



May 2021 Newsletter

President's Report by Roy Burchill



How great is it that our home course is in the global golf spotlight this month?! Only about 1250 golfers among millions of golfers worldwide can boast that they

belong to the home golf course for the 2021 US Open! Enjoy this moment!

Of course, the downside is that it's really difficult to get a tee time at Torrey and can be challenging to get into our tournaments. The club would like to limit our size to make it easier for members to play, but the City of San Diego (with whom the club has a Special Use Permit that gives us our access to play Torrey) won't permit the club to exclude any San Diego City residents who want to join our club.

There is a lot of important content in this newsletter. In particular, I encourage you to carefully read the article about our Tournament Rules.

Also, pay close attention to the final paragraph of the article about Website email. Often our members want to contact each other to arrange a golf date, sign up together, share a cart, etc. Our new website allows members to share contact information. The default setting is that your contact info is not shared so you must take action to share it. We encourage members to take that action.

Once again, I need to draw attention to our hard-working board for all the work they do voluntarily. It requires a significant time commitment to serve on our board. We receive many thanks from our club members and they are much appreciated.

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

Tournament Rules

Each club member should be familiar with the rules of golf as well our club's local rules.

NEW LOCAL RULES

Corrections to Golf Genius must be made no more than 15 minutes after completion of round. Golf Genius provides a time stamp for all score entries and this will determine whether the 15-minute standard has been met. Please read "Scorekeeping on Golf Genius" on page 3 for additional details.

Relief from Sprinkler Heads – if you are off the green and there is a sprinkler head in your line of play, you may move your ball and drop it at the nearest point of relief that is not interfering with your line of play, no closer to the hole. The sprinkler head must be within 2 club lengths of the green and the ball must be within 2 club lengths of the sprinkler head.

Insufficient Funds in your Member Account - funding must occur before cancellation deadline. If not funded, you will be removed from tournament or the wait list. You will receive 2 email notifications only – one from tournament coordinator and an auto-generated email from the website.

OTHER IMPORTANT RULES

In a team event, if no score is posted by a player for a hole; player/team only loses score for that hole. All other player scores for other holes count. Put an X in that hole's score. If player withdraws, only holes the player played prior to withdrawal will count.

Players choosing to play music must get ok from foursome. If using headphones, they must be removed during swing and while putting.

In some tournaments, your flight determines which color tee you play from. Members are not allowed to select which tee they play from.

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Tournament Rules (continued)

Some individual play tournaments on Torrey South will play the first flight from the Green or Hybrid tees (9 white and 9 green). First flight tees will be noted on the website during signups. Only players with a course handicap of 9 or less will play from green or hybrid tees (maximum index of 6.9 from green tees and 8.2 from hybrid tees).

If a tournament is under-subscribed, those players already signed up at close of signup period are automatically in the tournament. Those players added after the close of the sign-up period are subject to priority system for entry. If a two-some signs up, we will place them together as best as possible.

County members have no automatic priority for away events. Priority established based on play from previous event – Torrey for Torrey and Away for Away.



Golf Genius allows us to track the pace of play for each foursome. We will no longer be using time clocks. Once enough data is captured, the club will introduce a new pace of play policy. Sometimes you do not have control over how long it takes to complete your round if the course is playing slow. You can control the gap between you and the group ahead of you. Some things you can do to minimize the gap include continuous putting and proceeding to the next tee while your playing partners finishing putting. The gap metric will be the key data point used to identify pace of play violators. **Always keep up with the group in front of you!**

2021 US Open



This photo shows #18 three weeks prior to the US Open. About 300 members signed up to volunteer for the US Open. Most of our members were notified by the USGA in March that they would not be needed. The club received no advance notice that our members would receive this e-mail but it was not a surprise since we expected COVID would impact attendance and reduce the need for volunteers. The club was scheduled to marshal holes 1 and 18, but this is no longer the case. Some members were selected to stay on as marshals. This was primarily limited to those with experience volunteering at the Farmers Insurance Open. Several other members will be working the merchandise tent, doing Shotlink and a variety of other roles. It was very disappointing that our club could not get the full experience as host club. Let's hope for another epic tournament similar to 2008!



Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club

Club Champions

Eric Sams	Club Champion (2020)
Ken Kubis	Senior Club Champion (2020)
<i>Weekday</i>	
Tim Keckeisen & Franc Happ	SCGA BB Co-Champions (2021)
Peter Salmon	Senior Gross Club Champion (2020)
Colin Bennet	Senior Net Club Champion (2020)
Roy Burchill	Super Senior Gross Club Champion (2020)
Bob Ross	Super Senior Net Club Champion (2020)
<i>Weekend</i>	
Hughie Thomas & Gregory Lu	SCGA Better Ball Co-Champions (2021)
Ken Kubis	Senior Gross Club Champion (2021)
Dan Way	Senior Net Club Champion (2021)
Roy Burchill	Super Senior Gross Club Champion (2021)
Dan Way	Super Senior Net Club Champion (2021)
Rick Elliott	Super Senior Gross Club Champion (2020)
Terry Mason	Super Senior Net Club Champion (2020)
Tim Keckeisen	Senior Net Club Champion (2020)

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Important News for Tournament Players

Your board works hard to put on tournaments and to ensure they are run fairly. In addition to being familiar with USGA rules of golf, it is important for you to understand rules and processes specific to our club.

Bunkers

As we transition from COVID to some normalcy, there will be some adjustments to our golf rules. When we play a course with rakes in the bunkers, play the ball as it lies. Until further notice, if your ball ends up in an unmaintained area of the bunker such as a footprint, pick up the ball, rake that part of the bunker, and place your ball where it was. You may not move a plugged ball unless it is in an unmaintained area.

Scorekeeping on Golf Genius (GG)



Golf Genius replaces scorecards as the official record of your score. When we used scorecards, once you signed it and left the golf course, you could not change it. Your score was final. The

same is true with GG. After completing your round, all members of the foursome should immediately verify their scores on each hole and total scores are correct. The time you enter your final scores is your official finish time and is used to track pace of play. If you find errors in your Golf Genius scores after initially entering them, you may take time to correct the scores. This should take no more than 15 minutes. Once you have left the golf course, your score cannot be changed. If you failed to enter your score for one or more holes, you will be DQ'd. If you run into any technical problems with entering your scores, you must immediately contact the Tournament Coordinator or another Board Member and explain the problem.

Tournament E-mails

It is important that each golfer read all emails from the Tournament Coordinators as they can contain important information about the tournament you are about to play in including items such as lift, clean and place (or lack thereof).

If you receive a tournament email, that means you signed up for the tournament. If you did not intend to sign up or if someone else signed you up, don't ignore these emails. Cancel your entry.

Wait List

Often our tournaments are oversubscribed. If you are on the wait list and don't intend to play, cancel. If you are on the wait list and hope to play, you are agreeing to take any available time assigned to you. It is your responsibility to monitor the wait list and pairings and to be aware when you are placed in the tournament field. If you do not do this and fail to show up for a tournament, you will be penalized as a No Show.

Two Person Events

If the event is oversubscribed, the decision of who gets to play is determined by our priority system. If one member gets in, his partner also gets in. If one cancels, the partner is automatically cancelled if they signed up together. If the twosome was created by combining two singles, then the remaining partner will be assigned a new partner off the wait list.

Four Person Events

If the event is oversubscribed, the decision of who gets to play is determined by our priority system. Members get in the tournament based on their individual priority. If one cancels a member on the wait list will replace him. We do our best to move members from the wait list into the foursome they signed up with, but that is not guaranteed.

Tournament



Hole in One Club

Stephen Shushan	1/7/21	Torrey North	#17
Carl Lemke	4/8/21	St. Marks	#13
Venkatesh Canchi	4/18/21	Torrey North	#6



TPMGC Golf Teams

Torrey Pines Men's Club has a team in the San Diego County Senior Golf League. There are 19 teams in the league. The format is match play where you play at the opponent's home course and then at your home course. Torrey's home course is the Rancho Bernardo Inn. There are currently 49 members on the team. Thanks to the infusion of 25 new members our team has gotten off to a great start and is currently in 5th place. The top 8 teams get into the playoffs to be crowned the league winner. To keep up with the team, checkout the league website <http://www.sdscgolfleague.com/>.

SCGA organizes Team Play each year. It's a 6-week season usually in the Winter but delayed until Spring this year due to COVID. Torrey Pines hadn't participated in SCGA Team Play for several years because we cannot play home matches at Torrey Pines GC. One of your fellow club members, Matt VanMeeteren, contacted the club last year about forming a team. Matt really felt the club should have a team and was not deterred by our inability to play at Torrey Pines. After calls to many golf courses, the Golf Club of California in Fallbrook agreed to be our home course.

Last December, almost 50 members tried out for the team by playing in a qualifying event at the GC of CA and 20 were selected based on their performance. Our team lost our first match this season, but then won the remaining five matches to finish first in our division...very unusual for a first-year team. Teams also get points based on their margin of victory. There are almost 100 teams participating and our team accumulated more points than all but one team in Southern California resulting in a bye in the first round of the playoffs. Sadly, our team lost it's second round playoff match to La Costa by a tight score of 25-23.

Members of both teams are very proud of their accomplishments. We are forming a tradition of championship teams at TPMGC!

A Rare Albatross Seen at Torrey Pines

By: Stephen Shushan

An Albatross is an endangered bird that is one of the most efficient travelers of all vertebrates on the planet. They expend very little energy soaring hundred of miles over the ocean each day. In golf, an Albatross is getting a 1 on a par 4 or a 2 on a par 5 and is rarer than a hole-in-one. The Albatross odds are 6 million to 1 compared to a hole-in-one's 12,700 to 1.

On April 15, 2021, on the 18th hole on Torrey Pines South, I witnessed Steve Moran get the rare Albatross. Steve was 230 yards from the hole on a side hill lie just past the right fairway bunker. He was waiting for the green to clear (I said to myself "he has got to be kidding"). He pulled out his 3 wood and I watched as the ball landed on the green, rolled a few yards and disappeared. I yelled "I think it went in!" When we got to the green, the ball was in the hole. Steve and everyone went crazy.

This shot not only got Steve \$100 and a plaque, but also put him in first place in his flight. Truly remarkable. Congrats to Steve!

Website Email and Phone # Changes

A member may update his/her personal contact information at GHIN.com. After logon at GHIN.com, select your name in the upper corner of the screen then select MY PROFILE. You may change your email address, home address, and/or phone number.

But here's where it gets complicated. Changes to your GHIN profile information will be shared with Golf Genius for the purpose of receiving newsletters, all-member email broadcasts, and tournament information such as tee sheets and scorecards. **However, GHIN profile information IS NOT shared with our website. To update your website email/phone/home address you must request a website administrator to perform the update.** (email your request to Ed Carter at edcarter4golf@gmail.com)

Website email addresses were stored for all members when our new website launched in December 2020. For those who have joined since then, their email address was set when they were added to the website member roster. Once your website email is set it doesn't change unless you request a manual update by a website administrator.

Your website email address is your website logon username (you may also logon using your website user nickname that was automatically set by the system using your first-name initial and last name along with a dash number when there are nickname duplicates).

In addition, your website email address is used by our website for various communications such as to send you automated emails when you sign up or cancel from tournaments and request gift certificates.

It's best that you keep your GHIN email address and website member address the same. Otherwise, you will receive club emails via different email addresses depending on the type of information (emails originating from our website will go to an email address different from those sent by Golf Genius).

Website Security

With some public website breaches recently, you may be wondering about the security of our new website. Although the risk of a hack or intrusion is never zero, we have several features and procedures that have increased our security. First, the site uses HTTPS which is a more secure version of the protocol used to send data between your web browser and the website. Second, our website is backed up daily, so if a problem occurs, we can return to an earlier backup. We also maintain a log of events and transactions within the site. All the transactions on the site are important, but we pay special attention to the security of the member accounts. In addition to the backups, all transactions that move money in or out of accounts are reviewed by a Board Member before processing.

Sufficient Funds in Member Account

With the new website, all tournament fees are paid from your Member Account. This is normally \$15, but sometimes also includes the green fee. We check the account balance of each member on the tee sheet before the end of the cancellation period to confirm that there are sufficient funds. If there are not, you will be informed two ways.

First, when you look at the tee sheet, there will be a beige highlight around the name of any member with insufficient funds. Second, the tournament coordinator will identify any members short of funds in an email update prior to the cancellation period.

The website will also send an automatic email alert. (This is currently sent after the cancellation deadline. We are working on moving it earlier)

If you are short of funds, you must add funds (via the MY ACCOUNT area on the website) or you will be removed from the tee sheet.



TPMGC Penalty Policy



Why does our club have a penalty policy? The primary reason is our tournaments are often oversubscribed. This means that many members can be shut out from playing some of our tournaments. When members cancel with little notice and/or don't show up, we may not have enough time to find a member to replace them and these precious spots often go unfilled. The penalty policy was implemented to minimize the frequency of these occurrences.

Wait Lists, Cancellations and No Shows

Torrey Pines GC, as well as most other courses we play requires final tee sheets 7 days in advance of tournament day. It is each player's responsibility to check the club's website for cancellation dates, tournament tee time assignments and any changes up through each tournament date. Members who do not get an assigned tee time and remain on a tournament wait list are agreeing to take any tee time available, up to the day before the tournament. Members that are allocated a tournament spot or assigned from the wait list and fail to cancel by the deadline or fail to show up at the course to play and pay their fees will be subject to a penalty.

Late Cancellations

Cancellations for all TPMGC tournaments must be made on the website before the stated cancellation deadline for the desired tournament. Once a member has signed up for a tournament, he can cancel without penalty from the Signup Sheet by clicking the Cancel button under his name. After the end of the signup period, a tee sheet will be posted on the website.

During the Cancellation period, a member can also cancel from the tee sheet without penalty by clicking the Cancel button below his name. After the end of the cancellation period, you may still click the cancel button, but doing so will cause a Late Cancellation Penalty.

First Late Cancellation Occurrence

Member is subject to a \$25 fine and automatic suspension from playing in the next Torrey Pines home event (weekday tournament penalty dates for weekday penalties and weekend tournament penalty dates for weekend penalties). Members on the penalty list are suspended from all TPMGC home play (weekday and weekend) until being cleared from the penalty list.

Second Occurrence Within Past 12 Months

Member is subject to a \$25 penalty and automatic suspension from the next two Torrey Pines home tournaments.

Additional Occurrences Within 12 Months

Member will be subject to a \$25 penalty and suspension from the next four TPMGC home tournaments. Members exceeding three penalties within a rolling 12-month period will be subject to board action and possible suspension from all tournament play. This policy is in effect for all TPMGC tournaments both home and away.

Payment of Penalties

Penalty fees are automatically deducted from your member account. Members with outstanding penalty balances are ineligible to participate in all TPMGC events until their balance is settled. An unpaid penalty can restrict your sign up and waitlist position or even get you removed from a tournament. Keep a positive balance in your account.

Paid up penalized members are eligible to sign up for away events only while waiting out their home tournament suspension(s). Penalized members will remain on the penalty list until clearing their home tournament suspension(s) date.

Charitable Donations

Each year your club, donates a portion of your member dues to various local youth-oriented golf organizations. This year we are pleased to announce that we have donated to the following

\$3500 to the Pro Kids Organization
\$3500 to the SCGA Junior Golf Association
\$4000 for CIF Golf – split \$2000 for high school boys and \$2000 for high school girls

We hope you share in the pride in making these donations to such worthy local youth golf activities! Any questions or suggestions for worthy organizations next year, are welcome.

Grand Torrey Cup



The Grand Torrey Cup is a home and away match of 24 TPMGC members vs. 24 members at the Fairmont Grand Del Mar, a semi-private course near Del Mar. This is the 3rd annual match. We hope to get revenge for our losses in years 1 and 2. The

matches will take place on July 21 at Torrey South and on July 24 at the Grand. Our team captain is John Hoffman. Members had four opportunities to qualify this year. Congratulations to the following qualifiers:

Ricky Schlesinger & Eric Hansen

Ken Hafner & Lance DeGrazier

Steve Bauman & Lamberto Lee

Gregory Lu & Hughie Thomas

Martin Chang & Gary Case

Kraig Akers & Dale Lafferty

Franc Happ & Tim Keckeisen

Charles Terrell & Timothy Mercer

Jon Choy & Collin Bennett

Anthony Leib & Clinton Smith



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Old board email addresses... with the implementation of our new website, board member email addresses ending in .tpmgc.org are no longer active. If you are emailing a board member, please check the website under About The Club for board member email addresses.

General membership meetings... There have been no member meetings (in person) since November 2019. We plan to have a virtual member meeting on June 29th at 6:30. Mark your calendars. More details and info about connecting to the meeting will be sent via email.

Golf in Oregon... one of our members, Luis Enciso, is a full-time caddy at Bandon Dunes in Oregon. He has already caddied for some fellow club members and he would love to caddy for you if you travel there.

Volunteer Opportunity... marshals help with pace of play. You will typically be at the course for about 4 hours helping fellow members find golf balls and helping members close gaps between their group and the group ahead. For doing this, you great priority entry into a tournament of your choice. Email Ruben Huerta (rphuerta@gmail.com) if you want to be added to the Marshal list.

Torrey North Reopens... There are many US Open tents on the North course. In addition, spectators and volunteers at the US Open will park on the North course. It will require quite a bit of work to make the course playable again. We anticipate it will reopen in September.

Member Discounts... Remember that one of the benefits of membership is a 20% discount on clothing at the Torrey Pines Pro Shop. Combine that discount some of your tournament winnings and you can get quality clothing at a great price!

2021 Board of Directors

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ADDENDUM

June 6, 2021

We have some additions and corrections to the May Newsletter.

Your Contact Information

In the President's Report and in the Website article on page 5, we encouraged you to make your contact information visible to other members, but we didn't explain how to do that. To change the default to SHARE INFORMATION, log on to the website and select the box "Share my contact information with other members" on the EDIT INFO page of MY ACCOUNT.

Scoring Incomplete Rounds and Holes

The newsletter contained some incomplete and incorrect information regarding how you should score holes that are not played and how that should be entered into Golf Genius.

In a team event, if no score is posted by a player for a hole; player/team only loses score for that hole. All other player scores for other holes count.

This is how incomplete holes are handled in **individual** events:

If a player does not play a hole at all, the score should be left blank. If a hole is played but not completed, the score should be entered as "X".

An 18-hole score will be posted to GHIN as long as at least 14 holes are completed. So, the difference between "X" and blank is important.

In most individual events, if no score is posted or if an X is entered for that hole's score, the player is DQ'd from the event. But there are some conditions where a player doesn't complete a hole and remains in the tournament. For example, a Stableford where we have a maximum score per hole, a Best 9 holes format, or a format where you can exclude your score on 1 or 2 holes.

For individual and team events, scores will be posted to GHIN with score(s) for the X hole(s) being net double bogey.

Bunkers

The newsletter misstated our bunker rules. The official rules are on our website.

If rakes are in bunkers, play the ball as is lies, including plugged balls.

If there are no rakes in bunkers, continue to follow the special rule posted on our website:

- Players may place their ball elsewhere in a bunker without penalty within one club length of where the ball came to rest.
- Procedure under local rule:
 - Declare to playing partners that you are using the preferred lie option. Measure one club length no closer to the hole. Place the ball in a spot in the bunker of your choosing. You may not clean your ball. There is no penalty. In consideration of other players please smooth out, with your foot or club, the area from where you played and walked in the bunker.

Grand Torrey Cup Team

We failed to include Mike Vizcarra and Saurabh Shah as qualifiers for the Grand Torrey Cup team.

Congratulations to Mike, Saurabh and all members who qualified for the team.