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Sept 2004

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Next meeting: Sept. 23th

PRO MEMBER SCRAMBLE

Thursday, Sept. 23rd - - - 7:00am Shotgun

There is still time to sign up for the Pro-Member Scramble, an opportunity to play with a Southern California PGA pro in a scramble format which has proven to be quite enjoyable. The Scramble replaces the regular monthly membership tournament. This is a 7:00am shotgun on the Encino course and the tab is \$ 75* (\$65 if paid by Sept. 13th) for the game, electric cart, team prizes and lunch in the Encino Glen banquet room. There will also be an individual amateur "closest to the pin" contest on all par 3s. A \$5.00 entry fee covers all 4 holes.

Here's how the scramble works: five-man teams consist of a pro and 4 players, one each with an A, B, C and D handicap. Everyone drives off the tee and the team selects the best ball. Everyone hits from that spot. Again the best ball is selected and everyone plays the next shot from that spot. Same thing on the green; everyone putts from the same spot. During the course of the round each team is required to use the drives of the A & B players at least three times and the C & D players twice.

Pairings for this tournament will be done by the computer based on the low index for August. An effort will be made to adjust the pairings so that you may play with the members of your choice and still maintain the policy of an A, B, C and D player in each group, with approximately equal total handicaps in each group. (However, there is no guarantee!) Pros will be assigned by random drawing and no two board members will be on the same team. Reminders:

- Deadline for the 100 paid-up players is Sept. 13th in the event the Scramble isn't sold out before then.
- Mail in your tournament fee with the coupon on page 8 or drop it in the tournament box in the pro shop.
- Check-in time: **Thursday, 6:00 am.**
- **The September monthly membership meeting will follow the Pro-Member Scramble lunch replacing the evening membership meeting. All club members are invited to the meeting whether they play or not. Non-golfers can have lunch for \$10. For more information, call Ron Abramson at (818) 789-4113.**

PRESIDENT'S CUP 2004

by Mark Michelini

The race is on with only a few matches to be played. Otto Betz defeated Pat Capiello advancing to the final four as did Marc Kourtajian who defeated Tairo Kato. Otto will face Troy Fazio and Marc's opponent will be either Ardi Nozari or Frank Kornblatt.

I want to thank all the player for completing there matches in a timely manner; good luck and may the best man win. Don't forget, blue tees and current low index for the matches.

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Annual Columbus Day Party & Club Election

Golf, Sweeps, Dinner, Prizes, Entertainment

Don't miss the first big event of your club's fall season. It's the fun-filled post Columbus Day bash, Thursday Oct. 28th.

On that day we'll get you a game of partner's best ball on Encino including the sweeps. That night in the Encino Glen banquet room, you'll dine on a very special Italian cuisine with complimentary beverage; door prizes will be awarded. Allen Weiss' "Sepulveda Sandbaggers", along with comedian Jimmy O'Brien will entertain you royally.

The fee of \$50 is reduced to \$40 for those who pay by October 18th. Put the ten you save in to the skins. You might make expenses and then some. Come to the party and stay for the election.

Jan Bernard is your tournament chairman, call (818) 489-1205 or email him at jananddorth@yahoo.com to sign up or use the coupon on page 8.

Ready Golf Tip

by Richard Jimenez

DRIVING HELP

The driver, not the most important club in the bag, but it sure gives you confidence to play the hole after a good drive down the fairway.

Always play your natural shaped shot, do not fight it on the course. Your twenty yard hook is not miraculously going to become a little controlled fade in the span of four hours. Practice at the range, never the golf course if you want to shoot your lowest score. If you move the ball left to right, tee it up on the far right hand side of the tee box. And if your ball tends to fly right to left, favor the left side of the tee. This improves your chance of hitting the fairway, just like trying to leave a putt on the high side of the break, improves your chance of making the putt.



These are the most common flaws that I see amateurs make on the golf course when driving.

Always make the biggest and slowest shoulder turn you can make on your backswing, especially on the first tee. This flaw is the biggest contributor to slicing and skied tee shots.

Place the ball opposite your left heel, (right handed golfer) it promotes an ascending attack angle which is critical in hitting straight tee shots.

Holding on to the club with very soft hands and fingertip grip pressure is key. It aids the club closing thru the impact area, and something most people don't do. Especially when you try and hit hard, you can swing your fastest while still holding on softly.

Pick a specific target when teeing off, not the fairway. That is not specific enough, a tree in the distance, edge of a Fbunker, a yardage marker, something like that. The theory behind this is small target, small miss.

Try these few tips, and I guarantee they will improve your driving. And one more thing, if your tee is still in the ground after your tee shot, it shows a level attack angle and good swing. Good luck !!

Richard Jimenez is a teaching professional at the Sepulveda Driving Range. His rate for instruction is \$35 per half hour private lesson. He also gives A-Star video lessons.

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Give a Thought to Running For the 2005 SMGC Board

Before the presidential election Nov. 2, the Sepulveda Men's Golf Club will have its own election of 7 members for 2-year terms to its board of directors. This balloting takes place Oct 28 at the membership meeting-Columbus Day party.

Here's a great opportunity to join a group of your colleagues who not only love the game of golf but have the personal satisfaction of serving and improving their club for all members. Board members work on budget committees, club tournaments, legislative issues and a whole host of interesting projects. It's your chance to input ideas on speeding up slow play; what do think of tournament play from the blue vs. white tees? Your board of directors acts upon all these issues.

Eligibility is simply that you be a member in good standing, available to attend monthly meetings the first Thurs. of the month; and that you'll hit the floor running to participate in many of the Board's actions.

If you'd like to run for the Board, want more information, or know of a buddy who'd make a good candidate, call Sam Bensussen at (818) 981-0488. Share your executive skills by serving on the Board. Nominations close at the end of the Pro-Member Scramble luncheon-meeting Sept. 23.

SUNDAY TOURNAMENT

CAMARILLO SPRINGS AUGUST 22nd
4 Man Teams - 2 Net Balls

Tournament chairman Gene Vano
Work (818) 703-0749 • Home (818) 222-1226

120	\$65 each	David Kanovsky	Frank Kanovsky
		Joe Bishop	John Owen
123	\$45 each	John Blake	Marc Carter
		Robt. K.K. Fisher	blind draw
125	\$30 each	David Ramos	Kevin McShane
		Alan Taksar	Bruce Bernard
127	\$15 each	Charlie Silpasvang	Burt Gold
		Bill Anapolsky	Pete Heller
		Rich Nance	Neil Zaniboni
		Ted Johnson	Darryl Cias
		Bob Marlow	Steve Goldstein
		Dennis Harmon	Jim Stafford

129	\$7 each	Paul Nance	Daniel Longmire
		James Longmire	Mike Teague
		Lew Murez	Michael Bernback
		Roy Bernhardt	Mark Michelini
		Richard Costin	Don Drooker
		Rick Polzien	Lee Schreiner

Closest to the Pins \$15 each

Hole	Winner	Distance
3	Roy Bernhardt	12' 11"
8	Glenn Barry	5' 8"
11	Paul Nance	9' 3"
12	David Kanovsky	4' 11"

Optional Individual Low Gross Event

Score	Winner	Prize
70	Rich Nance	\$56
71	Lew Murez	\$42
76	Troy Fazio	\$21
	Neil Zaniboni	\$21

Optional Individual Low Net Event

Score	Winner	Prize
65	David Kanovsky	\$67
67	Jim Stafford	\$56
68	Rich Nance	\$45
69	Marc Carter	\$33
70	Gene Vano	\$22

All Above Prizes Redeemable in
SMGC Gift Certificates at the
Sepulveda Pro Shop

SKINS GAMES

"A" Flight Scratch \$82 each

Hole	Winner	Net Score
2	Neil Zaniboni	birdie
4	Rich Nance	eagle
5	Lew Murez	birdie
8	Jim Stafford	birdie
11	Alan Taksar	birdie

"B" Flight Hdcp 0 - 18 \$81 each

Hole	Winner	Net Score
4	Rich Nance	eagle
11	Alan Taksar	eagle
13	Gilbert Lares	birdie



MGA 2004

By Pete Heller

*BALBOA BREEZES,
ENCINO FREEZES
HANSEN DAM HANGS
ON TO FIRST*

Rancho Park - August 18, 2004

In the second partner's best ball match play event of the year, team Balboa thrashed Griffith Park 50-34. The victory kept Troy Fazio's MGA Championship hopes barely alive, needing invaluable help from sister team Encino. Len Zambito's Encino squad was nipped by defending champion Rancho Park 48-36 in a close contest that was not decided until the final match of the day was completed. Now in order to have any chance, team Encino must defeat Hansen Dam next month by at least 20 points.

However, any victory coupled with a Balboa win over Rancho Park would set the stage for a scintillating final month. Last, but certainly not least, Hansen Dam blasted Woodley Lakes in an extremely meaningful match 58-26.

SEPULVEDA MATCH WINNING "ACTS"
BALBOA

Rich Nance & Mike Schell
Dan Longmire & Troy Fazio
Mark Michelini & Dan Crawford
Dave Kanovsky & Taira Kato
Pete Heller & Earnie Baumeister

ENCINO

Bernie Rabins & Bob Overland
Len Zambito & Dick Butala
Frank Kornblatt & Sep Raafat

STANDINGS W L T POINTS

Hansen Dam	6	2	0	368
Rancho Park	5	2	1	356
Balboa	4	3	1	345
Encino	4	4	0	328
Woodley Lakes	3	5	0	320
Griffith Park	1	7	0	299

Next Matches

Encino Golf Course - Sept. 16, 2004
8:00 Hansen Dam vs Encino
8:50 Griffith Park vs Woodley Lakes
9:50 Rancho Park vs Balboa

THURSDAY TOURNAMENT

RANCHO PARK AUGUST 26th

*Tournament chairman
Ron Abramson (818) 789-4113*

2 Man Partners - Better Net Ball

"A" Flight

59	\$70 each	Mike Genne	Marc Madden
60	\$60 each	Glen Omura	Joe Rodriguez
61	\$45 each	Steve Aaron	Ken Carlson
63	\$35 each	Mike Belson	Bob Lujan

"B" Flight

57	\$70 each	Ray Stuckert	Howard Warwick
60	\$60 each	Art Angel	Art Schonfeld
63	\$40 each	Ron Abramson	Ken Abramson
		Ed Kearns	Charles Walsh

Closest to the Pins \$15 each

Hole	Winner
3	Mike Belson
8	Mike Genne
12	Mark Michelini
16	Gene Vano

Optional Individual Low Net Event

Score	Winner	Prize
66	Gene Vano	\$70
66	Ken Carlson	\$70
67	Ray Stuckert	\$30
67	Marc Madden	\$30

SKINS GAMES

"A" Flight Scratch \$38 each

Hole	Winner	Net Score
2	Mark Michelini	birdie
4	Dave Baram	eagle
6	Bob Lujan	birdie
16	Frank Kornblatt	birdie
17	Dan Crawford	eagle

"B" Flight Hdcp 0 - 18 \$39 each

Hole	Winner	Net Score
02	Mark Michelini	eagle
03	Christian Casper	eagle
04	Dave Baram	eagle
14	Roy Bernhardt	eagle
16	Frank Kornblatt	birdie
17	Dan Crawford	eagle

"C" Flight 19 Over \$19 each

Hole	Winner	Net Score
2	Pete Heller	eagle
3	Art Angel	eagle
5	Mark Madden	eagle
7	Marshall Binn	d. eagle
8	Art Schonfeld	eagle
15	Bob Kostel	eagle
17	Ray Stuckert	eagle
18	Sandy Levy	eagle

Senior Club Championship Complete Results

CLUB CHAMPION	142	Mike Schell	\$150 + Trophy
NET CHAMPION	134	Pete Ruiz	\$150 + Trophy



MIKE SCHELL
*LOW GROSS
CHAMPION*



PETE RUIZ
*LOW NET
CHAMPION*

“A” FLIGHT (76+)

Low Net		Low Gross	
136	Pete Ruiz	*	170 Pete Prieto \$85
138	Bob Overland	\$85	182 Fred Crippen \$50
140	Jim Bodack	\$50	184 Joe Deignan \$35
143	Sanford Wesler	\$35	

“B” FLIGHT (70-75)

Low Net		Low Gross	
138	Ben Hogan	\$85	151 Steve Aaron \$85
142	Joe Bishop	\$50	157 Mike Brown \$50
144	Paul Carlson	\$35	164 Ned Latto ***
			168 Jim Wada \$35

“C” FLIGHT (60-69)

Low Net		Low Gross	
136	Taira Kato	\$85	153 Stu Olster \$85
138	Mike Teague	\$40	154 George Beams \$50
	Art Schonfeld	\$40	156 George Bryson \$20
139	Roy Bernhardt	\$15	Bob Bjork \$20
	Dave Yoest	\$15	161 Frank Kornblatt \$10
140	David Brain	\$10	163 Ernie Kaplan \$10

“D” FLIGHT(50-59)

Low Net		Low Gross	
136	John Platt	\$85	149 Len Zambito \$85
137	William Gardner	\$50	153 John Hammil \$25
140	Don Drooker	\$35	Asher Kamiel \$25
141	William Cornner	\$20	Tom Knickerbocker \$25
	Dennis Harmon	\$20	157 Neil Zaniboni \$10
142	Ted Johnson	\$10	159 Eagle Eye Yap \$10

SKINS

Saturday - August 28th			Sunday - August 29th		
Scratch	\$60		Scratch	\$60	
2	Steve Goldstein	birdie	7	John Platt	birdie
8	John Platt	birdie	9	Rich Wesner	birdie
13	Steve Weisberg	birdie	12	Mike Schell	birdie
16	John Platt	eagle	15	Hadi Morshed	birdie
17	Ted Johnson	Hole in one	16	Asher Kamiel	birdie
	0-18	\$35		0-18	\$50
1	Ron Abramson	eagle	2	Pete Ruiz	eagle
4	Gene Vano	eagle	6	Dick Butala	eagle
8	John Platt	eagle	7	John Platt	eagle
12	John Harbaugh	eagle	9	Rich Wesner	eagle
14	Richard Whorton	eagle	17	Allen Weiss	eagle
16	John Platt	db. eagle		19+	\$14
17	Ted Johnson	Hole in one	1	Dave Brain	eagle
	19+	\$10	4	Chuck Baily	eagle
6	Art Schonfeld	eagle	11	Mike Teague	eagle
9	Sandy Levy	birdie	14	Jim Bodack	eagle
12	Art Schonfeld	eagle	18	Joe Deignan	birdie
13	Bob Overland	birdie			
16	Bob Overland	eagle			
17	Mike Teague	eagle			
18	Mike Diner	eagle			

* *Paid elsewhere*
Flights are by age

****Disqualified – did not meet minimum requirements*

SCHELL & RUIZ WIN 2004 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Mike Schell repeated as the low gross champion and welcomed Pete Ruiz to the winner's circle as the low net overall champion.

Mike had a 142, beating former champion Len Zambito D Flight winner by seven shots. Pete Ruiz at 134, was two shots better than Pete Prieto, the A flight champion 76+ years of age), Taira Kato the C flight champion 60-69, and John Platt, the D flight champion, 50 to 59 years of age. Ben Hogan won the B flight (70-75) with a 138.

The Saturday round was highlighted by Ted Johnson's hole in one on the 17th at Balboa. A player should get a reward for just hitting the green on this 210 yard par three. Rumor has it that Ted hit an 8 iron. He did pass the drug test. In case you have never worked a tournament, Ted always brings doughnuts for the tournament workers. Good guys do not always finish last! Rick Kopper, who has retired from the starter's shack for a career with the United Nations, looked at Saturday's leader board and commented that Jimmy Dodds had to win a skin on 17 "with a natural bird". We replied that the wonderful Jimmy did not even come in third.

Sunday's round at Encino took longer than the 100 years war. The fog was so thick heads of St. Bernards had to be dispatched to find several the lost golfers. Finding their golf balls was another matter. There was a diligent Marshal (oxymoron) who was checking the pace of play with a calendar.

The tournament could not have been as successful if it were not for the efforts of many people, some of the most important contributions were by Britt Polzien, Samantha Polzien, Rick Polzien, Lee Schreiner and Bardo the Wonder Dog. *Hope to see you next year!*

2005 SMGC Membership Dues

For the first time in five years, your board of directors has voted to increase the club's annual dues. The board was forced to act as Pub Links is increasing its charge to member clubs for handicap and other services.

During the last few years SMGC has absorbed increasing expenses for everything we buy including golf fees, dinners, trophies, printing and mailing The Eagle and has run a deficit. We cannot continue to spend more than we take in.

We are a non-profit operation but we can't be a losing operation. We want to offer quality events with significant prizes to all of our members and we must raise the dues to do so. The new dues will be \$75 per year, an increase of 83¢ a month. New members will pay \$100 to join.

We may also increase the cost of some of our tournaments. We will keep increases to a minimum and only up the cost where we must meet greater expenses. Please understand that board members pay the same dues and tournament costs that non-board members pay. We all want to pay as little as possible and we all want to have good prizes for the winners of our events.

Year 2005 Membership dues are \$75.00 if postmarked no later than November 15th. The dues become \$85 if postmarked November 17th through December 1st. The worst news is that the \$75 if postmarked after December 1st becomes \$100 just like new members because that's what errant members become. You will be taken off the PubLinx roster, your member number and handicap retired, and you will not be eligible for SCMG and PubLinx tournaments and events after December 1st.

Don't let this happen to you. Look for the renewal form in next months Eagle or download the renewal form from the SMGC website at and send it to Bob Kostel, membership chairman. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Besides, we'd be happy to have you as a club member in the coming year.

Along with your SMGC PubLinx membership renewal, you have an added option this year; you may also become a member of the Sepulveda Eagles, an affiliate of the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) for the year 2005 for \$25. Your SCGA membership will allow you to play in all SCGA tournaments except for the SCGA Team Play Program.

If you have an existing SCGA membership in the Sepulveda Eagles and want to continue as a member the 2005 renewal fee is \$25. However, the deadline is December 15, 2004. After that date there will be a \$10 reinstatement fee charged by SCGA for renewals. As per club policy, no individual statements will be mailed.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY WE GOLF

Our Sunday event in August was another sellout. See the results elsewhere in the Eagle. **The tournament originally scheduled for September 18 was rescheduled to Sunday, October 17th at River Ridge in Oxnard because they are aerating the greens.** We have openings left as of this writing and they go fast. It's \$65 bucks now or \$75 the day of the Tournay. Call Gene Vano during the week at (818) 703-0749, after hours or on the weekend get him at home (818) 222-1226.

THE GOECKNER CLASSIC

by Marshall Binn

The Goeckner Classic is a major tournament which will begin play on Oct. 1, 2004. The tournament is named after Dick Goeckner who succeeded our 1st pro Dick Boggs in 1971 until he passed away in 1982. This is the only SMGC tournament that features a Partners Best Ball, match play format. Line up a partner and be ready to play.

The tournament chairman can assign a fellow member to players without a partner. Partners can have a maximum handicap spread of seven strokes computed from the month prior to the tournament start. Players will play to their current index at the start of their matches. The maximum index allowed is 26.4 (over 26.4 will play down to that index).

Competitors will play off the low handicap of the foursome and will schedule their own matches at any agreed upon course within deadlines established by the tournament chairman. In the event of disagreement among courses, Encino will be the preferred course.

Each player must have been a member of the club for at least 3 months and posted at least 8 scores in the previous 12 months. We may have two flights: weekday and weekend depending on member responses. The entry fee will be \$15.00 per player. Trophies and prizes will be awarded. All entries must be in prior to the tournament start date. Please use the sign up coupon to the right and good luck.

SIGNUP COUPON THE GOECKNER CLASSIC

Player: _____

Phone # _____

E-mail# _____

Player: _____

Phone # _____

E-mail# _____

Weekday _____

Weekend _____

A check payable to SMGC is enclosed for
\$15.00 for each player, mail to:

SMGC
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Sherman Oaks CA 91413

Questions? Call Marshall Binn at (310) 278-2573

On The Other Hand

or "A View from the Bunker"

By Ed Cohn

THE ROUGH

As this is being written, several of our shorter members pictures have started to appear on the sides of milk cartons. Seem they did not tie themselves to the other members of their foursomes and wandered into the rough alone.

The idea is to have the that the rough severe enough to cause some headaches in trying to get the ball back into the fairway, **but** not make it difficult to find golf balls. Great and noble idea. It just isn't working. Pace of play is really in shambles.

2004 SENIOR'S CHAMPIONSHIP

This little bit of nonsense is being written a week after the 2004 Senior's Club Championships. Elsewhere in this Eagle there will be a short story on the Tourney and how Rick Polzien & Lee Schreiner were the youngest members to run a major Tourney and they aren't even Board Members.

Just in case you don't read that far for the record they did one heck of a job. All the players are to be congratulated because they were really cordial to the rookies. We would have been there on Saturday but we had to attend the Annual Boyle Heights Polo Finals.



TRANSFERS?

We don't like to micromanage (like hell we don't) but someone has made some transfers that have uprooted some key long-time employees, both in the Valley and on the West Side.

Although we do not know the reasons for the transfers, knowledge has never stopped us before. We hate to lose Louise Ewing and Dan Ward. They were probably violating one of the tenets of Angelino Life in that they were not driving far enough to get to work. We will really miss them. Louise has been a fixture in the Valley for many years. The hard charging Dan was only here for a cup of coffee (or so it seems).

Randy Levitbaum and Bob Davis are replacing Louise and Dan because they probably were violating the same tenet. We welcome them to the Valley, hope the drive will not get to them and how lucky they are the gasoline prices have fallen (NOT).

BOARD OPENINGS – BIG SHOES TO FILL

It has been announced that Treasurer and Away Tournament Co-Chairman Bill Anapolsky along with the Away Tourney Co-Chairman Gene Vano are not going to retain their current positions.

Both Bill and Gene have dedicated themselves to their jobs in the Club. They have put in many, many hours of hard work. Their contributions have been major and we will miss them but the only people that cannot be replaced is **YOU!**

The funny thing about working on the Board is it becomes enjoyable. The members all do their jobs – and do them well. Very seldom is heard "a discouraging word" though some of the meetings often become a bit cloudy.

We are also about to lose the sage advice and humor of

Past President Ted Kalnas, who is getting married and moving to Arizona to work with a company that separates pepper from fly dodo with boxing gloves. On behalf of the Board, we wish Ted well and hope that he is having twins.

TUNE IN NEXT MONTH when we explain to you what to do if your are ever stranded in the rough.

HANDICAP CHATTER

By Stu Olster, Handicap Chairman

The USGA Handicap Rules do not allow scores to be posted if the round is not played in accordance with the Rules of Golf. Examples are: the use of non-conforming equipment, playing multiple balls, improving lies and other transgressions too numerous to mention.

Suppose a club member never posts scores because he uses the golf course for "practice" in a way that doesn't generate scores that are capable of being posted. What implications would this have for the club?

Golf clubs like the SMGC exist primarily to administer their members' handicaps and do whatever is necessary to make competitions using those handicaps as fair and equitable as possible. In order to fulfill their mission, golf clubs need as much information about their members' playing potential as possible. Since a handicap index is derived from average scores, the more scores that go into the calculation, the more reliable will be the average and the better the member's index will represent his playing potential.

Using the course as a 'practice range' is permissible (under appropriate circumstances), but if it is done to the complete exclusion of playing in accordance with the rules and posting the results, the ability of the club to determine the playing potential of the member is degraded. Under these conditions, the member's handicap index can easily become unreliable as an indicator of his potential.

Hip Hip Hooray for Phil Skarin

Friday, August 13th was Phil's lucky day. All of his friends and fellow club members will be happy to learn that the world-class weight lifting champion underwent successful hip surgery at Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Panorama City.

Phil is assured 24 hour loving home care by a registered nurse: his wife, Miriam.

It took him 34 years to accomplish the fete proving nothing is impossible. On July 18th, Dauntless **Dan Crawford** got a Hole in One on the 160 yard fifth hole at the Westin Mission Hills Resort in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

What makes it extra special is Crawford bettered by two strokes what Gary Player had designed for the par three hole on his Signature Course.

Happy to confirm Dauntless Dan's deed is club member Bob Stein. It's not known at this writing what club was used. The putter stayed in the bag!



A few words from

President Ken Oberg

I was very heartened to have several members make comments on my August column. I am very glad that people read the Eagle because a lot of people contribute to it and Rich Nance works very hard to get the Eagle to all of our members.

We will be electing club board of directors at our October 28th Columbus Day Party. We need a few good, new, board members as some of the current group are retiring. Bill Anapolsky is one of those retiring after doing a great job as treasurer for many years. Bill has also run the weekend tournaments along with Gene Vano. So if there is a member with accounting experience or anyone interested in helping with our other activities, please contact Sam Bensussen at 818 981-0488, so you can run for a place on the board.

The San Fernando Valley City courses have a new Senior Park Maintenance Supervisor, Bob Davis. Bob has been Supervisor at Rancho where he did a fine job. Bob will take Dan Ward's place. Dan will move to the Pacific Region. In another change, Randi Levinbaum will replace Louise Ewing as Valley Operations Supervisor. Louise will now be Operations Supervisor in the Pacific Region. Dan and Louise were very responsive to our needs. I thank both of them for all the help they gave our club.



CLUB LEAGUE NOTES

By Pete Heller

Encino - August 12, 2004

The "Game of the Week" saw Allen Weiss' Raiders barely edge Paul Carlson's previously undefeated Vikings 19-17. The win left both teams in a second place tie one tiny point behind Michelini's Mad Dogs, who just barely survived a tough encounter with Len Zambito's winless Eagles, also 19-17.

Jan Bernard's Bears and Don Nopar's Trojan's both picked up wins to remain in contention with two matches to go. Bob Kostel's Rams also posted a victory, but now need more points than are available and will from now on have to play for monthly pride along with the Angels, Diablos, Hawks and Eagles.

Results and \$ 10.00 Certificate Winners

Raiders 19, Vikings 17

Rich Kreisberg, Bruce Bleamon, Miles Lee, Ruben Camarena, Irv Chernov, Larry Levine

Mad Dogs 19, Eagles 17

Brad Sniderman, Randall Kirby, Mark Michelini, Don Pistotnik, Gene Vano, Paul Barrere

Bears 24, Hawks 12

Dan Crawford, Frank Kornblatt, Pat Cappiello, Mike Diner, Sandy Levy, Don Meena

Rams 19, Angels 17

John Hammil, John Moore, Mike Genne, Fred Crippen, Sanford Wesler

Trojans 20, Diablos 16

Marc Kourtjian, Lou Paley, Jeff Sable, Ben Hogan, Al Fay, Don Nopar

Standings	W	L	T	Points
Mad Dogs	5	0	2	12
Raiders	5	1	1	11
Vikings	5	1	1	11
Bears	4	2	1	9
Trojans	4	2	1	9
Rams	3	3	1	7
Hawks	1	4	2	4
Angels	2	5	0	4
Diablos	1	6	0	2
Eagles	0	6	1	1

Next Matches - Hansen Dam Golf Course - September 9, 2004

8:00 Vikings vs Eagles
 8:25 Rams vs Trojans
 8:45 Diablos vs Hawks
 9:10 Bears vs Raiders

FROM THE READY GOLF SHOP

(Country Club Service-Warehouse Prices)

By Michael Bernback

Greetings members, I will try and keep this simple. We always guarantee that we are already lower priced than any other golf shop (Golfsmith, Dunn, etc.) on all golf equipment and you can always try before you buy. For certain sales we "Deep" discount particular products to blow them out, no special orders. Our after summer blow out sale (effective 8/28/04) includes the following while they last!

	OUR PRICE	OTHER SHOPS	SAVINGS
1-Taylor HT iron set (3-P steel)	\$499	\$599	\$100
1-Taylor HT iron set (3-P graphite)	\$599	\$699	\$100
1-Taylor OS iron set (3-P steel)	\$399	\$499	\$100
1-Taylor OS iron set (3-P Graphite)	\$599	\$699	\$100
16-Taylor 580 XD Drivers	\$229	\$249-299	\$20-70
2-Callaway 380 BBII Drivers	\$199-219	\$269-299	\$70-80
3-Callaway 415 BBII Drivers	\$269	\$299	\$30
1-Ping Si3 Driver	\$329	\$399	\$70
1-Titleist 762 iron set (3-P)	\$549	\$699	\$150

WOW ! Thanks for your patronage.

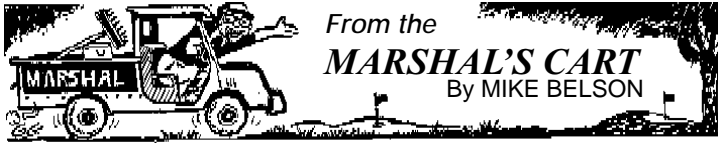


Hole in One for Ted Johnson

Ted would much rather have won the D Flight championship but will gladly settle for his hole-in-one perfected on the 17th at Balboa; and of course, there are all those riches that his skin has brought him.

It happened in the first round of the Senior's Championships on Sat. Aug. 28 when Ted fashioned the ace with his trusty 3-wood. It's the first hole-in-one for this youthful senior. Congratulations, Ted.





Remember when the Readers Digest had a column about pet peeves? When was the last time you heard that expression? Well, I have developed one, or two, both related to handicap parking, and the latest, handicap cards for golf carts.

First, the parking spaces designated for people with handicap placards or disabled license plates. I realize there are some among us who really need those spaces because they have a problem walking long distances, but most of the time they are taken by those who had an operation years ago and still have the placard. Some arrive at the golf course very early in the morning when there is plenty of room in the first few aisles, take one of the few reserved spots, remove their three wheel cart and go walk the golf course. Later in the day, someone with a disabled plate arrives and has to negotiate his or her way with a cane or walker to the Encino Glen.

I know it's convenient to get a close-in parking slot, but sometimes it would be a nice thing to think of someone other than ourselves.

As for the cards to put on golf carts, some thinking about the course would be a refreshing change. Many users of the handicap cards are careful, but too many drive right up to the front of the greens or greenside bunkers, and when the course is wet, leave ruts right where the next guy has to chip.

I saw a handicap card at Rancho this week and it actually had rules on the back. Things like keeping fifteen feet from the greens, bunkers and tees and don't drive them over curbs. Not a bad thing for everyone

That's all for now, I won't even mention the excruciating five hours and forty minutes I spent at Rancho. At my age, I can only concentrate for four and a half hours, and after a half hour wait at the snack bar, I'm toast. Oops, I mentioned it. Sorry!

Tournament Sign Up Coupon

To sign up and pay for a future tournament, check the appropriate boxes and mail with a separate check for each event to:

SMGC
P O Box 57373
Sherman Oaks CA 91413

- Sept. 23** **Pro Member Scramble, (shotgun) \$75***
Luncheon & Meeting, Encino Glen
- Oct. 28** **Encino, Columbus Day party \$50***
& board election

***Note: Reservations based on first paid, first in. \$10.00 discount for payment 10 days before the tournament.**

Your name: _____

Will you RIDE WALK

Note: The October Sunday away tournament will be on the 17th at River Ridge in Oxnard.

Gene Vano at Work: (818) 703-0749 • Home: (818) 222-1226

COMING EVENTS

- Sep 12,19,26 PubLinx Team Play
 - Sep 16 MGA Team Play-Encino
 - Sep 23 **Pro Member Scramble, (shotgun) \$75***
Luncheon & Meeting, Encino Glen
 - Oct 7 Board meeting
 - Oct 7&8 LA/MGA Senior's (Men & Women) Championships
 - Oct 10 PubLinx Team Play Finals
 - Oct 14 Club League Play, Balboa
 - Oct 17 Sunday tournament, River Ridge \$80***
 - Oct 21 MGA Team Play-Woodley Lakes
 - Oct 28 Monthly tournament, Encino \$50***
Columbus Day party & board election
 - Nov 4 Board meeting
 - Nov 4 Club League Play, Encino
 - Nov 8 PubLinx Public Club Team Championship
 - Nov 14 Sunday tournament-Brookside #1**
 - Nov 18 Monthly tournament, Harding**
 - Nov 18 MGA Team Play mixed team scramble,
Hansen Dam
 - Nov 20&21 PubLinx Desert Classic
 - Nov 26 Day After Thanksgiving tournament**
Five Club Classic, light buffet in the bar
 - Dec 2 Board meeting
 - Dec 4&5 PubLinx Champion of Champions Qualifying
 - Dec 5 Sunday tournament-Los Serranos South**
 - Dec 9 Monthly tournament, Wilson**
 - Dec 12 PubLinx Champion of Champions final
 - Dec 23 Holiday Tournament, Encino**
- * \$10 discount if paid 10 days in advance

SEPULVEDA EAGLES

by Jan Bernard

Dan Crawford and Rich Whorton represented the Sepulveda Eagles at the SCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifying round at Sierra La Verne Country Club on August 17, 2004. Sierra La Verne is a 6,356 yard course sloped at 126 and rated at 70.6 from the blue tees. Rich and Dan faced some stiff competition. There were four qualifying sites: Sierra La Verne, Soule Park, Spring Valley Lake and Cottonwood Golf Club. 210 teams were competing for 48 spots advancing to the two day final event at Landmark at Hemet Golf Club on September 22 and 23, 2004. Rich and Dan finished the best ball event with a 78 but missed the cut. We thank you for representing our club in a professional and honorable way. Congratulations on your efforts and we wish you better luck next year.

SCGA renewals and new memberships for 2005 are coming up soon, so if you want to maintain your membership or apply as a new member, please call for more information. You can phone Jan Bernard at (818) 489-1205 or e-mail him at jananddorth@yahoo.com with questions.