



NIBLICK NEWS

SEPULVEDA SENIORS' GOLF CLUB FEBRUARY 2025

LEADERS OF THE PACK

First January Monthly--Two-Player Better Ball--January 13

A-Flight

Player Low Gross--Anthony Benenati--70--\$35

Player Low Net--George Thomas--71--\$35

Team Low Gross--Anthony Benenati/Dave Woody Wood--69--\$43

Team Low Net--Shaeen Ahmed/Terry Kloepfer--64--\$43

B-Flight

Player Low Gross--Andrew Rudnick--80--\$40

Player Low Net--Leonard Zambito--66--\$47

Team Low Gross--Robert Shuttleworth/Steve Scheper--76--\$38

Team Low Net--Andrew Rudnick/Art Martinez64--\$43

C-Flight

Player Low Gross--Mark Sande--87--\$18

Player Low New--Michael Bochenek--67--\$30

Team Low Gross--Michael Bochenek/Michael Russo--81--\$43

Team Low Net--Mark Sande/Randy Miller and Harvey Goldstein/Michael Diner--66--\$38

DEEP POCKETS

A-Flight--Anthony Benenati--\$123; B-Flight--Andrew Rudnick--\$225; C-Flight--Mark Sande--\$108



Payout--Two-Player Better Ball--January 13

ENCINO							
1/13/2025	LOW GROSS	LOW NET	GROSS SKINS	NET SKINS	CTP	FLIGHT	TOTALS
Abston	\$8.00						\$8.00
Ahmed		\$25.00				\$43.00	\$68.00
Archer						\$23.00	\$23.00
Benenati	\$35.00		\$45.00			\$43.00	\$123.00
Bernard						\$27.00	\$27.00
Bochenek		\$30.00	\$24.00			\$43.00	\$97.00
Braddy						\$27.00	\$27.00
Cote						\$23.00	\$23.00
Cowan					\$56.00	\$27.00	\$83.00
Difilippo, Teddy	\$22.00				\$50.00	\$32.00	\$104.00
Difilippo, Tim						\$27.00	\$27.00
Diner						\$38.00	\$38.00
Elledge						\$23.00	\$23.00
Fernandez			\$21.00	\$22.00		\$27.00	\$70.00
Freedman					\$28.00		\$28.00
Furth				\$15.00			\$15.00
Goldsmith				\$15.00		\$38.00	\$53.00
Hudson					\$17.00		\$17.00
Jones	\$8.00						\$8.00
Kadin		\$10.00		\$38.00			\$48.00
Kay						\$38.00	\$38.00
Keene						\$27.00	\$27.00
Kloepfer	\$22.00	\$10.00	\$45.00	\$38.00		\$43.00	\$158.00
Lee, L.		\$15.00		\$15.00			\$30.00
Lee, M.				\$15.00			\$15.00
Martinez					\$17.00	\$43.00	\$60.00
Mason						\$32.00	\$32.00
Miller						\$38.00	\$38.00
Montgomery						\$32.00	\$32.00
Ozuna	\$8.00						\$8.00
Page						\$23.00	\$23.00
Rasmussen				\$19.00			\$19.00
ENCINO							
1/13/2025	LOW GROSS	LOW NET	GROSS SKINS	NET SKINS	CTP	FLIGHT	TOTALS
Rudnicki	\$40.00	\$28.00	\$42.00	\$44.00	\$28.00	\$43.00	\$225.00
Russo	\$10.00		\$12.00		\$17.00	\$43.00	\$82.00
Sande	\$18.00	\$20.00		\$15.00	\$17.00	\$38.00	\$108.00
Scheper	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$21.00	\$22.00		\$38.00	\$151.00
Schwartz						\$32.00	\$32.00
Shuttleworth						\$38.00	\$38.00
Tash	\$12.00		\$12.00			\$23.00	\$47.00
Thomas		\$35.00				\$23.00	\$58.00
Valdes						\$23.00	\$23.00
Willits					\$50.00		\$50.00
Wood						\$43.00	\$43.00
Zambito		\$47.00	\$21.00	\$22.00		\$38.00	\$128.00
Zoida						\$27.00	\$27.00
	\$213.00	\$260.00	\$243.00	\$280.00	\$280.00	\$1,126.00	\$2,402.00

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE BOARD

FROM ED GOOZE--PRESIDENT

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to a Board Meeting

At the January 20, 2025 I was elected as the president of the Club. How I got there is a story. Several years ago I joined our club because I was open on Mondays and wanted to play some golf. At that time we were playing some intramural golf competition and I was drafted as a team member on the "GreenBombers" whose captain was Steve Greenbaum. Steve also was a member of the Board of Directors of our club. Steve and I became friends and often played golf together. During one of our holdings I mentioned to Steve that I would like to be on the Board of Directors of our club. It so happens, that our past president, Bob Lieb, also volunteered to be on the board. Your club is managed by a 12 member Board of Directors. So Bob and I got elected to the board and show up an organizational meeting of the Board of Directors where officers are chosen.

The first order of business was to choose the president and vice president of the board. All the other existing members of the board took giant steps backwards and Bob and I were the only ones left for these positions. Bob had previous experience of being on the board of a golf club because he had been on the board of directors of the Rancho golf course men's club. There was a quick vote of the board and Bob was voted President and lo and behold I became Vice President. After a couple of years on the board I am now your new president.

I have several goals during my term as president.

I truly enjoy the camaraderie of our golfers. However, sometimes we get into a rut of always playing with the same people. One of my goals as President is to mix things up a little bit. I'm hoping that during the year we can have some random mix and match of our golfers so we all get to meet new people.

Another one of my goals is to reinstate our intramural golf matches that we used to have within our club. The competition and fun were fantastic. Unfortunately, we have to squeeze out another day of golf for intramural golf matches.

This requires permission from LA City and that permission is not easy to get. I will do everything that I can to make our intramural golf matches a reality this year.

Finally, I would like our club to make a gift to the Balboa and Encino golf courses such as signs that indicate the direction for the next hole. The signs would include the Sepulveda Senior Golf Club name to promote our club.

Club members are always welcome to attend our Board of Directors meetings as a guest and if you are interested in being involved in managing our club as a director, please bring this to my attention.

I will always be available to our members. You can contact me by voice or text on my cell phone at 626-826-8891 or by email at edgooze@gmail.com.

Warmest regards and may you always end your 18 holes with the same ball.

FROM JAN BERNARD--TOURNAMENTS

Guidelines for Improving Pace of Play

- 1. Play Ready Golf!! Forget about Honors; if you are ready to hit and it is safe, go ahead and hit!!!**
- 2. Do all your pre-shot routine while others are hitting their shot, as long as you do not distract them.**
- 3. Line up your putt while others are doing the same, then be ready to putt when it's your turn.**
- 4. Limit your practice swings to no more than 2.**
- 5. Park your Cart or Pull Cart behind the green between the hole and the next tee, rather than leaving it in front so the group behind doesn't have to wait for you to walk back to your cart and then move out of the way before hitting!**
- 6. If you are putting out and the hole ahead is open, go right to the next tee and tee off while the rest of your group finishes putting out. No need for all 4 of you to watch the last 2 people putt out.**
- 7. When sharing a cart, drop one person off to hit their shot then drive to your shot and hit yours. Then pick the person back up as they walk down the fairway.**
- 8. If a player is having trouble getting out of a bunker offer to rake the bunker while he goes on to hit his next shot.**
- 9. Wait to mark your scorecard until you are in the cart and driving to the next tee. Discuss scores at the next tee rather than on the green.**
- 10. If players behind you are ready to hit, carry your clubs to the cart, hold on to them, drive to your next shot and then put them into your golf bag.**
- 11. Lost Ball Guideline: If you are having trouble finding your ball, the rule is 3 minutes; If the hole in front is open, consider letting the group behind play through while you look and then keep up with them.***
- 12. Report to the 1st tee on time so you can tee off and keep up with the group in front, right from the start.**

***LOCAL RULE**

USGA rules allow a player to hit a provisional ball if the player thinks the ball may be lost or out of bounds. The player may decide not to hit a provisional and, if the ball is lost or out of bounds, return to the original spot and hit again, taking a one-stroke penalty.

To speed up play, USGA created a local rule, which SSGC has adopted. This rule applies only if the player has not hit a provisional and the ball is not in a hazard.

Drop your ball either in the fairway within two club lengths nearest where your ball is reasonably assumed lost or out of bounds or drop your ball within two club lengths nearest the point where it can be reasonably assumed the ball was lost or out of bounds. Take a two-stroke penalty.

FROM BOB LIEB--MGA

SSGC Members....

2025 brings back our MGA (Municipal Golf Association) competition with our other LA Regional Golf Clubs I have the pleasure this year to Captain that team to represent the SSGC...We play once a month on a Thursday at 10:00 AM. We have 7 matches between March and September

I would like to get as many people who would like to participate the opportunity to play...Get back to me when you might want to participate...

We field a team of only ten golfers for each match....5 partner best ball matches and 10 individual matches each competition

You are ranked 1-10 on our team based on your handicap...and you play against the opposing teams same-ranked player

FROM LARRY TASH--HANDICAP

Are You Eligible for Sepulveda Seniors' Golf Club Major Events

Please check our club eligibility for major events :the Founders' Cup, President's Cup, Club Championship. As stated, you must have participated in at least six events since the last playing of that event a year earlier. You also must be a full member. Sorry, associate members are not eligible. To determine if you are eligible, look at our website showing Club Indexes for the current month. If your Club Index is written in black, you are eligible at this time. If your Club Index is blue, you have played in fewer than six events. This quick check can help you to determine if you need to participate in current month events to become eligible.. For more specific information, check with our Tournament Directors for each tournament.

The first major, the President's Cup, will begin in March. At this time of transition, the Directors are Don Kihara and Harvey Goldsmith. See Don's piece below regarding registering in this match play individual event.

FROM DON KIHARA--PRESIDENT'S CUP

***Sign--ups for the 2025 Presidents Cup First Round March 10 at Encino are now open. This is a major tournament requiring players to have competed in six club events between March 2024 and round 1. This is a single elimination match play tournament. Cost \$15. Players are responsible for their green and cart fees. Pairings and brackets will be completed and posted on March 3. Sign up by contacting Don Kihara maaha@aol.com (818) 915-1480**

FROM MICHAEL CAMP--WEBSITE

TRANSITION TO GOLF GENIUS

Over the course of this year, the club will begin a transition to Golf Genius software for our tournament management and website hosting. Golf Genius has become the most used software for golf club management, and most of our peer clubs, including Rancho Park, Brookside, and Griffith Park, have switched to it. In order to make everything as easy as possible, we will be making the transition over a period of months. In the beginning, we will start using it to run the tournaments and post results; the results themselves will be the same, but the look will be slightly different. After that, we will begin to move the entire club website over to GG. You can get an idea of what that looks like by checking out the Rancho Park Seniors site, <https://rpsge.golfgenius.com/pages/7269844848314682011>.

One of the advantages of Golf Genius is that it makes it much easier to play different tees, something we have discussed for a long time and hope to implement soon. In the future, we will be able to transition to registering and paying in advance, and eventually, even add live scoring. We look forward to making this transition and bringing new capabilities to our tournaments and club.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Filling up a Gap (GAC)

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Over the last four years Saul Isler, Ron Trachtenberg, Harvey Goldsmith, Bob Lieb and Ed Gooze have stepped up to serve on the board. The average age of Saul, Ed and myself was 85. Now, seemingly out of nowhere, Michael Camp and Anthony Benenati appeared at January's meeting to offer their services. Their average age is 62. New blood, indeed!

As you see above, Michael is helping Jan with the transition to Golf Genius. What you don't see is the paragraph Anthony created as our representative for GAC, the City's Golf Advisory Committee. We just heard yesterday that Anthony could not serve since he is a part-time employee of the City. This is a great loss since he had written a detailed plan for his participation.

One does not have to be a member of the board to serve as the GAC representative. We need representation, particularly if we want a third monthly event. I know that Steve Skinner would be the first to raise his hand, but as you can see in the last page, Steve wears so many hats he could open a haberdashery store. Come to February's meeting and step up.

Golfer of the Year--11/1/24-1/22/25

Most Improved--11/1/24-1/22/25

Leonard Zambito 51.50
Jason Montgomery 45.00
George Thomas 38.50
DeRon Jones 37.50
Anthony Benenati 37.00
Mark Berkowitz 33.00
Paula Nguyen 32.00
Victor Schwartz 31.50
Joe Ozuna 31.00
Michael Bochenek 29.50
Ken Morris 29.50
Dean Abston 28.00
Andrew Rudnicki 27.50
Marco Zoida 27.50
Shaheen Ahmed 27.00
Ernest Wong 27.00
Skip Keene 26.50
Jesus Fernandez 26.00
Teddy Difilippo 25.5
Gene Braddy 25.33

Brian Coats 8.0 6.1
Jason Montgomery 7.9 6.4
Kenny Merchant 9.3 8.0
Richard Willits 7.1 6.4
Michael Bochenek 23.4 22.3
Steven Skinner 18.4 17.5
Andrew Rudnicki 17.0 16.2
Satur Duenas 21.0 20.2
Conal O'Herlihy 14.2 13.6
John Lara 6.9 6.5
Fred Goldner 20.7 20.1
Leonard Zambito 16.9 16.4
Victor Cervantes 16.0 15.5
Sean OByrne 17.9 17.4
George Thomas 11.8 11.4
Warren Friedman 19.1 18.6
Deron Jones 19.2 18.7
Jeffrey Markle 25.7 25.3
Lynn Lee 32.0 31.6

GET READY!

FEBRUARY 2025

February 10 --First February Monthly-- Two-Player-Better Ball, Encino

February 17--Board Meeting--1:00

February 24--Second February Monthly--Two-Player Better Ball, Balboa

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MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

The Club has 238 member--193 Full and 45 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**

Welcome to Full Members: Bill Lehr, Leonard Levine, Richard Kay

Refer a potential member to Dean Abston--DeanAbston@bhhscal.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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THEY GOT YOUR VOTE

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Ex-officio--Branden Augustus--Course Manager

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

MAJORS

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

First Monthly--Jan Bernard

Second Monthly--Jan Bernard

One-Day-Away--Steve Skinner

MGA--Bob Lieb

GAC-TBD

Website--Jan Bernard/Michael Camp

Niblick Editor--Steve Greenbaum

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FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION**

SSGC BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS--2025



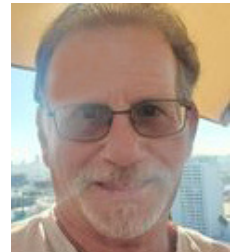
Ed Gooze
President



Steve Skinner
Vice-President
Club Championship
Founders' Cup/Away



Larry Tash
Secretary/Handicap



Harvey Goldsmith
Treasurer/President's Cup



Jan Bernard
Tournament Dir./Website



Michael Camp
Website



Dean Abston
Membership/Banquet



Blane Goldwater
Sunshine/Banquet Dir.



Anthony Benenati



Steve Greenbaum
Niblick



De Ron Jones
Club Championship



Roger Cowan
Asst. Tournament Dir.
Banquet



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