



NIBLICK NEWS

SEPULVEDA SENIORS' GOLF CLUB APRIL 2024

LEADERS OF THE PACK

First March Monthly--Team Better Ball--March 11

A-Flight

Player Low Net--Nerio Gonong--73--\$40

Team Low Gross--Jason Montgomery/Jim Lundstrom--72--\$45

Team Low Net--Dindo Puno/John Lara--69--\$45

B-Flight

Player Low Net--Mark Berkowitz and Robert Rasmussen--75--\$50

Team Low Gross--Nerio Gonong/Rufino Dimacali--80--\$45

Team Low Net--Christina Han/John Han--66--\$45

C-Flight

Player Low Net--Mike Gallego--73--\$40

Team Low Gross--Douglas Rockford/Jeffrey Markle--89--\$45

Team Low Net--Doug Rogers/Mike Gallego--67--\$45

DEEP POCKETS

A-Flight--Nerio Gonong and Jim Lundstrom--\$90; B-Flight--Leonard Zambito--\$93;

C-Flight--Mike Gallego--\$98

PRESIDENT'S CUP--ROUNDS 2 OR 3

Tolentino v. Benenati

Camp v. Gonong

Jones v. Schwartz or Rudnicki

Oppenheimer v. Butch

Coats v. Nazarian

Seaberg v. Cameron or Zambito



Berkowitz v. Cowan or Martinez

Wong v. Schonfeld or Miller

Acedo v. Abston or Cote

Greenbaum v. Diner or Duenas

AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR...MEMBERS

This section is for golf-related memories, creativity, humor, inspiration, tips: something that is not on our website. Thanks to Ed Gooze, Saul Isler, Roger Cowan, and Mike Cornner for last month's contributions. Now Mike continues and Norman Sanesi, an Associate Member (and former student of mine), along with Roger, also contribute to this issue.

Mike Cornner's Fantasy Golf Trip--Scotland 2018--Part Two--The Courses

We arrived and our excitement couldn't be higher. First off, we headed about as far north as you can go in Scotland to play Royal Dornoch Championship Course. The great Herbert Warren Wind once wrote, "No golfer has completed his education unless he's played and studied Royal Dornoch." In the 400 years that the game has been played at Royal Dornoch, golfers far and wide have made the pilgrimage to this village on equal latitude with the Bering Sea. It's a spellbinding experience that rewards strategy over power, while testing the most proficient short game around with its famous domed greens. We gave thanks to the native son and former Keeper of the Green, Donald Ross. The weather was cold and windy, in other words perfect weather for golf or as they say if it's not wet and not windy, it's not really golf.

After a night's rest, we moved onto Castle Stuart Golf Links. After his overwhelming success of Kingsbarns, developer Mark Passinen found his encore in The Highlands on a stretch of property adjacent the Moray Firth. The course embraces a degree of playability not often found on links courses in Scotland with wide fairways and large green complexes being the order of the day. The result is a course that is both visually stunning and a delight to the average golfer (not that anyone in our club is an average golfer). However, it's demanding enough to host the world's best when it is called upon to host the Scottish Open.

We left Inverness the next day on our way to St. Andrews. Along the way there is the Culloden Battlefield where the Scots were demolished by the precision of the English forces. Of course, we stopped by Loch Ness where there are plenty of souvenir stands.

At last, we were in St. Andrews. We stayed at the Old Course Hotel. Our room overlooked the Old Course and the attendant who helped us with our luggage was completely outfitted in plaid and kilt. Can you believe a 9:30 tee time? We were actually there. You are staying on the first tee with visions of the Open Championship dancing in your head. Some say that the Old Course was not designed by man but simply evolved over time thanks to Mother Nature.

Yet throughout the links we encounter the influence of the longtime Keeper of the Green, Old Tom Morris. Behind you at the tee is the Royal and Ancient clubhouse and the British Museum of Golf. We played the double greens with one green stretching almost 100 yards across. Walkers are welcome on the course, so you see couples, parents with children and folks walking their dogs. Apparently errant shots are not a problem for the Scots. Near the end you drive the ball over the corner of our hotel and head to Swilcan Bridge for the traditional photo. You have experienced the magic of the Home of Golf. Everything in St. Andrews is about golf. The shops, pubs and hotels welcome golfers from far and wide. Being there is the experience of a lifetime.

The next day we played The Jubilee Course at St. Andrews. The course runs alongside the Old Course. It's named in honor of Queen Victoria's 75th birthday. It opened in 1897. The locals believe "The Jube" is the hardest course in St. Andrews. That night at dinner in an eatery in town, we had a waiter who asked if we had played that day. We said we had played The Jube. He immediately responded loudly, "I hate The Jube!" We laughed and added that we hated The Jube too.

Four courses down and three to go.



Nelson Sanesi's Hole-in-One Story



As mentioned in the December Niblick, I had to wait for my mentor, Andy Cordova, to graduate to become Captain and #1 on the Monroe High School golf team--coached by our own Niblick Editor, Steve Greenbaum. "Back in the day" our home course was Knollwood GC, and you could play for 50 cents after 3 PM! Knollwood was hyped to be the "Premier Country Club" in the bedroom community of the San Fernando Valley in the 1950's, including notables of the "Rat Pack." One of the celebrities to move in early was the singer, Jimmie Rodgers (one of his hits was 'Honeycomb') on the 9th hole close near the green.

During one of our team practice rounds at Knollwood in 1963 on the par 3, 8th, in a light drizzle in the dusk, I skulled my iron shot (don't remember what club) towards the green. Due to the hole being uphill, we didn't see where it ended up, so we started looking in the traps and over the green since the shot was coming in "hot." Without any success, we checked the hole and found my ball in the cup for my first of 2-lifetime holes-in-one!

We finished the 9th in the dark and went into the pro shop to register my good luck. At that time, golf ball company promotions included mounting your ball on a trophy and a case of beer! Needless to say, I wasn't eligible for the beer, so I went out to my bag to get my lucky ball. Unfortunately, it wasn't a major brand and scuffed up, so the best we could do amongst the four of us was a Maxfli Dunlap "5" with a couple of cuts (see the enclosed photo) that remains my memory of an old ball in bad weather and a poor shot that I never saw.

Just for Laughs



Roger Cowan

"You spend too much time thinking about golf! Do you even remember the day we got married? Of course I do! It was the same day I sank that 45-foot putt."

Golfer of the Year--11/1/23- Most Improved--11/1/23-4/1//24 3/11//24

Tatco 52.50
McChristy 46.00
Loomis 43.50
Nguyen 43.25
Skinner 43.00
Berkowitz 42.50
Zoida 42.00
Lee, L. 40.50
Puno 40.50
Esquelo 39.50
Goldsmith 39.00
Martinez 37.50
Valdes 36.75
Keene 36.50
Lee, M. 36.50
Page 36.50
Sowa 35.50
Lara 35.00
Schwartz 34.50
Flinn 32.50

Edwin Gooze 24.5 22.5
Gordon Seaberg 16.6 15.3
Michael Camp 18.0 16.8
Mark Sande 27.9 26.5
Frank Cameron 11.0 10.4
Ramoncito Tatco 23.2 22.4
Carla Loomis 11.9 11.4
Barbara Nance 12.1 11.6
Nerio Gonong 13.9 13.4
Timothy Page 14.2 13.8
Christina Han 16.3 15.9
Frederick Tolentino 10.5 10.2
Mark Berkowitz 18.5 18.1
Vern Cote 26.7 26.2
Craig Elledge 9.2 9.0
Robert Goldstein 22.1 21.8
Brian Mason 13.9 13.7
William Cornner 17.4 17.2
Robert Shuttleworth 17.8 17.6
Roger Cowan 20.2 20.0

GET READY!

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

April 8--First April Monthly Individual Gross and Net--Balboa
 April 22--Board Meeting: 1:00
 April 29--Team Better Ball--Woodley Lakes
PRESIDENT'S CUP--ROUND 2 AND 3 CONTINUE



MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

The Club has 236 members--180 Full and 56 Associate*

***An Associate Member pays reduced dues, is entitled to a handicap, can play in six Club tournaments--excluding the three majors--but is ineligible to be Golfer of the Year and Most Improved**

A HEARTY WELCOME

Full Member: Steve Thomson

Associate Members: Jeff Caprio, Jerry Szymanski, Michael Feingersh, Bill Schwarz, Spencer Schneider, Leonard Miller, John Babala, Harry Gharakhanian, David Salzman

Refer a potential member to Dean Abston--DeanAbston@bhhsca.com--(818) 439-4490 for membership applications--and receive one free green fee at an SSGC event at a City course upon that person's joining--(entry fee, prize money, golf cart excluded).



Dean Abston--Membership



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Club Championship—Steve
Skinner & DeRon Jones;
President's Cup--Don Kihara;
Founders' Cup--Steve Skinner

First Monthly--Jan Bernard
Second Monthly--Jan Bernard
One-Day Away--Steve Skinner

MGA--Leonard Zambito

GAC--Jason Montgomery (if available)/Roger Cowan

Website--Jan Bernard

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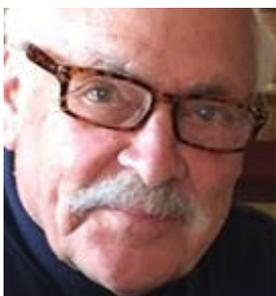
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