

## President's Report by Roy Burchill



Finally, construction on Torrey South is finished! Part of the TPMGC membership "experience" is playing around this maintenance, the Farmers Insurance Open and the US Open. Except for regular course maintenance, the next year and a half should be a great time to be a member and have access to our two beautiful home courses!

There are some interesting changes on South. Most of the bunkers have lower lips. Many of the bunkers have been moved resulting in tighter tee shots on several holes including 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, and 17. A few holes have new collection areas meaning you will have to chip from tight lies or have a challenging putt. Several additional trees were lost to disease including the grove left of 10 fairway. But the overall experience of playing Torrey South is still fabulous!

I hope you are able to attend our upcoming General Meeting on November 4 at Bernardo Heights CC. Last year we had a casual golf outing prior to the event and this year the golf will be a bonus tournament with the normal prizes. We will also be served a delicious plated dinner. It's a great opportunity to play a private course, chat with old friends and meet some new ones, eat a free meal and vote for your 2020 Board Members. If you can't golf then just come for dinner.

We are continuing to update the newsletter. A new feature is "Tap-Ins" which covers topics too short for an article. We will also be regularly recognizing our current Champion Golfers of the Year. Each newsletter will list our current major champion winners.

If you have feedback about any aspect of your membership with the club, we can only do better if you share that feedback with me. Please email your criticism, compliments, random thoughts and questions to me at [royburchill@gmail.com](mailto:royburchill@gmail.com) and I guarantee you will receive a reply.

## Membership Fees

Our annual renewal fee of \$100 and new member fee of \$250 remain unchanged in 2020. But the Board did approve some other changes to our membership fees.

Members who renew after their due date will pay a \$50 late fee rather than the new member fee of \$250. This \$50 late fee applies if the member renews within 12 months of their renewal date. If members let their membership lapse for a year or more, they will have to pay the new member fee of \$250 to rejoin the club.

There is a new membership category called "Inactive Status". We know that sometimes you might face situations such as health problems, change in your finances, or other personal situations that might force you to let your membership lapse. Instead of letting it lapse, you can now request to be placed in an inactive status for a period of up to 2 years. Requests for inactive status must be emailed to the club's membership chair for approval prior to the date your membership expires. While inactive, you pay no dues and are not eligible to participate in any club activities. To return to active status, you must pay the annual dues plus the \$50 late renewal fee. Members who return from inactive status after two years must pay the new member fee.

## Rules of Play During TPMGC Tournaments

It is important that all members know and play by the Rules of Golf as well as local rules during club tournaments.

Here are some local rules specific to tournaments played at Torrey Pines.

1. The SD City golf app has Green Reading Guides. You may not refer to these during any tournaments. Any member using this feature of the app will be DQ'd.
2. There is no longer relief from native areas such as right of #4 and #5 on Torrey North. When the course reopened, relief was granted to let the plants mature.
3. If your ball lands in the gravel to the left of #9 on Torrey South, play it as ground under repair and take free relief.
4. If you hit your ball in the penalty area short of the green on #12 at Torrey North, the drop area for the next shot is between the gold tee markers.
5. You may continue to drop without penalty from: staked trees, unpaved roads/paths and flowerbeds.
6. Often course maintenance is taking place during our tournaments. Unless the tournament chair has informed all players that relief is to be taken from aeration holes, seams in newly sodded grass, or other temporary issues resulting from course maintenance, then you may not take relief. It is important that all members play tournaments under the same conditions.

## Pace of Play by Ed Carter

Throughout 2019 our pace of play has gradually improved. Thanks to you, the time it takes us to complete tournament rounds is decreasing. It certainly helps when Torrey Pines sheds its winter roughs but we have encouraging signs that our speed-of-play habits are working.

Here's what appears to work:

- Forward tees are assigned to players in the highest-handicap flight (assigned tees are identified on tournament scorecards).
- Players are playing ready golf on the tees, in the fairways and on the greens making sure they are ready to play when it's their turn..
- Early in the round, groups are deciding to either leave the flagstick in or leave it out. We've learned that continuously putting it in and taking it out wastes time.
- When players have only a tap-in left, they go ahead and putt out then proceed to the next tee (when required to catch up to the group ahead of them).
- Players are helping each other find lost balls, making sure each search lasts no longer than 3 minutes (in accordance with 2019's new set of USGA rules).

How do we know our pace of play is improving? We're keeping stats. Data captured from scorecard timestamps over a recent 8-month period (22 tournaments) show we had an average pace of 4:23 and a low violation rate of 5.4% (finishing more than 15 minutes after the group ahead is a pace violation if pace is over 4:20).

Keep up the good work!

## Grand - Torrey Cup

We are pleased to announce a new benefit for members, but it is a benefit that will be earned by members through stellar golf.

Last April, the head pro at the Grand Del Mar contacted our club interested in scheduling a home and away match. We were able to secure a few tee times at Torrey Pines and the matches were on!

Each club brought a team of 24 players with handicaps ranging from 2 to 22. The format was better ball of partners match play. Because of the short notice, the Torrey Pines team consisted primarily of board members and a club member invited to partner with the board member. Also, playing were the weekday and weekend champions of our SCGA Qualifier Better Ball of Partner tournaments.

The front and back nines were each worth 1 point and the overall match was also worth a point. So, there were three points total available in each match. The matches were tight. The first round was played at Torrey North with our team prevailing by a score of 20 -16. Unfortunately, we lost at the Grand by a score of 23.5 - 12.5. The final score was the Grand: 39.5 and Torrey Pines 32.5. Kudos to the team of Marc Couillard and Brian Hickey who were the only players on either team to win all 6 points.

We plan on these matches being an annual event. Each year we will schedule several Better Ball of Partners tournaments in addition to the SCGA qualifiers. Members who win those tournaments will be invited to participate in this event.

The Grand purchased a perpetual trophy. Their name is on it for 2019, but we plan on housing it at Torrey Pines for a long time beginning in 2020!

Members will have several opportunities to qualify by winning one the designated better ball of partner tournaments that will be scheduled in 2020.



**2019 Grand-Torrey Cup**  
Match Results

Torrey Pines	Grand Del Mar	Torrey Pines	Grand Del Mar	Torrey Pines	Grand Del Mar
Match Points	Match Points	Torrey Pines	Grand Del Mar	Match Points	Match Points
July 24	July 26			July 24	July 26
0.5	0.5	Bob Hood Brandon Richards	Eric Radwick Joel Miller	2.5	2.5
2.5	1	Larry Prosi Gordon Jennings	Alton White Jing Wang	0.5	2
2.5	0.5	Roy Burchill Steve Burchill	Troy Smith Sam Umansky	0.5	2.5
3	3	Marc Couillard Brian Hickey	Brett Saloner David Klein	0	0
1	0	Brian Cincotta Myles Collins	Bobby Graham Ron Hall	2	3
2	1	Ed Carter Roger White	Brian Tauber Gary Bellowe	1	2
1	0.5	John Hoffman John Phillips	Michael Wiener Sanjay Ghosh	2	2.5
0	2.5	John Donnelly Michael Smith	Bruce Axtman Phillip Cleary	3	0.5
3	2	Roger Sodergren Jose Marquez	Bob Wailes Kevin Smith	0	1
2	0.5	Rob Dill John Banker	Martin Turock Neil Gibson	1	2.5
2.5	0	Ruben Huerta Steve Koudelka	Luke Pistorius Chris Amen	0.5	3
0	1	James Tindaro Dale Frank	Brian Ffrench Joseph Langlois	3	2
<b>20</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23.5</b>

## Budget Update by Larry Prosi

The Board approved the club's 2019/2020 budget. Dues remain unchanged at \$100. Here's how your dues are spent.

Expense	~Amount
To SCGA for handicapping, etc.	\$36
TPMGC Tournament Prizes	\$45
Required Donation to Torrey Pines GC	\$10
Donations and Operating Expenses	\$9
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100</b>

Also your club completed its annual financial audit as required by our bylaws and are pleased to report all books and records are maintained properly with no irregularities or discrepancies. More details on the budget and audit are available upon request by contacting our club's budget chairman Larry Prosi.

## Charitable Contributions

A portion of your membership dues supports various charitable golf-related organizations in the San Diego community. Our goal is for these donations to support the development and expansion of the game that we all love.

Here are the 4 local organizations we are supporting in 2019:

**CIF- San Diego Chapter:** Our donation underwrites a portion of the championship green fees for the annual boys and girls high school championship...

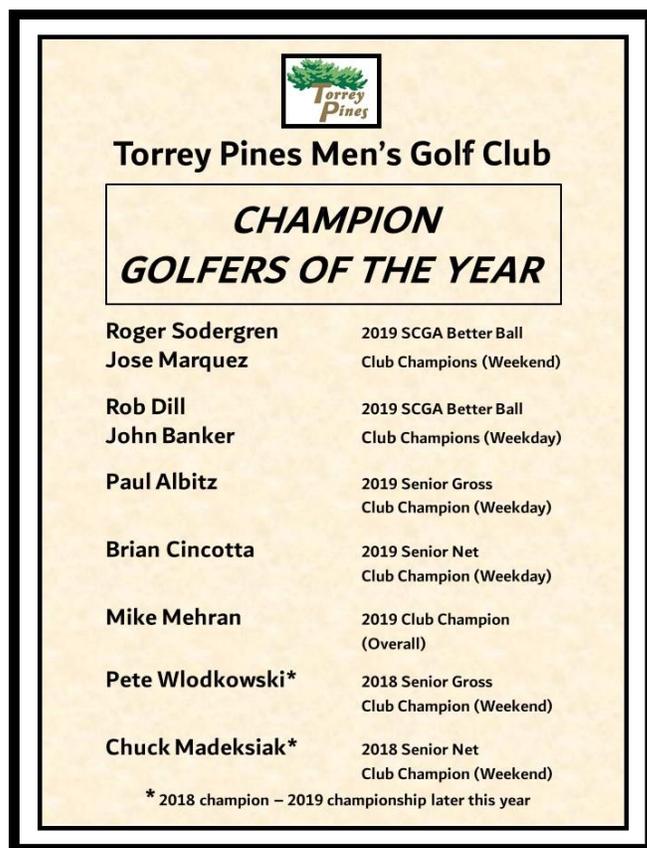
**Pro Kids | 1<sup>st</sup> Tee of San Diego:** Pro Kids is celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They provide a safe location, tutor assistance and golf instruction at the Las Colinas golf course in City Heights and in Oceanside. Our donation provides overall support for this great charity...

**SCGA Junior:** Our donation helps San Diego junior golfers with reduced green fees and range balls at various public courses. SCGA has provided over \$85,000 in support for this program and we are pleased to also support it...

**Operation Game On (OGA)** provides disabled veterans with golf instruction and golf clubs to assist them in returning to as close to a normal life as possible. Tony Perez, one of our members (and the father of PGA Tour player, Pat Perez), founded and manages this worthy organization...

As a part of our **Special Use Permit with the City of San Diego**, the club is obligated to donate \$10 for each member for products that enhance the golf experience at Torrey Pines. In the past we have funded flag sticks, ball washers, etc. More recently, our funds are being used primarily to fund the development and maintenance of the SD Golf app...

Our club is proud to support these organizations with funds for them to continue their work in San Diego!!



## Weekend Update by John Hoffman

The Weekend group just finished the TPMGC Club Championship with Mike Mehran securing the title of Club Champion. Mike has been a long time competitor at Torrey with numerous close calls in the Championship and frequent appearances in SCGA events. Congratulations to Mike for a well deserved victory.

Kudos also go to Chris Striebel, Michael Massery and Craig Fisher for their net flight victories. This year's event had a different format than in years past due to course maintenance and green aerification.

It was decided to shorten the event to 36 hole medal play and eliminate match play. Thanks to all who participated for your patience and understanding as the changes were put in place on short notice. Special thanks goes to Terry Mason as he put in extra work to make sure the Championship was conducted properly. Pairing by handicaps, determining cuts, and then regrouping by score which are essential to a true Championship takes a lot of effort.

We are looking forward to having full fields again as the South has finished its reconstruction.



## Pro Kids

After receiving our donation, Pro Kids thanked us and invited the Board to visit their facility. We accepted their invitation and scheduled our September board meeting there.

Six board members arrived early for a tour and a round of golf with some of the kids in the program. The kids we played with are in middle school and they are excellent golfers – definitely not hackers! They are very proud that two kids from their program were selected to play in this year’s Pure Insurance Championship – Impacting the First Tee – at Pebble Beach from September 27-29.

According to their website, the First Tee uses golf to teach youth life lessons and leadership skills. Sessions include a fun, group setting for youth ages 7 to 18 regardless of background or previous experience. Teaming up with experts in positive youth development, The First Tee helps youth become good golfers and even better people.

Pro Kids was founded by former San Diego Charger Ernie Wright. A quote attributed to Ernie nicely sums up the mission of Pro Kids: “golf is the hook; education is the pathway”.

If you love golf and kids, want to help the game of golf grow, and have some time available, this is a fantastic program that you could donate some of your time (and money) to.



## Membership Meeting by Gary Paluso

Save the date of November 4 for our Annual Meeting of the General Membership. This year we will be having a sit down, plated dinner at Bernardo Heights Country Club free to members.

We will also have a shotgun golf event prior to dinner. Green fees will be \$55 including cart and range balls. Members who don’t golf that day can still attend the complimentary dinner. We will be requiring RSVPs from those planning to attend dinner. Look for an email blast soon with many more details.



## - Tap Ins -

**Starting in October 2019**, all individual tournaments (weekday and weekend) will have one low gross award for the best gross score in each flight. Winners of low gross awards won't be eligible for a net award in that tournament...

**For the upcoming Turkey Shoot**, we anticipate that more than half of the field will receive \$50 gift cards for groceries. They are scheduled on November 3 and 7...

**Expect to see** an updated website soon. This might result in changes to the tournament sign up process. We will update you with details when we have them...

**Members have really embraced the live scoring** feature of Golf Genius. Most clubs don't subscribe to the premium version as does TPMGC, so the live leaderboard is somewhat unique to our club...

**Our May Membership meeting** at the Torrey Pines driving range was sparsely attended because of some cold and damp weather. The low attendance improved everyone's odds for winning prizes in the drawing. Those who attended enjoyed a putting contest, short game lessons from Torrey Pines pros, and free food and drink. We appreciate those hardy members that stayed for the entire meeting!...

**When members cancel their tournament entry** after noon on the day before the tournament or fail to show up for a tournament, they are often preventing another member who wanted to play in the tournament from playing in it since it gives us little time to fill that spot. This is why the Board approved doubling the fine to \$50 for late cancels and no-shows. The member will also be suspended from playing the next corresponding tournament held at Torrey Pines GC...

**We hope you enjoy this year's member gift** of a hat with Torrey Pines Men's Club on it. Please be aware that the logistics of delivering these hats is not simple. The pro shop is graciously distributing them to members who actually placed an order for their hat and who show proper ID when picking it up. If you did not order one or can't pick it up by October 15<sup>th</sup>, we are sorry you missed out on this year's gift. Please do not request an exception...

**If you volunteer** for the Farmers Insurance Open you can use your prize fund to pay for your entry fee. Just submit a request to [prizefund@tpmgc.org](mailto:prizefund@tpmgc.org)...

**You can use your prize fund** to purchase a \$500 Visa Gift Card. The cost is \$516.41 and it arrives in 7-10 days.

## Torrey Pines Senior Match Play Team

Torrey Pines is a member of the San Diego County Senior Golf League ([www.sdscgolfleague.com](http://www.sdscgolfleague.com)). There are currently 19 teams in the league. Players in the league must be over 55 years of age. Our team currently has 41 players so each person plays from 2-3 matches per year. The league's regular season is from late January thru October with playoffs in November.

Each match consists of 6 players from each team. We play one home and one away match against each team. Currently, our home course is Riverwalk Golf Course. The home team pays for the visitors' golf and lunch at their home course. The match play format is partner match play with each hole worth a potential of two points. The objective is to beat your opponent on each hole and not necessarily to shoot a career round. Getting a 6 on a hole when your opponent gets a 7 is all that matters.

Our team finished in first place a couple of years ago. This year has been more difficult. After a slow start, our team has picked up some momentum and is fighting for a playoff spot. The top 8 teams make the playoffs. But with only 2 matches left it may be a little too late. If you have any questions contact the team captain, Stephen Shushan, at [smshushan@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smshushan@sbcglobal.net).

## Board Elections Coming Soon!

If you are interested in serving on the Board, the election process will occur very soon. The only official requirement is that you be a club member for a year.

All board members must be proficient with Excel. They must also be comfortable working with Golf Genius. Previous Golf Genius experience is not required, but you must be interested and able to learn it. You should be able to devote 5 – 10 hours per week during weeks when you are assigned to chair one of our club tournaments. You should also be available on the evening of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month to attend board meetings.

If you are interested in running for a board position, email Roy Burchill at [rburchill@tpmgc.org](mailto:rburchill@tpmgc.org) and include some information about your background and qualifications.

## TPMGC Board of Directors

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