

## JAY BEACH



With heavy hearts we announce the passing of Jay Braden Beach, a beloved husband, father, brother, golfer and a dedicated professional, who departed from this world on January 27, 2024.

Jay is survived by his loving wife, Susan Beach, and two loving twin 16-year-old daughters, Alexia and Briana. While Susan is not currently playing golf, both girls have been playing for their high school golf team. They also have taken lessons from Torrey Pines PGA member Allen Merryman. Truly, a family of golfers!!

*If you would like to donate to Jays family, mainly to help the girls with a college fund, please use this link: <https://gofund.me/b2fb5a32>*

Jay, Jim Lackritz, Steve Kaplan, Flint Locke and I have been playing together for more years than I can count. We all went through the ups and downs of Covid as well as our own "old man" ailments. Last year was tough for Jay as he had a hip replacement on Halloween. He got through that like a champ but was disappointed it was taking him so long to get his swing back. It just so happened that he also retired as an air traffic controller (Operations Manager!) in November. As twice TPMGC Senior Net Champion in 2020 and 2022, as well as "Super Senior" Champion in 2022, he always set a high bar for himself! Jay and I have been partners at Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club events for many years. We have been almost inseparable on the various courses that we play. Not only would Jay and I play together in partner events, when we did not walk the course, we shared a cart together at almost every event. One of our "claims to fame" was last year when we won one of the 2 Man Best Ball Tournaments and qualified to play in the "famous" Torrey Pines vs The Grand at Del Mar match!

Jays last round was when he played golf with us at Twin Oaks in the TPMGC event in late January. It was a cold, drizzly day and he said he did not feel great, but he pushed on anyhow. Jay was not one to duck out on his teammates just because he did not feel well! He actually just missed a birdie putt on the first hole, made par on the second, and helped out through the day. When he left the course, he seemed fine. He parked right next to me, so we were talking as we put away our clubs. My last words to him were "take care"!!

His wife Susan said he was very tired when he got home. He still wasn't feeling well a few hours later, so she convinced him to go to a medical unit to get looked at. They diagnosed him with internal bleeding (something like a tear in his aorta) and put him in an ambulance to a hospital. He had emergency surgery on Friday and went into the ICU. Unfortunately, he passed away the next day.

One thing that really got to me, along with his sudden passing, was when his wife mentioned that the girls said to her, "at least one of the last things dad got to do was play the game he loved with some of his best golf friends"!!

I have really missed my golf partner and friend! I think he will be sorely missed by everyone who knows him!!

May he Rest in Peace!

**Submitted by JC Cochran**