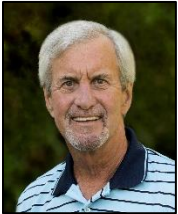




President's Report - Larry Prosi



Half way thru 2023 and the golf year couldn't be better! I hope this update finds all our members in good health and "hitting 'em straight"!

Your Board continues to do its best to improve the member experience and has been extremely busy during early 2023. Updates include

- Hosted a highly successful, and well attended with over 110+ members, at its annual Spring event at the Torrey Pines golf course. Pizza, beer and of course, lotts a raffle prizes!
 - Continued a *Handicap review process* for all members, which the SCGA considers a "best practice" program for clubs
 - Continued the highly successful match play tournament with The Grand – Torrey Cup
 - We are pleased to announce that we are increasing the payouts for *Proximity Awards* effective July 2023 plus will now be on all Par 3's!
 - Added various TPMGC *Team Play* opportunities for our members against other local clubs – see the article from Jamie Ogle in this newsletter
 - We are making a small adjustment to tournament "no show" fines in our *Penalty Policy* – see the website for current version.
- Updated our *Pace of Play Policy* to encourage faster play, which in turn increases the enjoyment of playing golf for all. See the article from Jim Lackritz for more detail!
 - We have updated the Covid Policy – see update on the website
 - We are off to a great start on our Volunteer Program initiatives...please read the Volunteer article in this newsletter from our volunteer coordinators – Al Allison and Jim Hartigan
 - Bob Hood worked with the TP Pro Shop and we now offer a *TPMGC Logo'd hat, shirt* and more for our members and now

Our Big Announcement... We are issuing **New TPMGC Bag Tags** as this year's member gift! Will be available August 1st on line thru the pro shop. ...more info on how to order to follow soon!



President's Report (continued)

Obviously, all of this was accomplished with the dedication and “hours and hours” commitment your Board has made to enhance your playing experience.

I personally want to thank our 2023 Board - Marc Couillard, Brian Dresser, Roy Burchill, Al Allison, Ed Carter, Bob Hood, Steve Shushan, Ruben Huerta, Jim Lackritz, Frank Rashid, Jim Hartigan, Jamie Ogle and Matt Van Meeteren

Unfortunately, we said goodbye to 3 of our key long time Board members – Michael Berg, Steve Arkin and Johnny Donnelly. Each of these gentlemen were major contributors to our Club's long time growth and success. We are fortunate however that Steve and Michael will continue in a consulting capacity with our Board.

Update on Weekday Events at Torrey Pines GC
The change to our Weekday events played at Torrey Pines GC to Wednesdays and Thursdays, instead of just Thursdays, has been overwhelming successful. Based on a “straw poll” at the Spring event, of the 110+ attendees only one person voted to revert back to Thursday's only!

Given that success, we are going to experiment on a weekend event in November. Two consecutive Sunday's, each a separate tournament with uninterrupted approximate tee times from 7 to 9:30. The City is actually in favor of this change, so we will survey member reaction to possibly continue in 2024.

Finally, 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 lprosi@san.rr.com and I guarantee you will receive a reply.





Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club

2023 Club Champions

Mike Mehran	Club Champion Gross <i>(2022 Champ)</i>
Marc Couillard	Club Champion Net <i>(2022 Champ)</i>
<i>Weekday</i>	
John Koerber & Ray Sasser	SCGA BB Net Co-Champions
Tony Avarello	Senior Gross Club Champion
Jeff Morris	Senior Net Club Champion
John Hoffman	Super Senior Gross Club Champion
John Hoffman	Super Senior Net Club Champion
<i>Weekend</i>	
William Daley & Ryan Loizu	SCGA BB Net Co-Champions

July 2023



by Jim Lackritz

As Chair of the Pace of Play (POP) Committee, I analyze the data from each tournament and maintain the player database on the time gaps between groups as reported by Golf Genius. We implemented the POP policy a year ago to emphasize the importance of keeping up with the group in front of you. To date, we have had only three members who have collected too many points over a five-tournament sequence to incur further penalties of tee time restrictions. For a typical tournament, we might have two-three groups who finish more than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them.

If you are not aware of the policy, please take time to read it on the website under the TOURNAMENTS subheading. Often, people who contacted about slow play were not familiar with the policy.

The good news is that we have greatly improved our POP at Torrey Pines over the last year. For the last few weekday tournaments (with no public players inserted in the middle of our tee times), including the Senior Championships, our mean completion time has been around four hours, with the final groups coming in often under 4:15. This helps the club in its relationship with the city, as POP has been a concern raised by the city in past years.

For both the weekend and weekday tournaments, some groups enter scores into Golf Genius before they have finished the final hole. When you do this, you are cheating the group behind you, and groups have been penalized accordingly. We monitor this through a variety of ways, so if you think it is worth it to save a potential one-point penalty, you will eventually get caught and the penalty will be far more severe.

Thank you to all for your concern about POP and your professionalism in responding to inquiries from the committee on slow play. If you ever have questions about POP, please email me at jimlackritz@hotmail.com.

Prize Fund by Steve Shushan

Winnings from Torrey Tournaments.

Since September, 2022 all winnings from Tournaments at Torrey Pines are transferred to the TP Pro Shop. This is a requirement of our permit with the City. You can only spend the money at the Pro Shop. You can use this for merchandise (you get a 20% discount), cart fees, range balls, and other items. It is up to each member to keep track of the winnings that are transferred over and how much they spend. Maintaining a spreadsheet would be very helpful. Winnings from away tournaments still remain in your TPMGC account. You can access those dollars by contacting Steve Shushan

Sufficient Funds in Your Account

Many of our away tournaments are prepaid and you must have sufficient funds in your account to pay for the green fee and \$15 tournament fee. When you sign up for a tournament, be sure to check your account balance. If you do not have enough money, immediately add more funds. This way you won't get several emails to do this. If you don't add funds to your account by the cancellation deadline you will be dropped from the tournament.



TPMGC

Tournament

Hole-in-one Club

Stephen Shushan	1/7/21	Torrey North #17
Carl Lemke	4/8/21	St Mark #13
Venkatesh Canchi	4/18/21	Torrey North #6
Steve Moran (*albatross)	4/15/21	Torrey South #18
Robert Hartunian	6/28/21	El Camino CC #4
David Seiklow	6/28/21	El Camino CC #15
Jose Gil	7/15/21	Enagic (Eastlake) #7
Chen Lin Li	7/15/21	Enagic (Eastlake) #17
Dan Allen	10/7/21	Mt. Woodson #16
Jim Casale	1/13/22	St Mark #13
Jim Lackritz	2/24/22	Torrey North #15
Alan Olds	7/7/22	Torrey South #8
Richard Beebe	7/24/22	Torrey North #15
Dan Hendry	1/26/23	Twin Oaks
Richard Beebe	7/6/23	Torrey North #15

TPMGC Volunteer Program

by Al Allison and Jim Hartigan

The City considers access to the Torrey Pines golf courses a privilege due to the unique nature of Torrey Pines being a world-class municipal facility. The City wants our club and the TPWGC to “earn” continued access by volunteer efforts that grow and give back to the game of golf. I wanted to give an update on our volunteer efforts to date. TPMGC has or will apply **1,594 volunteer** hours so far in 2023 in the following programs.

Course Marshals

Our Volunteer Marshal Program has been widely accepted by our members and highly successful in reducing the Pace of Play.

- Thru the end of June, we have marshaled for 31 events accumulating a total 152 hours YTD and providing these Marshal members 62 priority registrations.
- Please read our whole story on our TPMGC website by using the Volunteer pull down menu. Click on Tournament Marshals there you will have several options to choose. Including an up-to-date schedule showing available dates thru the end of the year
- We encourage you to request any date that will fit into your schedule. Several of our marshals will gladly give up one of their days for you.
- By offering a mere 4 hours of your time, we will provide you the opportunity to guarantee a priority registration at a Torrey Pines tournament You will have up to 3 months to use that priority.
- You can also volunteer to be a course Marshal for public play on dates that TPMGC does not have tournaments. The City places a high value on volunteer efforts for Public Play
- If you are interested in becoming a marshal, contact our Player Assistant Chair, Jim Hartigan Jhartigan35@gmail.com or refer to the Board of Directors tab for his contact information.

Divot Patrol

The City places a high value on TPMGC's efforts as “Divoteers”. 19 TPMGC members have signed up as Divoteers. 14 have completed or signed up for 22 shifts (88 hours) 5 members have requested priority registration. We are asking you to sign up as a Divoteer. Our goal is to annually apply more hour as Divoteers than other volunteer opportunities. Shifts are available Monday through Friday in the morning and evening. Contact Al Allison alallisongolf@gmail.com to sign up for the Divot Patrol. We are working to streamline the sign-up process for the Divot Patrol.

Other Golf Volunteer Events

- **San Diego Junior Golf Association** 10 TPMGC members have signed up or worked a total of 11 shifts (44 hours) at SDJGA events. One member has used his priority registration.
- **Junior World** 23 TPMGC Members have signed up for 56 shifts (224 hours) at the Jr World competition. The tournament starts July 8th.
- **City Amateur** 8 TPMGC Members signed up and will work one shift (32 hours) on 7/15 or 7/16. The shifts were split with the TPWGC members.
- **Farmers Insurance Open** 35 TPGMC members applied 1,056 hours at the FIO.

We are working with the City to identify other Golf events that TPMGC can get credit for volunteer hours, so stay tuned.



Torrey Team Play Opportunities 2024

by Jamie Ogle

The Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club has a few different opportunities for team play in 2024. For the past three years we have participated in the *SCGA Weekend Team Play* tournament. We advanced to the playoffs in our first year. Last year, our weekend home course was Torrey Pines North and we plan to do that again in 2024. Your captains are Jamie Ogle and Matt Van Meeteren. We are hoping to add a *Weekday SCGA Team (Thursdays)* as well and your captains will be Jamie Ogle and Roy Burchill.

SCGA team play's regular season runs from January to March with playoffs potentially until mid-April. There are 3 home matches and 3 away matches against 3 other clubs. Regular season matches consist of 16 golfers against 16 golfers playing for 6 points per match in head to head net match play and a fourball net match. We will be looking for 16 regular players and about 10 substitute players. All handicaps are welcome.

We also have a *TPMGC Senior Team* that is captained by Paul Lawrence that plays its home matches at Rancho Bernardo Inn. The *TPMGC Senior Team* runs from March to October and 6 players play per match. There are 15 home and away matches. Players must be at least 55 years old and most players play in 3 matches. All matches are on weekdays. All handicaps are welcome.

Prior to next season, we will be emailing our membership to let members know about the details of our various team play opportunities and give members the opportunity to sign up to be considered for the teams.

More to follow later in the year.



2023 Board of Directors

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- Larry Prosi - *President*
- Jamie Ogle - *Vice-President*
- Brian Dresser - *Secretary*
- Marc Couillard - *Treasurer*

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- Al Allison - *Volunteers Chair / Pace-of-Play Co-Chair*
- Roy Burchill - *Tournament Chair*
- Ed Carter - *Webmaster / Membership and Technology Chairs*
- Jim Hartigan - *Player Assistant Chair / Pace-of-Play Committee*
- Bob Hood - *Weekday Tournament Chair*
- Ruben Huerta - *Volunteers Committee*
- Jim Lackritz - *Pace-of-Play Co-Chair / Handicap Co-Chair*
- Matt Van Meeteren - *Penalty Chair*
- Frank Rashid - *Technology Committee*
- Stephen Shushan - *Prize Fund Chair*