



# TPMGC

## Stephen Lee's PRESIDENT'S LETTER

June 2026



--- Club Mission ---

*"The Torrey Pines Men's Golf Club strives to provide well organized tournaments and support our community through volunteerism and stewardship of the Torrey Pines golf courses."*

***To all our TPMGC members,***

Summer is almost upon us and with that, longer days to squeeze in more holes before the sun sets. It also means that you have this late spring newsletter to enjoy so grab your favorite beverage and read all about your favorite club.

A huge congratulations to Nik Neal, a current member of TPMGC, who recently made it through local qualifying for the 126<sup>th</sup> U.S. Open. Nik shot 1-under 71 at Rams Hills (Borrego Springs) in blustery conditions against a very competitive field. This score placed him in the top 5 and qualified him for the final qualifying round at Del Paso CC (Sacramento) on June 8. If he makes it through this stage, you will see him on TV playing in our national championship! Best of luck Nik! We are all rooting for you.

**Spring members' meeting, Tuesday June 16: Important!**

Our biannual, in-person members' meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 16 at the Torrey Pines golf range. Come enjoy the camaraderie of other members, chat with board members, have some good pizza and drinks, participate in a putting contest, and win a raffle prize! Make sure to register for the meeting through our website so that we can have a headcount for pizza and drinks.

***Please note a couple of special activities that will happen at this meeting:***

First, we will vote on updates and revisions to the TPMGC Bylaws which were last revised in August 2023. Almost all of the proposed revisions are minor- e.g. simplifying, clarifying, and formatting language/text; however, I want to highlight one proposed change with respect to the number of board members in Article IV, section 8 (b).



The current Bylaws state that the board shall consist of 15 members. The proposed change is that the board will consist of up to 15 members. The red-lined version of the proposed changes and the “clean version” are now available on the website for your review. Voting will only take place in-person at the upcoming Spring member’s meeting. There will be no voting by email.

Second, Curtis Burkhead, Director of Golf for Pro Kids, First Tee – San Diego, will be on-site to accept used clubs and golf balls for donations. Clubs should be less than 15 years old and balls in decent shape. I know we all have clubs laying around that we don’t use. And everyone can use some extra space in the garage. This is the perfect opportunity to give your equipment a second life for a great cause.

#### June 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda

**4:00 pm** - Putting Contest - last entry sold at 5:00; \$5 to play; only one opportunity, cash prize!

**5:30 pm** - Food Served: Pizza, Beer, Water

**6:00 pm** - General Meeting

- Introduction of Board members
- Matty Reyes, Golf Course Manager  
Parks & Recreation Golf Division
- Update on club activities and news
- Vote on Bylaw revisions
- Q & A - submit all questions to Stephen Lee:  
[SHLee1202us@gmail.com](mailto:SHLee1202us@gmail.com)
- Raffle - TPMGC apparel, free rounds of golf, tournament priorities and other exciting prizes!

#### **Waitlists and tee sheets - A change in policy**

As previously stated, our priority system is set-up to be objective and give the fairest chance for all our members to play in Torrey Pines GC tournaments based on the date of the last tournament played at Torrey Pines. The only exception to this is volunteers who choose to use their earned priority to play in a specific tournament. Again, this emphasizes the value of doing volunteer work to earn a priority. Nothing has changed about this.

However, since the last newsletter in March, the Board has revised its policy regarding waitlists and tee sheets. The reasons are myriad and include ease of understanding to the membership, record-keeping, person-power to manage tournaments, reducing tournament coordinator errors, and minimizing exceptions to the priority system.

Going forward, once you have been placed onto a tee sheet for a tournament (call it “T2”), you will not be removed from the tee sheet unless you cancel yourself from the tournament.



If you are on a preceding tournament's waitlist (call it "T1") and then subsequently get off the waitlist and onto the tee sheet, you get to play in T1 and it will NOT affect your status for T2. In other words, you still get to play in T2 since you were already on the tee sheet.

For example: You are on the waitlist for the June 1 tournament and on the tee sheet for the June 8 tournament. If you are lucky enough to get off the waitlist and onto the tee sheet for the June 1 tournament, you will still get to play in the June 8 tournament.

It should be a very infrequent occurrence when a member gets to play in a back-to-back (or every other) Torrey tournament, but the board will analyze this data in a few months. Allowing this reflects a balance against many factors that help keep the priority system stable, sustainable, and understandable.

The only caveats to this are certain tournaments like the SCGA Qualifiers, Grand Torrey Cup Qualifiers and Turkey Shoots in which members only get one chance to participate in each of these tournaments.

#### [Code of Conduct, Chair Jamie Ogle](#)

This was included in our last newsletter, but it is important enough to state it again. In the words of our immediate past president, Larry Prosi:

*"Protect the field! If you see a fellow member violate any rules of golf, report it to the tournament coordinator. Members who do not 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 are not followed. If you can prevent a rule violation from occurring, tell the member what they should do to avoid the rules violation."*

We all bear responsibility to support the standards of our club and "protect the field" - please speak up if you see something that is not right, or if you don't feel comfortable doing that, reach out to the tournament coordinator for that event.

Activity since last newsletter:

- One member suspended for 3 months and banned from major club tournaments for one year; issue related improper procedures picking up the ball to identify it and then not replacing it back in the exact same spot.
- One member who was previously suspended for 6 months had suspension reduced to 3 months.

The next quarterly review of outlier winning percentages will take place at the end of June 2026. The biannual handicap audit will also take place at that time.



### Volunteer Committee Update, Chair Sean Tucker

We had a tremendous showing of volunteers for the Adaptive Golf Championship and the Boy's CIF. The events were a total success. Here is what Nico Sigala, Golf Operations Assistant and Torrey Pines Volunteer Coordinator had to say:

*"Thank you all for your help with the Adaptive Golf Championship! It was great to have you and your club members out there supporting the tournament. Many of the players complimented your club members. I heard nothing but positive feedback. Hopefully your club members felt the appreciation from the players, and everyone involved with the coordination of the tournament."*

*"The Boys CIF tournament today was a great success! Unlike last year we did not have to deal with the f-word (f-o-g). The weather was beautiful and everyone had a great time! Thank you to all of your club members who came out to volunteer their time and effort. They are appreciated by the city, the tournament coordinators, and most importantly, the players. Hopefully, all of the volunteers enjoyed themselves and felt the gratitude."*

*Also, a big thanks to all the club leaders for spreading the word and getting the volunteers signed up. We wouldn't be able to do it without you."*

Next up is the **San Diego City Amateur Championship** (3 to 5 hours volunteer shifts for each day):

**Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>** - North & South Courses, 7:00 am  
Consecutive tee times

- *Requesting 25 volunteers*

**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** - North & South Courses, 7:00 am  
Consecutive tee times

- *Requesting 25 volunteers*

**Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup>** - North & South Courses, 7:00 am  
Consecutive tee times

- *Requesting 25 volunteers*

As always, it is an honor for our Board to lead this club. We are constantly striving to make it the best club around for our membership to enjoy. **If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.**

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