directors**

**Michael Berg**  
President

**David Kitchen**  
Vice-President

**Brian Dresser**  
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**Jerry Jeli**  
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- Ken Bie n
- Peter Born
- Brian Cin cotta
- Marshal Dhillon
- Brian Dresser
- John Hoffman
- Bob Hood
- Jerry Jeli
- Jim Kerr
- Kevin McLean
- Larry Prosi
- Bill Riordan,
- Mark Sorenson
- John Standish

**MEMBER HOLE**  
**IN ONE:**

If you make a hole in one the Club pays you \$100, contact [jstandish@tpmgc.org](mailto:jstandish@tpmgc.org) for payment, and send me an email and I'll include it in the next newsletter — [bornsd@san.rr.com](mailto:bornsd@san.rr.com)

**CALENDAR OF**  
**EVENTS**

**WEEKDAY TOURNAMENTS**  
**UPCOMING**

- Mar 19 Endnitas Ranch  
26 TP North
- Apr 2 Twin Oaks  
9 TP North  
16 RB Inn

**WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS**  
**UPCOMING**

- Mar Presidents Cup  
28 TP North  
29 TP South
- Apr 12 TP North

# Know the Rules

## From the Rules and Conduct Committee

Marc Sorenson-Chairman

In playing the South course after the tournament with the rough U.S. Open deep, it was often impossible to identify one's ball without touching it. In addition, the occasional irrigation collection areas were moist enough for a ball to embed. Two rules came into play which are reviewed here.

### Embedded golf ball.

Under Rule 25-2, a player may only take relief from a ball that is embedded in a closely-mown area through the green. A "closely-mown area" is any area that is mowed to fairway height *or less*. "Through the green" is the whole course except the teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played, and all hazards. A ball plugged in the first cut of rough, as happened in my foursome, does not get relief.

### Identifying the ball.

Note: The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. Each player should put an identification mark on his ball.

Rule 12-1 provides that in locating your ball in deep grass, (see the rule for other materials and conditions on the course) you may touch or bend the grass only to the extent necessary to identify it. In doing so, you must not move the ball. If you do move it, you incur a 1 stroke penalty under Rule 18-2. If you move the ball and improve your lie, the area of intended stance or swing, or line of play, it is a 2 stroke penalty, or loss of hole in match play.

Exception: If you cannot identify the ball as yours because your mark is not visible, you may lift the ball to identify it without penalty, but only after (1) informing your fellow competitor of your action and (2) marking the position of the ball with, for example, a tee. Your fellow competitor must be given an opportunity to observe the lifting and replacement. You may clean the ball only to the extent necessary to identify it, and must replace it in its original position. Failure to follow the rule is a 1 stroke penalty. If, after identifying it as your ball, you move the ball and improve your lie, the area of intended stance or swing, or line of play, it is a 2 stroke penalty, or loss of hole in match play.

**Torrey Pines starter will cancel your tee time reservation if you have not paid 20 minutes prior to your tee time!!**

**TPMGC President's Cup will be played March 28 (North) and March 29 (South)---Sign up if you wish to play.**



**THE WEEKEND GROUP  
John Standish**

Weekend Group article:

The 2015 golf season is under way and it's fair to say the winners so far have been the Golf Courses themselves! The courses have been in excellent shape and the rough thick which has made for tough scoring conditions. January featured a new format by using 3 best balls of 4 on the North and our February event, played on the South 1 week after the Farmer's, had 115 players and only 4 broke net par! It gave all of us a renewed appreciation of the skill of the PGA

Tour player and, hopefully, reminded all of us how fortunate we are to play such great golf courses

Up next is our President's Cup and in April we will try a different format with only 3 clubs and a putter to be played on the North. May will bring the SCGA Better Ball Qualifier for the Weekend Group.

For those who like to plan ahead you will want to note that the Club Championship will be played in late August and early September which will bring us better course conditions than playing after aerification in the Fall.

All results and schedules are on the website. John

**THE WEEKEND GROUP  
Bob Hood**

It is a pleasure serving as your new Weekday Tournament Chairman. My goal is to have our tournaments well organized and make our tournaments fun and exciting. You may have noticed we re-scheduled a number of tournaments because of the availability of the North course. Receiving 12 additional dates gives us a full schedule at Torrey for 2015.

I also encourage you to consider away play. We have been successful at securing some great courses throughout San Diego County. They are reasonably priced and usually include green fees, cart, range balls and sometimes lunch. If you haven't yet played an away event, give it a try - we have a lot of fun.

I would like to point out some changes which have been made or are in the process of being made.

First and foremost, the Course is requiring you check in at least 30 minutes before your scheduled tee time. If you have not checked in and paid your green fees, your spot will be given to a player on the public wait list.

This is a policy mandated by the City and your cooperation will be appreciated. In addition, you will be considered a no show by the Club and subject to a no show penalty for the tournament.

Priority system for tee times: A new simplified system is being developed for the Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club. Basically the system will work in this manner.

If you sign up for a tournament and are assigned a tee time,

either from the sign up or the wait list, lower priority for the next Torrey Pines tournament. If you did not get selected and remained on the waitlist, you have a highest priority and are guaranteed a spot in the next Torrey Pines tournament. If you did not play in the tournament, you will receive a higher (not highest) priority. Tee times recently have been assigned using this system and it seems to be working well for the most part.

Cancellations: Over the last few months, we have experienced an extraordinary number of cancellations after tee times have been assigned. Our average has been 35- 40 per tournament at Torrey. This creates a great deal of extra work for the Tournament Committee. In order to reduce these cancellations (beginning with the April 9th tournament), if you are assigned a tee time and cancel before the deadline, you will receive a lower priority, just as though you actually played in the tournament. Please make sure your schedule will allow you to participate when signing up for future tournaments.

Also in near future, we will no longer offer a variety tee times. There will only be two choices before 10:00 am or after 10:00.

It seems the money collection on the course is working very well. Thank you for collecting the tournament fees and having them ready for the money collectors. It is really appreciated.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions regarding weekday play, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Bob Hood



**TORREY PINES SENIOR MATCH  
PLAY TEAM  
by Stephen Shushan**

The Torrey Pines Senior March Play Team kicked off the season on January 12th against Balboa Park. After losing to Balboa Park and then to San Vicente, we came back with 2 wins against Sea N' Air. There are 17 matches left in the season and as they say, plenty of golf to be played. We are hoping this is the year we can make it into the playoffs. There are 30 members on this year team. Each person plays about 4 matches. A match consists of 2 rounds. One at our home course at Riverwalk and the other at the opponent's course.

The match play format is a lot of fun. Even if you have a couple of bad holes (as we all do), you can

still comeback and win the match. We will keep you posted as the season progresses as we try to finish in the top 4 in our division and in the playoffs.

**TORREY PINES MENS CLUB  
HELPS AT THE FARMERS  
INSURANCE OPEN**

To all the Bunker Buddies volunteers from TPMGC, I you're well and recovered from all of your hard work from the recent Farmers Insurance Open. Blake and Wayne, on behalf of the City of San Diego's Golf Division staff, wants to personally thank you and the entire Men's Club volunteer "Bunker Buddies" staff for a tremendous job in helping prepare for the 2015 Farmers Insurance Open.

Our group's dedication and ability

to adapt to change during a difficult weather week made the City's Torrey Pines team even more proud to be associated with such a fine group.

The work performed by the volunteer group was exemplary. The PGA Tour officials were equally appreciative of the Bunker Buddies efforts during the entire week. This is great recognition with all the many bunkers and unusual conditions as we had during the week.

Thanks to all for your hard work and having so many well trained and ambitious volunteers to help on a daily basis. It was a great tournament and a super week.

The city has highest regards to the entire "Bunker Buddies" team. They look forward to seeing us all out on the course. Be sure to say "Hi" to Blake and Wayne when

# Member Profile

## MEMBER PROFILE

MICHAEL BERG

### The Basics

Clubs: TPMGC & Coronado Men's Club

Profession: Criminal Defense Attorney for 34 years

Current Index: 16.8, but lately playing to about a 24!

Played for about: I've been playing golf my whole life. Unfortunately, the length of time does not relate to the quality of my play!

Family: Live in Camel Valley, married, 59 years old, 2 kids (daughters, 21 and 23)

### What you might want to know

Volunteer Work – I have always believed

that one should give back to the community as much as possible. Aside from the hours I put in with TPMGC, I am also the current President of the Board of Directors for the Rancho Coastal Humane Society in Encinitas and the Chairman of the Criminal Law Advisory Committee of Certified Specialists for the State Bar of California.

Role Models: – Okay, it might sound trite, but it would be my parents. I'm fortunate that they are both active and healthy. They got engaged after their 2nd date and have been happily married for 60 years. I grew up in South Dakota and they instilled those good old-fashioned mid-western values in us. We were always taught that a man's reputation is built over a lifetime and can be destroyed in a split second, so that has always been the backbone of how I live my life.

Golf Ball – Honestly, with my game, at this point I don't think it really matters!

Favorite Holes on Torrey Pines – South: #3 – The view is always spectacular and it's early enough in the round that my score hasn't reached the breaking point!

North: # 5--Again, terrific views and I like the way the hole is laid out. Slight dogleg downhill.

Golf Trip – I took my dad on a father-son trip to Ireland, Scotland and England. We played a dream list of courses: St. Andrews, Carnoustie, Royal Lytham St. Annes and The Belfry, among others.

Favorite Quote: "I burned the candle at both ends, then broke it in half and lit all 4!"