



# From the 19<sup>th</sup> Hole

Larry Prosi's

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

January 2024



***Happy New Year to all our members!***

***May you lower your handicap this year and "hit 'em all straight"!***

Your Board continues to do its best to improve the member experience and looks forward to making some positive changes for 2024. But first a recap of some highlights from 2023:

- Continued the highly successful match play tournament with The Grand – Torrey Cup
- Added a new *Team Play* event to our already highly successful weekend play – we have also started weekday Team Play. Check the website for more details!
- Increased the payouts for *Proximity Awards*
- Continued a *Handicap review process* for all members, which the SCGA considers a “best practice” program for clubs. We are currently reviewing handicaps for 2024.
- Our *Pace of Play Policy* has significantly encouraged faster play, which in turn increases the enjoyment of playing golf for all.
- Our *Volunteer Stewardship Program* has been extremely well supported and we thank you! See the recap chart for 2023 below...and we anticipate 2024 being even better. Check the website for opportunities and benefits for volunteering.
- Our **Membership totals** in January 2024 are - 1071 active members, 11 new members in January and 68 new members in 2023.



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- We continue to enhance the website under the direction of Ed Carter our Web Master!
- We issued **New TPMGC Bag Tags** as this year's member gift! Not too late to pick yours up at the Pro shop.
- We are pleased to announce a **NEW Major Tournament for 2024**. All winning members during 2024 will be eligible to participate in the **Tournament of Champions** to be held in March 2025. More details on this exciting new event will be forthcoming.

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 2024 Board – Jamie Ogle (Vice President) Marc Couillard (Treasurer), Brian Dresser (Secretary), Roy Burchill, Al Allison, Bob Hood, Steve Shushan, Ruben Huerta, Jim Lackritz, Frank Rashid, Jim Hartigan, Matt Van Meeteren and Stephen Lee.***

### 2023 Volunteer/Stewardship Program

Activity	Hours	Volunteers	Average
2023 San Diego City Am - TPMGC Volunteers	70	9	8
CIF San Diego Girls	78	18	4
City of SD Divot Program - TPMGC Volunteers	310	47	7
City of SD Pace of Play Program - Public Marshal	107	1	107
San Diego Junior Golf Association Tournaments	44	10	4
Junior World Tournament	252	28	9
Farmers Insurance Open	1,056	35	30
<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>1,917</b>		



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**2024 Financial Update** - As many of you are aware, TPMGC dues for 2024 increased by \$20 to \$195 for renewing members. This is a direct result of an increase mandated by the city in our SUP agreement. This fee to the city can be increased by \$20 annually until its expiration in 2025. Of your \$195 dues, \$36 goes directly to SCGA for your SCGA membership and \$95 goes directly to the city. Of the remaining \$64, 97% is returned to the members directly through tournament subsidies, member gifts, SCGA & Senior teams. The remaining 3% is used for administrative expenses such as insurance, postage, and tax preparation fees.

### **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 overwhelmingly successful. Given that success, we have also changed for 2024 our weekend events to two consecutive Sunday's, each a separate tournament with uninterrupted approximate tee times from 7 to 9:30.

### **Here's some interesting tournament stats for 2023:**

- Frank Rashid was the top money winner with a total of \$1,858, playing in 43 tournaments.
- The most tournaments played by any member was 44.
- Your Board conducted 67 tournaments in 2023 with total winnings of \$198,360 (average of \$2960 per tournament)
- 38 tournaments conducted in 2023 at Torrey Pines with total winnings of \$126,856.
- 29 tournaments were conducted at away courses with total winnings of \$71,504.

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- 32 members had 2023 winnings over \$1,000.
- Total of all 7009 total rounds of golf in 67 tournaments (average of 104 players per tournament)
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### Some common rules to remember.

- Play the ball down unless you are specifically told otherwise by email from the Tournament Chair or on the scorecard. Never assume you can move the ball.
- Lost balls in the rough – our club used to have a local rule whereby you could declare your ball lost and place another ball in the rough and add a stroke. That rule was discontinued several years ago and was replaced by another local rule which can be found in the Rules section of our website. Watch this one minute video to be familiar with the current local rule: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/rules-modernization/major-changes/golfs-new-rules-stroke-and-distance.html>
- Be sure to check the scorecard to see what tee you are playing from. If you tee off from the wrong tee but correct it and re-tee before completing the hole, you incur a two-stroke penalty. If you tee off on a second hole from the wrong tee, you are DQd.
- Protect the field! If you see a fellow member violate any rules of golf, report it to the TC. Members who don't follow the rules have an advantage over those who do. To maintain fair competition, we rely on playing partners to notify us when the rules aren't followed. If you can prevent a rule violation from occurring, tell the member what they should do to avoid the rules violation.



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- And a random reminder - On par 3's double check when you are signing, that you are doing so for the *proper tee color you are playing and write legibly!* If name is posted to wrong color or can't be read, then no award.
- Your Board also highly recommends you review this link to our local Club rules -  
<https://tpmgc.org/tournament-rules/>

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](mailto:lprosi@san.rr.com) and I guarantee you will receive a reply.

*My best that you should shoot your best golf rounds in 2024...*

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