



Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club

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## *Newsletter for Summer 2018*



### **President Report**

**President's Corner  
by Roy Burchill, Club President**



The next three years at Torrey Pines GC will be very interesting. Next year, after the completion of the Farmers Insurance Open, major construction is scheduled on South and is estimated to take 6 months to complete. New irrigation will be installed throughout allowing the superintendent to water specific sections of the course. This will help reduce water usage and improve overall course conditions. Also, every bunker will be refurbished. While this is being done, two holes at a time will be closed while holes 6 and 13 will be split into two holes each so that it remains an 18-hole course.

2020 should be a fabulous year of golf with the South construction behind us and little planned for the North Course. 2021 will look a lot like 2008. We will lose access to South for several weeks leading up to the U.S. Open and we'll lose access to North for many months before and after the Open while it is transformed into corporate tents, a driving range, and parking and then restored to being a golf course. Obviously, that will impact tournament scheduling but that's the tradeoff for having a U.S. Open course as our home course.

You might be tired of hearing about Pace of Play but it is extremely important. Slow play by as few as one foursome can impact all 1200 club members. The City appreciates our efforts towards pace of play, but if we don't consistently keep up a good pace, it could impact the scheduling of our tournaments. Just remember this simple point: Keep up with the group in front of you. If a gap develops, close it!

Do you realize that the club puts on 60 golf tournaments per year with an average of well over 100 players per tournament? It takes a lot of time and effort to make this happen. When you see a Board Member, thank him for his time commitment. It's not a simple task to put them on and we do make mistakes occasionally. We can always use additional volunteers. You don't have to be a board member to be involved in running tournaments. If you have computer skills and a desire to dedicate some time to helping run tournaments, please send me an email.

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## **Rules and Conduct**

Michael "The Judge" Berg, Chairman

### **TPMGC 2018** **Board of** **Directors**

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

If you make a hole in one in a club tournament, a special award of \$100 will be added to your prize fund and your achievement will be recognized in our newsletter.

#### **Mitch Malchowski**

had a hole in one on 8 south on June 28<sup>th</sup> in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the Sr. Club Championship.

You have most likely heard about the changes to golf rules coming next year on **January 1, 2019**. Here is a summary of seven of them.

#### **1. No Penalty for Accidentally Moving Your Ball During a Search**

Under Rule 7.4, if a player accidentally moves his or her ball while searching for it:

The player will get no penalty for causing it to move, and

The ball will always be replaced; if the exact spot is not known, the player will replace the ball on the estimated original spot (including on, under or against any attached natural or man-made objects which the ball had been at rest under or against).

##### **Reasons for Change:**

A fundamental principle of golf is to play the ball as it lies; so the Rules should help the player to find his or her ball and play it from the spot where it was at rest. Players often need to probe in grass, bushes, leaves and other conditions to look for a hidden ball, and such reasonable acts create an inherent risk of moving the ball.

The current Rules allow both an opponent in match play, and other players in stroke play, to help search for the player's ball without risk of penalty if they accidentally move the player's ball.

#### **2. No Penalty for Moving a Ball on a Putting Green**

Under Rule 13.1d, there will no longer be a penalty if a player (or opponent) accidentally causes the player's ball to move on the putting green.

##### **Reasons for Change:**

The shape, slope and condition of many putting greens today increase the chances that a ball at rest on the putting green might move, and it can be difficult to determine whether a player caused the ball to move or whether the ball was moved by wind or other natural causes.

When a ball moves while the player is doing nothing more than taking normal actions to prepare for a stroke, it can seem unfair for the player to be penalized.

Most "ball moved" situations occur on the putting green, involve minimal movement of the ball, frequently occur when the player is taking reasonable actions to prepare for a stroke and the ball can be easily replaced.

These considerations are not the same when the ball lies off the putting green, and so the penalty will continue to apply (with exceptions, such as accidentally moving a ball during search) to a player or opponent in those circumstances to reinforce the principle that the ball should be played as it lies and that players should continue to exercise care when near to a ball in play.

#### **3. New Procedure for Dropping a Ball When Taking Relief**

Players will continue to drop a ball when taking relief, but how a ball may be dropped is simplified; the only requirement will be that the ball be let go from knee height so that it falls through the air and does not touch any part of the player's body or equipment before it hits the ground.

##### **Reason for Change:**

The new procedure lowers the height from which the ball is dropped to increase the chance that it stays within the relief area.

#### **4. Search Time for Lost Ball**

The time for a ball search (before the ball becomes lost) will be reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.

##### **Reasons for Change:**

Limiting the search period to 3 minutes is more consistent with the underlying principle that golf is to be played in a prompt and continuous way, without long pauses in play. In most cases, if the ball is going to be found, it will be found within the first 3 minutes. Although this change may increase the number of lost balls, on average the overall impact should be to speed up play.

## 5. Moving or Touching Loose Impediments in a Bunker

Players will be allowed to touch or move loose impediments in a bunker and will generally be allowed to touch the sand with a hand or club; but a limited prohibition continues so that the player must not:

- Deliberately touch the sand in a bunker with a hand, club, rake or other object to test the condition of the sand to learn information for the stroke, or  
Touch the sand in a bunker with a club in making a practice swing, in grounding the club right in front of or behind the ball, or in making the backswing for a stroke.

### Reason for Change:

The challenge of playing from a bunker is the need to play out of the sand, not to play with leaves, stones or other loose impediments left in place in the bunker.

## 6. Major Change: Unplayable Ball in a Bunker

Players will have an extra option allowing relief outside the bunker using the back-on-the-line procedure, but for a total of two penalty strokes (Rule 19.3b).

### Reasons for Change:

It is not uncommon for a player to need to take unplayable ball relief in a bunker, such as when the ball is very close to the bunker wall or lip.

Playing from a bunker can be very difficult for some players, especially when the bunker has steep walls.

- This can present particular problems in stroke play because the player must finish the hole and so cannot simply pick up and move to the next hole after multiple tries to play the ball from the bunker.

Giving those players an option for taking relief outside the bunker will allow them to keep playing rather than be disqualified.

This extra option will result in a total of two penalty strokes, to make sure that:

The penalty is consistent with the significant amount of relief being allowed, and

This option does not become commonly used by players who are able to play from a bunker.

## 7. Double Striking the Ball

Under Rule 10.1a, if the player's club accidentally hits the ball more than once during a single stroke: There will be no penalty and the ball will be played as it lies.



**ALL MEMBERS**...as is the annual custom, your Board is pleased to provide you with a Member Gift:

### ***Torrey Pines Golf Course Hat!***

The hat is available at the Torrey Pines Golf Shop;  
Please see picture for an example of this baseball style hat;  
You must pick up the hat in person by **August 31**...no exceptions;  
Simply go to the counter and ask for the TPMGC hat that is being given to TPMGC members;  
A TPGC staff member will then cross reference your member name on our roster and provide you with the Torrey Pines hat!



Questions, please contact Larry Prosi – [lprosi@tpmgc.org](mailto:lprosi@tpmgc.org)

**Your Board thanks you for your ongoing support...**

# Weekend Tournament Report

By John Hoffman Chairman

We are going to crown a new Club Champion this month. The 3 net flight winners will be determined and will face off along with the Senior Net Champion to determine who will advance to the SCGA Net Tournament of Champions.

In October we will determine the Weekend Senior Champion who will then play off with the Weekday Champion to determine the TPMGC Senior Club Champion. As always, those who are over 55 and did not play in the Weekday Senior Championship are eligible to enter.

Overall, all events this summer have been operating smoothly with The SCGA Better Ball qualifier the most popular event with the team of Valenzuela and Gilchrist advancing. Many thanks to the volunteers who assist in preparing scorecards and inputting scores. Our goal is to have the scores and award posted if not the same day certainly within 24 hours of completion.

## Weekday Tournament Report

We would like to congratulate our Senior Championship Gross and Flight Winners.

Low Gross **Paul Albitz** 148

1st Flight **Larry Jones** 142

2nd Flight **Robert Palmer** 138

3rd Flight **Hughie Thomas** 137

4th Flight **Michael Fitzgibbons** 132

Congratulations to **Michael Fitzgibbons** with the low net and he will be representing Torrey Pines Men's Club in the SCGA Senior Low Net Championship rounds.

## How You Can Be A Volunteer at the 2021 US Open Championship

Volunteers for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Farmers Insurance Open who complete all assigned shifts will have priority to be a volunteer for the U.S. Open Championship which will be played at Torrey Pines Golf Course in June 2021. The USGA prefers experienced volunteers and those having 3 or more years of experience will be valued by the USGA. Visit [FarmersInsuranceOpen.com/usga-volunteer](https://www.farmersinsuranceopen.com/usga-volunteer) for more info

## 2019 PGA Torrey Pines Volunteer

**Package A:** for New Volunteers

- Official Tournament Uniform – Clique Polo and Jacket and choice of Unisex Ball Cap or Visor (*option to purchase additional apparel items during registration*)
- (1) Commemorative Tournament Lapel Pin
  - (1) Official Tournament Volunteer Clear Drawstring backpack
  - (1) Volunteer Badge (*valid for grounds access Wednesday-Sunday*)
  - (1) Guest Badge (*valid for grounds access Wednesday-Sunday*)
  - (1) Volunteer Parking Pass
  - (1) Complimentary meal voucher or box lunch (*depends on committee assignment*) will be provided for each day worked

**Volunteer Package A: \$70.00 (\$500 value)**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Nov. 12, 2018**

**GENERAL MEETING, Bernardo Heights C.C.**

## Weekday

**09/20/2018**

**Pauma Valley Low Net**

**09/27/2018**

**St. Marks B.B.P**

**10/01/2018**

**Fairbanks Low Net**

**10/11/2018**

**Riverwalk B.B 2 of 4**

**10/18/2018**

**TP North Low Net**

**10/25/2018**

**T.P. North Low Net**

## Weekend

**09/16/2018**

**TP South Low Net**

**10/07/2018**

**TP North Senior 1**

**10/14/2018**

**TP South Senior 2**

**11/04/2018**

## Pace of Play

You can expect to see our Pace of Play Policy tightened up before year end. A subcommittee of 4 Board members will be bringing proposals to the Board in September. As we have previously advised, this is necessary due to the SUP executed agreement with the City of San Diego that our rounds finish in 4 ½ hours and just for the enjoyment of all of our members. The responsibility for keeping the pace is all of ours...if your 4 some is behind, or slow, even if due to one player, then the responsibility falls on the shoulders of the other 3 players to keep the four some moving.

When one or two members play slow, it creates a chain reaction for the rest of the field. Sure, we all lose a ball occasionally or have a blow-up hole. That's not what we are talking about here. Some members have bad habits such as not being ready to play when it is their turn, reading their putts from too many angles, taking too many practice swings, etc., etc. A wasted minute here and a wasted minute there adds up and before you know it, you have a five-hour round.

Nobody enjoys a 5-hour round and golf courses lose revenue when this happens. Torrey Pines GC is not alone in focusing on pace of play. Almost every public course is emphasizing it. Having Torrey Pines as our home course is a privilege. To be sure this privilege is not endangered by the actions of a few, there will be more severe consequences for habitual pace of play offenders.

## TPMGC Membership Report

Our club continues to grow...as of the writing of this newsletter we have 1225 members! There are a few points which are important for all members to remember as you renew for 2019

**As of January 1, 2019 ALL TPMGC members will need to present at the golf course an active and current City Resident Card in order to get the discounted City rates.**

This discount is significant - current **rates for city resident card holders** are

South Course: Regular - \$63; Weekend -\$78

North Course: Regular - \$44; Weekend- \$52

The **current rates for non-resident card holders** are

South Course; \$200; Weekend \$252

North Course - \$110; Weekend \$138

if you qualify, but don't have, a resident card - you need to go to the golf course and provide a driver's license or property tax bill and pay the \$25 annual fee. This will ensure you get the discounted rates when you play in any club events at Torrey Pines or Balboa GC.

Non card holders can still play in all TPMGC events but will not get the discounted rates at Torrey or Balboa. You will however get the discounted green fees at all our away courses.

Any questions feel free to ask me or one of the board members about these changes.

Gary Paluso Membership Co Chair

## 2018/2019 TPMGC Budget

The Budget Committee met and prepared a 2018/2019 Budget for FY 10-1-18 through 9-30-19 for your club. This budget was then presented, discussed and approved at the Board meeting held August 21, 2018. The full budget is available to all members upon request. The Board is pleased to announce that **renewal dues for ALL Members (City and County) renewing their membership after October 1, 2018 will be \$100!** Submitted by Larry Prosi Budget Chair

## AUDIT REPORT

The audit committee recently completed its annual audit of the books and records of your club. Final approval of that Audit was at the August 21, 2018 Board meeting. We can report that all books and records are being maintained in a satisfactory manner. The committee reviewed randomly selected accounting entries, prize fund accounting and issuance of credit card transactions. Submitted by Larry Prosi, Audit Chair

## Mobile App Instructions

### Golf Genius

If you have not already done so, go to your app store on your Android or iPhone. Search for "Golf Genius". Download the app (orange icon). It is a free app.

Once you have downloaded it, you can keep score on it. On the lower right hand corner of the printed scorecard, you will find 6 letters looking something like this: GGID: ABCDEF. GGID means Golf Genius ID. The six letters are the unique ID for your foursome. One person from each foursome should open the Golf Genius app and use these 6 letters as your log in. You do not need to establish a login and password. When you enter the GGID and click "SIGN IN", the names of each member of your foursome will appear.

After completing the first hole, enter the GROSS score for each player and click "Save Scores".

Golf Genius automatically advances to the next hole. Repeat this after each hole.

To view the leaderboard and your foursome's scorecard, click on the three lines on the top left. You should always compare the paper scorecard to Golf Genius at the end of each round. If there are discrepancies, the paper scorecard is the official score.

Most members are using Golf Genius and enjoying it. While the club is not yet requiring everyone to use it, we are considering going in that direction. There was resistance when we moved tournament sign ups to our website and we are hearing some members have trepidation about Golf Genius. As technology changes, so does golf and all members should give it a try if you haven't already. It is truly the easiest app ever created!



## Annual November General Meeting



Mark your calendars! Our 2018 General Meeting will take place on November 12<sup>th</sup> at Bernardo Heights CC. This is a great opportunity to socialize with fellow members, to get an update about the club, to ask questions of board members, to participate in the board election, and (best of all) to have a free dinner!! This event will be a substantial upgrade from previous meetings at Riverwalk...much better food, more room, seats for everyone and plenty of parking. Watch for further announcements regarding the exact time as well more details about this event.

## Prize Fund Report

By Stephen Shushan, Prize Fund Chair

If you've had some good tournament performances, your prize fund is growing. The fun part now is to spend your winnings.

To request a prize certificate, you need to send an email to [prize-fund@tpmgc.org](mailto:prize-fund@tpmgc.org) which includes your name, GHIN, amount and store. The list of authorized stores is on the website under the Prize Fund tab. I make every effort to complete your request within 2 days. If you don't receive a confirming email within 2 days, please email me directly at: [smsshushan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smsshushan@sbcglobal.net). The certificate will be emailed directly to the Authorized Store. You then to go to the store to redeem the certificate. Requests for prize certificates must be a minimum of \$50 or the balance in your account if it is less than \$50. When requesting a prize certificate, you should know that if you don't spend it all, the stores will either give you a gift card for the balance or a credit that remains on file. It's a good idea to request more money than your initial purchase, so you are ready for the next purchase without having to wait for a new prize certificate to be issued.

Your prize funds can also be used to purchase a \$500 VISA Gift Card. The current shipping and other fees are \$15.90. So, your prize account will be debited \$515.90 when you order a gift card. It usually takes 5-7 business days for your card to be delivered after it is purchased.

Have fun spending your golf winnings. You earned it!



## Prize Fund Information for Those Who Do Not Renew Membership

Members who don't renew their membership have 90 days from the date their membership expires to deplete their prize fund. The Prize Fund chair does not know which members are not renewing so it is the member's responsibility to request their winnings within this 90-day period.

Departing members who request the balance of their prize fund and have one or more unpaid penalties will receive their prize fund balance minus the amount of penalties owed.