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## Newsletter for October, 2015

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



Members of TPMGC:  
 I am happy to report that the term limit issue which has been hanging over our club for some time now appears close to resolution. Representatives of the Board met with representatives of the Petition Group 2014 and hammered out a joint term limits proposal. In doing so, the Petition Group 2014 has withdrawn their previous proposal. The joint proposal will be distributed along with the ballots for Board election in the next few weeks. You will have the opportunity to vote either for or against term limits for our club. If the majority of the voters do not want term limits, they will not be instituted. If the majority of the voters are in favor of term limits, the term limits that will be imposed will be the proposed term limits on the ballot. Regardless of whether the majority of our members are either for or against term limits, I wish to thank everyone involved for their participation in putting together this proposal so that we

can reach a final resolution.

Although speed of play is usually a touchy subject, I am happy to report that it has improved dramatically within our tournaments. The City Administration has been carefully monitoring our speed of play and we have made significant strides in this regard. Kudos go to Bob Hood and Kevin McLean, among others, as they have worked hard in putting together a marshalling program. No one likes being told they are behind and to catch up. But the fact of the matter is, if the City Administration believes we are playing too slow, they will begin to take away our tee times. Thus, the perceived indignity of being told to catch up to the group in front of you is definitely less significant than the actual loss of tee times to our club. And remember, the marshals we have are club members too, so please do not give them a hard time if they ask you to catch up.

Finally, elections for new Board members will be held in November. There will be 8 seats up for election. If you have any desire to serve on the board, you must e-mail me with said request **no later than October 9th**. You cannot nominate someone else to run by e-mail, however, at the Membership Meeting in November we do entertain nominations from the floor.

Should you be interested in running for a seat on the Board, you must have the following basic qualifications:

1. Be a member in good-standing;
2. Have been a member of the club for a minimum of one year.

We have one (1) Board meeting a month and we are responsible for putting on over 60 tournaments a year. Next year will be extremely taxing on the membership as it appears we will be losing our playing privileges on the North Course due to renovation.

As to expected commitments, you should be willing to devote approximately 3 to 5 hours each week to the club. Each Board member **must be willing to work on and/or at the tournaments**. A member does not run for a particular Board position, such as Treasurer or Handicap Chairman. The Board positions are filled by the President at the beginning of each year.

Should you have any questions about running for election, the process or what the responsibilities of the Board members are, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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## HELP WANTED

### ALL MEMBERS – GET INVOLVED! Volunteer Opportunities in the San Diego area:

Torrey Pines has requested the club improve pace of play and use marshals to aid in this. In response, the Board has formed a new position, Pace of Play Chair. We need 2 marshals for each TP tournament, one for early play, and one for late. Each marshal will be assured a tee time in Torrey Pines tournaments, an early tee time for the later play marshal, and a late tee time for the early play marshal. This is a great way to support the club in this important matter, ensure you will have a tee time, and make tournaments at Torrey more efficient and enjoyable for all. Please email me at [kmclean@tpmgc.org](mailto:kmclean@tpmgc.org) if you would like to serve as a marshal, and indicate if you would prefer early or late. We will hold a training session on how to marshal, and share thoughts on how to make it work well for both marshals and players. Thanks. Kevin McLean Chair, Pace of Play Committee TPMGC

[Upcoming Farmers PGA at Torrey Pines. Sign-up now info on page 4.](#)

### Special points of interest:

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Know the Rules! Rules and Conduct  
 Kevin McLean

Calendar of Events.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Weekend News

Weekday News

Membership News

TP North Update

2015 General Meeting

Nov. 16th 5:00 PM

Nov. 16th  
 Riverwalk GC Mission Valley



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

**Michael Berg**  
**President**

**Peter L. Born**  
**Vice-President**

**Brian Dresser**  
**Secretary**

**Jerry Jeli**  
**Treasurer**

**Board Members**

- Michael Berg
- Ken Bien
- Peter Born
- Brian Cincotta
- 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**

- Oct. 7 Balboa
- Oct. 15 TP North
- Oct. 22 Riverwalk
- Oct. 26 Shadowridge CC
- Nov. 2 Rancho Bernardo
- Nov. 12 TP North (Turkey)
- Nov. 19 TP North
- Nov. 25 Salt Creek

**WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS**  
**UPCOMING**

- Oct. 31 TP North
- Nov. 22 TP North (Turkey)
- Dec. 20 TP South

## Know the Rules

From HCP Chair.

All members of TPMGC are reminded that all play at either Torrey Pines golf course, that is a postable score, should be posted as a Home (H) round. If posting on line make sure to select H from the Type menu. Also if you have an incorrect score in GHIN the score can be removed or corrected by contacting the Handicap Chair via e-mail and providing the information needed for the correction, please include your GHIN Number. If the incorrect score is being used to calculate your current index the correction will not take effect until the next handicap revision, unless separate Manual handicap calculation and correction is done by the Handicap Chair. Manual Handicap corrections will NOT be done unless specifically asked for with a justification.

Marc Sorensen  
Handicap Chair

### **NO RIDING CARTS ALLOWED ON OCT. 15 NORTH COURSE**

Members, Due to a watering schedule for the recently seeded Rye Grass no Riding Carts including Disabled will be allowed on the course for the October 15 tournament. Only walkers with or without push carts will be allowed to participate. If you have signed up please cancel if you cannot play. You may cancel by reentering those players who are signed up and it will ask you if you want to cancel. It will not cancel any players who are not re-entered on the signup sheet. Once tee times are assigned you will still have an opportunity to cancel through the cancellation tab on the tournament page for 10-1. If you are not able to play we invite you to sign up for the Fall Frolic at Riverwalk on 10/22 and or Shadowridge C.C. on Monday 10/26. Carts and unlimited range balls are included with your green fees for both of these courses.

### **Fall Frolic Riverwalk 10/22 Shotgun**

Members Don't miss the Fall Frolic at Riverwalk on 10/22. Shotgun start, best two balls of foursome. \$67 includes, green fees, cart, unlimited range balls, lunch and door prize ticket. We have some great prizes including rounds of golf, and gift certificates from the Riverwalk pro shop. Signups available until 10/11.

## Tournament Changes

The Torrey Pines Men's Golf club is restructuring our SCGA Championship play to better recognize those individuals who excel in our Club and Senior Championships.

SCGA conducts tournaments each year for its member clubs:

SCGA Tournament of Club Champions for Club Champions with index 2.4 or lower

SCGA Tournament of Senior Club Champions with index of 5.4 or lower

SCGA Tournament of Club Champions – NET for players whose index is higher than 2.4 or 5.4 from above.

As our club selects it's Club Champion and Senior Club Champion from players with indexes below 2.4 (Club Champion) and (5.4 Senior Club Champion) the SCGA has allowed us to send two individuals to the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions – NET.

It the past we have conducted 2 Low Net Qualifier tournaments which were a single round of Individual Net play (Weekend and Thursday) and the low net from each was sponsored to the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions – NET

This year the selection method will be changed to be more reflective of our Actual Club Championships.

For the Weekend selection we will have a single round of Net play with the invited players to compete being the 3 low net flight winners from the Club Championship and the Low Net winner from the Weekend Senior Championship tournament (which is 2 round tournament)

For the Thursday selection the Low Net player from the Thurs Senior Championship (which is 2 round tournament).

The board feels that this will more accurately represent our Club Champions for the SCGA Tournament of Club Championships, as well as recognize those players who performed in a major multi-round tournament format.



**Weekend Report**

John Hoffman  
Brett Makely is our 2015 Club Champion. Brett is a long time member who has come close in the past and was able to get it done this year by beating defending champion Greg Jacobs in the finals. The net flight winners were TJ Valenzuela, Heidy Munn and Dale Frank. Brett will represent TPMGC in the SCGA Tournament of Champions (TOC) while the 3 net flight winners will join the net winner from Sr Club Championship in a playoff to determine the Net TOC representative.

In July we had our annual event at Balboa and Torrey North utilizing Red, White and Blue Tees. The Torrey event had Jesse Coull and Carlee Gilchrist, Michael Zucchet and Michael Coleman, and Ross Denmer and Charles Salmon winning their net flights. Eric Bersano and Jeff Webb won their respective net flights at Balboa while John Hoffman beat the youngsters for low gross. Up next is Sr Club Championship ( 55 and above as determined by the USGA and SCGA) which will determine who is crowned Sr Club Champion for 2015 and also who will join in the above mentioned playoff for the Net TOC.

**Club Championships**

Congratulations to Brett Makely as he will represent Torrey Pines in the SCGA Tournament of Champions. Flight winners TJ Valenzuela, Heidy Munn and Dale Frank will join the net winner from the Weekend Senior Championship to determine you will represent TP in the Net Tournament of Champions. Also to be determined is the Sr Club Champion during the event in the end of October. Congratulations also to Steve Pindiak for a hole in one in his finals match against Dale Frank!

**Membership Report**

ALL MEMBERS, THE 2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PERIOD WILL OPEN ON OCTOBER 15TH AND CLOSE ON DECEMBER 31ST. TO RENEW, GO TO THE TPMGC.ORG WEBSITE/ MEMBERSHIP AND MAKE YOUR PAYMENT VIA PAYPAL. RENEWAL DUES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- REGULAR RENEWAL = \$75
- NEW MEMBERSHIP = \$100
- HONORARY MEMBERSHIP = \$30
- JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP = \$15

NOTE: AFTER DECEMBER 31ST, LATE RENEWALS WILL BE \$100.

THIS YEAR YOUR PAID RENEWAL WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL YOUR PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION IS UPDATED AND COMPLETE (INCLUDING PHONE # AND DOB) ON YOUR E GOLFER PROFILE.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LARRY PROSI, MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN AT LPROSI@SAN.RR.COM.

**BAG-TAG REPORT**

The TPMGC website for **New and Renewal Memberships for 2016 will open on October 15, 2015.** There are still over 100 Bag Tags ***“waiting to be delivered”*** to rightful owner - please contact Larry Prosi!

**Phil Mickelson Out at Torrey Pines.**

The commission’s pending ruling states that “any person or company that worked on preliminary designs may not participate in the design and/or construction resulting from this Request for Proposal and its ensuing contract.”

“I’m deeply disappointed with this entire process,” Mickelson said in a news release. “We did a lot of good work on this project, we had overwhelming support from the residents of San Diego and now we’re disqualified from bidding on it.

“My vision was to make Torrey Pines North more environmentally sustainable, more enjoyable for amateurs of all abilities, more challenging for PGA Tour players and we were planning to do it for less than \$6 million. The City and Golf Division’s \$12.6 million budget is far higher than we expected or intended.

“It really is unfortunate. San Diegans and visitors deserve a better North Course but they don’t need or want one that costs as much as this one will.”



### Play Faster, Play Better!

Playing golf at a reasonable pace so as not to hold up other players on the course is not only good manners, it is part of the rules of golf (Rule 6-7) and every members agreement when he or she joins TPMGC. Even professionals have been penalized for playing too slowly. The Club is under particular pressure from the City. Our slow play prevents members of the public from starting play on time. Besides, studies have shown (I'm sure) that taking too much time with putts or over shots only increases indecision and leads to higher scores. Playing "faster" and more efficiently can be done. Here are some tips that will help you play better and make play better for everyone:

**Play at Good Pace and Keep Up.** Players should play at a good pace. Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Arrive at your next shot just before the group in front leaves the area in front of you. If you are consistently not able to keep up and a gap opens in front of you, invite the group behind you to play through.

**Be Ready to Play.** Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. When playing on or near the putting green, they should leave their bags or carts in such a position as will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed, players should immediately leave the putting green.

Minimize your time on the tee. On the tee it is usually acceptable for players to "hit when ready." You can also save time by playing a provisional ball (Rule 27-2) if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds.

Plan your shot before you get to your ball. Once you are off the tee, think ahead. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play. Very often, you can do this while others are playing, without disruption. If you take your glove off between shots, have it back on before it is your turn to play. Even a small step like this saves time.

Keep your pre-shot routine short. Pick your line of play once and trust yourself. Try to take no more than one practice swing, then set up to the ball and play your shot. Most importantly, be ready to hit when it is your turn. Be efficient after your shot too. Start moving toward your next shot promptly. Aim to play in 20 seconds. From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play. Help keep play moving at a brisk pace.

Develop an eye for distance. You don't have to step off yardage for every shot. If you need to determine precise distance, try to find a yardage marker before you reach your ball, then step off the yardage on the way to your ball. Or, consider investing in an electronic range-finder or global positioning system for golf and use it when permitted by Local Rule. If others you are playing with are not familiar with the course, the Rules permit players to exchange yardage information without penalty.

When sharing a cart, use a buddy system. Don't wait in the cart while your cart mate hits and then drive to your ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Be ready to play when it is your turn and then let your cart mate pick you up. Or, drive to your ball after you drop your cart mate off and then pick him or her up after you hit.

Be helpful to others in your group. Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Once in the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.

**Be efficient on the putting green**  
Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. You can usually line up your putt while others are putting, without disturbing them. Leave your clubs on the side of the putting green closest to the next tee, and leave the green promptly after holing out. Wait until the next tee to record your score.

Play out of turn if reasonable and you are ready. Although Rule 10 provides that the ball farther from the hole is played first, there is no penalty for playing out of turn (unless you agree to play out of turn to give a player an advantage, then you are disqualified.) If others are looking for a ball, or needing more time to play their shot and you are ready, let them know you're going to play first.

### Volunteer with fellow TPMGC members for the 2016 Farmers Insurance Open in January, 2016

The TPMGC is once again proud to partner with the City and the Grounds Crew at the 2016 Farmers event with Bunker Buddies! Tournament events are from January 25-31, 2016.

Sign up is very easy:

Members can you their prize fund to pay for the volunteer fee

To check your fund balance: <http://www.tpmgc.org/checkPrizeFund/>

To request a prize fund certificate, please send an email to [prizefund@tpmgc.org](mailto:prizefund@tpmgc.org) and be sure to include your Full Name, GHIN #, The Century Club, and Amount.

Register on line:

[Click here to register in the Farmers Insurance Open Bunker Buddies Committee](https://events.cuetoems.com/farmers_2016/Click%20here%20to%20register%20in%20the%20Farmers%20Insurance%20Open%20Bunker%20Buddies%20Committee) [https://events.cuetoems.com/farmers\\_2016/Registrar.aspx?code=fio16bunker](https://events.cuetoems.com/farmers_2016/Registrar.aspx?code=fio16bunker)

Register.aspx?code=fio16bunker

If you will be using your **prize account** to pay your volunteer fees, please select "Pay by Check Option"

If you have any questions, please contact Bill Riordan at [briordan@tpmgc.org](mailto:briordan@tpmgc.org)

As a bunker buddy, you will be responsible for preparing the bunkers out on course in the morning prior to play every day of the tournament. You will be assigned in teams to work on specific holes on the North and South Course. Bunker Buddy work is completed near the time the first players begin play, so we will be starting early each morning and finishing at approximately 8:30 am.

Bunker buddy volunteers are expected to:

Work at least three (3) of the days, Monday through Sunday.

Be willing to work early morning hours to ensure the traps are in pristine condition prior to play each day.

Understand the proper protocol for maintaining the traps out on course. A mandatory requalification or training session will take place prior to the tournament to discuss the duties involved with the job.

Members who donate their time and effort will receive the **2016 Official Volunteer Package that includes (Over \$350 value):**

Official Tournament Apparel – Adidas Polo Shirt, choice of Ball Cap or Visor and a Clique Jacket

Commemorative Special Edition Lapel Pin

Volunteer Badge

Guest Badge (Valid Wednesday-Sunday)

Volunteer Parking Pass

Invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Party (volunteers only)

Complimentary food vouchers on the days you work

This standard volunteer package costs **\$80** PLUS volunteers will receive priority placement in the TPMGC events following the tournament, which are always oversubscribed.

**Register EARLY to SAVE!**

\$70 until November 1<sup>st</sup>, \$80 after November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Volunteer registration closes December 31, 2015.**