

BIO – RICHARD DAVALOS

TPMGC 2016 SENIOR CHAMPION

PERSONAL: Born and raised in National City and graduated from Sweetwater High School. Grew up competing in swimming and water polo. Following high school, attended Southwestern College and was also hired by the City of San Diego, Lifeguard Service. Continued working local beaches for fourteen years. While at SWC, was recruited by Whittier College to play water polo and graduated in 1976. Attended S.D.S.U. for a teaching credential and taught physical education in the San Diego Unified School District for thirty-two years. While attending SWC, took my first golf class and it stuck! However, didn't really pursue golf until ten years ago. And took my first golf lesson one year ago with Mr. Griggs at Stadium Golf.

My most exciting golf moment was when I made a hole in one on #17 at Balboa during a TPMGC tournament.

FAVORITE HOLE: #3 at Torrey Pines south because of the spectacular view from the tee box overlooking the ocean and the city.

MISC: My thanks to Storm Wery for encouraging me to play on the TPMGC. The golfers are very talented and friendly. I'm looking forward to the completed renovation of Torrey Pines north and the new challenges to come!

BIO – MIKE MEHRAN

TPMGC 2016 SCGA CHAMPION

PERSONAL: 38 years old. Born and raised in San Diego. Graduate of UC San Diego and Torrey Pines High School. Grew up competing in San Diego Junior Golf Association. Working now as a financial analyst. First job was range ball picker in high school to give me a place to play growing up. Lifelong suffering Chargers and Padres fan.

TORREY PINES G C : Even though I went to Torrey Pines High School we never played the course once. My first time on the South was Junior World when i was 16. It was before the Rees Jones renovation but the course was still a beast. It had a lot more trees and a lot fewer bunkers back then but I like the course best in its present

state. When you stand on #1 tee and see the layout you know you're on a US Open caliber course.

FAVORITE HOLE: 17 South. I love the risk reward tee shot with canyon left and bunkers right. The green can be the trickiest on the course if you are in the wrong spot. It gets overlooked but I think it's a great hole.

FAVORITE COURSE: I love Torrey but I have to give the nod to Pebble Beach. Every golfer needs to walk 18 holes there at least once in their life. You can feel the history of the place on every hole. It's gotta be one of the best walks in the world.

MENS CLUB: It amazes me how friendly and talented a membership the club has. I've made dozens of friends and the competition is very good. We had 4 members qualify for SCGA Mid Am this year which was tied with the Farms for most in the event. Not bad for a bunch of public golfers!

MISC: Most people laugh when i tell them I play half my golf at Mission Bay. The course is a gem and the greens are fast and tricky. Its helped my game and I would recommend fellow members give it a shot. It would be a shame for junior golf and San Diego golf to lose this course as part of the De Anza redevelopment. I hope we can convince the City to save it.

Basic Rules of Golf Tee to Green

By: Kevin McLean, Rules and Conduct Committee Chairman

Golf is the only sport in which players call penalties on themselves. In participating in the great game, we all agree to this basic sportsmanship of golf. Sometimes the result can be harsh. Dustin Johnson lost a chance to win a major because of a rules violation. Recently, a player in a TPMGC tournament was disqualified because of a rules violation. Both accepted the result with dignity. The best way to avoid disappointment (or disaster) in a tournament is to be familiar the basic rules of golf. If you see a player committing a rule violation, tell them of your concern immediately so they can correct it, or if circumstances don't permit this, inform the tournament chairman as soon as possible, but no later than the following day. Thanks!

Teeing ground: Tee your ball behind the correct markers for the tournament no more than 2 club lengths. Mark your ball in a distinctive way so you can identify it, and notify other players if you change balls. If you think your ball is out of bounds or lost, play a provisional ball.

Teeing Ground to Green: Play the ball as it lies. Don't nudge it, or poke at it to identify it.

If you must move it to identify it, tell your playing partners so they can observe, then mark the position with a tee, lift it only enough to identify it, then place it back in the same position you found it.

Don't move, bend, or break anything growing or fixed, except in fairly taking your stance.

You can lift natural objects not fixed or growing, except in a water hazard or bunker.

You can move man-made objects, such as yardage poles. You may not move an out of bounds marker.

You can only search for a lost ball for 5 minutes. Don't let lost balls delay play.

The Green.

You cannot take relief from a sprinkler head around the green. You cannot repair a ball mark off the putting green if it is in your line of play. Repair it after you make your stroke. You should repair any ball marks on the green.

In the absence of a local Rule to the contrary (which we do not have in TPMGC events), you cannot take relief if the sprinkler head is in the line of play of your putt. A sprinkler head is an immovable obstruction, however, from which you may take relief if it interferes with your stance or intended swing (including if the ball is on top of it). (Rule 24-2) A USGA video nicely explains it, and how to take relief.

<http://www.usga.org/videos/2015/12/23/rules-of-golf-explained--immovable-obstructions-4673735620001.html>

In future rules discussions, I will include links to USGA videos which are short and very informative.

Weekend Report

By John Hoffman, Weekend Tournament Chairperson

There are many advantages to coming to our General Meetings. Food, prizes, getting updates from our Club Directors plus you never know who you might meet. Case in point, at our May Meeting Matt Pavich met Dave Henderson, suggested they should play golf together some time, and 2 weeks later won the Weekend Qualifier to represent TPMGC in the SCGA Better Ball Qualifier. Congratulations to both of you!

We have had 2 events recently at Balboa and the winner has been the golf course! Balboa is in as good as shape as any course in town, if you haven't done so you should check it out.

In our efforts to enhance our events we have recently asked a member from each group to email their scorecard after their round to the committee members. This allows us to report scores very quickly as, our goal is to have complete results posted on the same day of the competition. Thanks for your efforts in helping us achieve this.

Our Club Championship is coming up in October which will be a 2 day medal play event. Applications will be out soon.

Senior Match Play Team Update

By Steve Shushan, Team Captain

At the time of this writing, our record is 9 wins 13 losses. It has been an up and down season where we have had a 2-3 match losing streak, then a couple of wins, then a losing streak, then some wins, etc. Right now we are winning our home matches at Riverwalk and then losing the away matches. We are only 7 points away from 3 teams above us who are currently in the playoffs if the season ended today.

With 16 matches remaining in the season, if we have a good winning streak (you get 2 points for every win) we could be one of the 4 top teams in our division and make the playoffs. As we all know, in golf there is always hope!

Posting Scores/Handicap Manipulation

Your tournament and handicap chairs want to remind all members of the requirement for posting accurately, any and all scores, home or away. Please be familiar with the 2016-2017 USGA Handicap System, Section 8-4 Penalty Scores, Handicap Index Adjustment and Withdrawal. This document spells out to members what steps would be taken if they do not follow the USGA Handicap System. Any player who is believed to be manipulating their Handicap Index will first be spoken to and warned; second incident - issued a penalty round; and finally if incident continues, then a modification will take place making sure the steps outlined in 8-4.c (highlighted in purple) are taken. If that doesn't correct the problem, then the Handicap Index should be withdrawn.

PRIZE FUND REPORT

By Rob Mills

At the last General Meeting, we discussed allowing members with high prize fund balances (\$500 or more) the option to obtain either an Amazon gift card or a pre-paid Visa card. We are still working out the details but we hope to implement these new options before the end of the year. In the meantime, please enjoy the opportunity to redeem your prize fund money at any of our affiliated golf retail stores. The Torrey Pines Golf Shop, The Golf Marts, Stadium Golf Center, and Fairway Golf have all been very popular places to redeem prize certificates.

WEEKDAY REPORT

By Bob Hood

The Senior Men's Net Championship was played at Balboa Municipal Course on Wednesday June 15th, and June 25th at Torrey Pines South. We had a full field for both tournaments.

Congratulations to our Senior Net Champion Richard Davalos (135), Richard will represent our club at the SCGA Senior Net Tournament of Club Champions later this year. Congratulations also to Robert Hartunian Low Gross 156, and our Flight Winners Paul Munn (140) Flight 1, Heidy Munn (137) Flight 2, Richard Davalos

(135) Flight 3 and Glenn Rossman (138) Flight 4. A special thanks to Board Member Marc Sorenson who put together the Combined Results for posting on our website it was not an easy task.

Weekday tournaments coming up in August are - Eastlake CC on 8/4, Twin Oaks on 8/11, Torrey Pines South on 8/18. We will have a special opportunity to play another private Course on Monday 8/22 at Vista Valley. Please plan to join for any of these tournaments.

A reminder to save the date of October 27th for our Annual Fall Frolic at Riverwalk Golf Course. Cost will be \$67 which includes green fees, cart, driving range, buffet and raffle prize ticket for some great prizes. Format will be best 2 balls of four.

We look forward to seeing you all out on the course!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY MICHAEL BERG

Thank you to all the members who attended our General Membership Meeting on May 17th. It was a terrific meeting, highlighted by free chipping and putting lessons by the Pros at Torrey Pines and free club testing from Taylor Made, Titleist, Calloway, Cleveland, Ping, Nike and High Heat. Plus, there was a putting contest along with plenty of pizza, beer and soft drinks. Updates about the state of our club, progress on the North Course renovation and input from the members made for an entertaining meeting, topped off by the ever popular raffle. Thank you to all the Board Members who assisted in putting this meeting together, along with the member volunteers. And a special thank you to Peter Born who did the yeoman's job of making the arrangements for the meeting along with obtaining all the raffle prizes!

Our next General Meeting is currently scheduled for November 15th. It's likely we will be returning to Riverwalk Golf Course where it was held last year. Be sure to check our website and e-blasts for updates on that meeting. If you have never attended one of our General Meetings, this would be a great time to start. The meetings offer an opportunity to meet other members, eat, drink and get the latest updates on our club. Plus, November is when we hold our elections and a number of board positions will be up for election. Remember, one does not run for a particular position on the board. The positions are appointed by the president in January. One simply runs for an open board position. It appears there will be approximately 8 positions up for election. Specific details about the election will be

forthcoming in the following months. However, the only requirement for eligibility is being a member of the TPMGC for at least one year prior to being elected. Should you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me.

The North Course is on track with the current renovations with the course opening expected later this year. If you have not been out to Torrey Pines recently, you will be surprised by the amount of earth being moved on the course. As you most likely know by now, the "nines" are being reversed, with number 1 being the new number 10, and number 10 being the new number 1. The reasoning behind this according to Tom Weiskopf, the pro in charge of the change, is to provide the spectacular ocean views on the closing holes. Also, current number 8 will now be a par 5 and current number 9 will now be a par 4. The staff at Torrey Pines is extremely excited about the changes and the course looks like the wait will be worthwhile.

If you've played a tournament with us recently, you're aware that we are now using time clocks to monitor Pace of Play. The clocks provide us with accurate information in determining patterns of individuals and/or groups that are routinely finishing well behind the groups in front of them. Having gathered information over the past few months, the Board will be meeting to determine what, if any, penalties or procedures will be implemented to prevent notorious slow players. At this point, no decisions have been made, but we are considering penalties, reduced playing privileges and/or reduced tee time priority. We are not looking to penalize an individual or group that has a onetime showing of slow play. Rather, we are looking to improve the Pace of Play for the entire membership and if there is an individual or group that routinely slows down the other players, we are looking to reverse that. With all the emails, newsletters and website information that we have provided, there is no excuse for slow play. A 4 1/2 hour round of golf is easily attainable, enjoyable and a goal that we will achieve for our membership.

Finally, as always, should you have any questions about the TPMGC, please feel free to contact me at any time.