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Newsletter for July, 2015

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Presidents Corner By: Michael Berg, Club President



As part of our negotiated Special Use Permit which allows TPMGC to exist, we are required to donate \$10.00 per member from each member's dues to the Torrey Pines golf course. You have most likely noticed the flagsticks that indicated they were donated by the TPMGC and the waste cans attached to the ball washers. We do not choose what to purchase. That decision is made by the course. We simply pay for the items. This year, at the City's request, we have purchased new flagsticks and cleat brushes as part of TPMGC's fee to the golf course. They will be arriving in a few weeks. The majority of the remaining amount will be spent to purchase new recycling trash cans for the clubhouse area. The next time you see one of these items with the "Donated by the TPMGC" sticker on it, you can take pride in the fact that you personally helped pay for the item!

As President of the TPMGC, I am extremely proud to say that your current Board of Directors has been one of the most efficient and effective Boards I have ever been a part of. Each position on the Board

is filled with an individual that is donating a large part of his time and energy to make this Club one of the most modern and well-run clubs in the country. With close to 1,250 members we are the largest public golf club in California and most likely one of the largest in the United States. And we are not stagnant. Our tournaments are run in a smooth professional manner. We send out e-mail blasts to the players before each event indicating tee times, hole assignments and any up-dated course information. With tournaments being run weekly, the time and energy put in to set up and organize each event is staggering. I would venture to say that most of the membership does not realize how much time is actually spent organizing each tournament. Members cancel, requests to play with individuals can change, yet your Board Members continue to see that each event is operated on time and with as few glitches as possible. Results are posted in a timely manner. Gift certificates are quickly redeemable at numerous golf shops around the county. Communication with our membership has never been better. Our website is informative and extremely user friendly. We are in sound financial shape. I am extremely fortunate to be surrounded by quality and unselfish Board members who give freely of their time.

If you have ever given any thought to giving back to our club and serving on the Board, now is

the time to start thinking about it. Elections will be in November and there most likely will be at least 3 open positions on the Board, if not more. The Board does not endorse any particular candidate(s) nor does the Board move to have a "slate" elected. One does not run for any particular position on the Board, but simply as a Director. The actual positions are then handed out by the President in January. If you have any questions at all about becoming a new Board Member, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With that being said, many of our members were recently contacted by an anonymous group calling themselves the TPMGC Petition 2014 Group. The email was not sent by nor sanctioned by the Board. The group is seeking to institute term limits for Board Members. Without debating the pros and cons of their petition here, I have put their original petition, the Past President's Council report on said petition and the group's response to the Past President's report on our website under the column "forum

As always, should any member ever have any question, he or she may feel free to contact me directly or appear in person at any regularly scheduled Board meeting to address the Board. I personally respond to all questions or comments sent to me.

Special points of interest:

Presidents Corner, Message from the Pres.

Know the Rules! Rules and Conduct Kevin McLean

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TP North Update



Have a question? Email it to forum@tpmgc.org

Please note, the Board of Directors reserves the right not to publish submissions to the Forum or to modify or delete language from said submissions.

HELP WANTED

ALL MEMBERS – GET INVOLVED!

Volunteer Opportunities in the San Diego area:

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.



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MEMBER HOLE
IN ONE:

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

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

WEEKDAY TOURNAMENTS
UPCOMING

- July 9 TP North
- July 16 Salt Creek
- July 23 TP North
- July 30 Riverwalk
- Aug 6 Encinitas Ranch
- Aug 13 TP North SCGA Senior
- Aug 20 TPSouth SCGA Senior
- Aug 25 Balboa

WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS
UPCOMING

- July 12 Balboa
 - July 26 TP North
 - Aug 29-Sept 12 Club Champ
- See Web for Champ dates

Know the Rules

2015 Proposed USGA Rule Changes for Senior Golfers

Rule 1.a.5: A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior player should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (B): A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed NOT to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree, and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3(G): There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course, and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone, thereby making it a stolen ball. The senior player is not to compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(H): If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The Law of Gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5.: Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a mockery of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(K): There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior player deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.G.15(Z): There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior players should not be penalized for any shortcomings of the manufacturers.

Rule 8.k.9(S): Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior players, one stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment.

Please advise your senior friends of these important rule changes and keep multiple copies in your golf bag. Those not following the rules need to be provided a copy. Golf is a game of integrity!



**THE WEEKEND GROUP
John Hoffman**

The Weekend group held it's SCGA Better Ball Qualifier in May with the Father and Son team of Roy and Steve Burchill earning the qualifying spot. Congratulations to the Burchills!! The scores were low to due to the excellent course conditions and beautiful weather we experienced that weekend.

In June we had a straightforward add up the scores and subtract the handicap event with veteran Don Garzewski showing our young, long hitters how to navigate the South Course as he shot 74 to win low gross medalist honors. Dana Dutcher from the White tees and Terrance Mason from the Gold tees were the net winners.

Coming up is our Club Championship which includes 4 flights. The overall Club Champion is determined via the scratch flight and the 3 net winners will be eligible to playoff to represent TPMGC in the SCGA Net Championship. The event is a mail in and the entry form will soon be on-line. Members must have been on the roster as of Jan. 15 to be eligible and if the event is oversubscribed those members who participated the most in our events will have priority.

John Hoffman

TORREY PINES SENIOR MATCH PLAY TEAM

by Stephen Shushan
The season is almost half over and we are hovering around the .500 mark . After a slow start in which we were defeated in our first 4 matches, we have played some consistent golf. Several of the teams in our division got off to quick starts, so it is going to take a good effort to catch them and make the playoffs. Our upcoming matches include Sycuan, Encinitas Ranch, Steele Canyon, and Morgan Run. Some nice golf courses we will get to play on. Hopefully by the next newsletter I can report that we are in the playoffs or it will be wait till next year.

Congratulations to SCGA Qualifiers!

SCGA Mid Amateur:

Tim Tiel
Greg Jacobs
Ben Page

SCGA Senior:

John Hoffman

SCGA Amateur:

John Rudolph,
Chris Tuulik

Important Announcement,

There has been a slight change. The upstairs lounge is no longer available for our use. Scorecards will now be available in the new downstairs City Golf Room, located in the Cart Barn. Please pick up your scorecards there, and return them with your teams \$40 tournament fee upon completion of the tournament.
Bob Hood

North Course update

Yes, our engineering dept. did give an update. There is a new Bid package out to vendors. The plan is for work to begin immediately after the 2016 Farmers. Grading is forecast to be completed in February and the final completion of the project is slated for August 2016. Stay tuned for future updates to the project.

**2 Senior Championships
SIGN UP**

TPMGC will conduct 2 Senior Championships in the upcoming months, one during the Weekdays and the other on the Weekend . A member may participate in one or the other but not both and must be over 55 to be eligible to compete.

The Weekday event starts on Aug. 13 and will have a second round the following week on the 20th . The event will have 4 net flight winners who will then playoff to determine the overall Net champion. In addition to the title the member will also be eligible to represent TPMGC in the SCGA Net

Tournament of Champions in December.

The Weekend event will be held the first weekend in October and the gross score winner will be crowned Senior Club Champion and eligible to compete in the SCGA Sr Tournament of Champions. The Weekend event will also have a net champion who will then join a playoff of the 3 net winners from the Club Championship to determine a second representative for TPMGC in SCGA Net Tournament of Champions.

If a member wishes to have a chance to be win the title of Sr. Club Cham-

pion he must participate in the Weekend event. The Weekday event will definitely send a player to the SCGA Net Championship while the Weekend Sr. Net winner must go through a playoff with Club Championship winners in order to be eligible.

For the under 55 Weekend players there will be an event on Oct. 3 only , while the Weekday event will only allow under 55 members if there is room.

**Contact Bob Hood (Weekday)
or John Hoffman (Weekend)
for more info.**

Member Profile



MEMBER PROFILE

Stephen Shushan

The Basics

The Beginning: Born on April 15, 1949, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Profession: In 11th year of retirement. Previously worked for 30 years for the City of San Diego which included 18 years (1985-2003) as the Assistant Manager for Qualcomm Stadium and my final year in 2004 as the Ballpark Administrator for the opening of PETCO Park.

Current Activities: Event Manager for December Nights Event in Balboa Park; Holiday Bowl Committee on the board of 2 non-profit organiza-

tions; active in the Mission Hills Community and captain of the Torrey Pines Senior Match Play Team.

Family: Married with 1 daughter.

Growing up in Brooklyn, golf was a sport I basically knew nothing about. I heard of Arnold Palmer, but that was about it. My golf career took shape when I moved to California in the early 70's. I started my golf career playing on the Balboa 9 Hole Course with a group of friends and a six pack. It wasn't pretty, but I had fun. Still like that now.

I originally joined the Torrey Pines Men's Club in the mid 70's. Back in those days, in order to signup for tournaments you had to come down to the lounge and put your name on a list. You got into the tournament based on where you were on the list. Fortunately, I had a friend who knew exactly when it came out and would sign us up. Today's method is so much better.

I was one of the crazy guys that was a member of the Dawn Patrol . Driving into the parking lot at 4am, keeping your car headlights on until the next guy showed up was how the wait list was created. This was the only way to play at Torrey on weekends. There is nothing like the early mornings at Torrey. If you wake up early some weekend, go down to Torrey and check it out.

In the 80's I took about a hiatus from golf to focus on raising my daughter and career. When I

started my retirement in 2005, golf became one of my priorities and I rejoined the men's club. Unfortunately, golf is not like riding a bike, I had to relearn all of my bad habits.

I really enjoy playing in the weekly tournaments. The competition and meeting new people is fun . As members, I think a lot of us don't realize and appreciate the hard work that is involved in putting the tournaments together. We are quick to criticize when something is not right. Instead, we should volunteer to help out with the them.

In addition to playing in the monthly tournaments, I captain the Torrey Pines Senior Match Play Team. We play 20 other clubs in the county in a match play format. It's fun and you get to play different courses. I've been on several buddy trips and have gone to Bandon Dunes, Tucson, Reno, Napa, Temecula, and Rams Hill. There is nothing like sharing a room with a friend who snores all night so you can't sleep, and then go out and play 36 holes the next day. It's something everyone should experience.

Golf is an underrated sport that doesn't get the credit it deserves. It is a physical, mental, emotional, and social game that helps keep you young. My heroes are guys in their 80's who get out there every week. My goal is to continue playing in my 80's and 90's. That is the only chance I will ever have to shoot my age or get within 10 strokes of shooting it.