



NIBLICK NEWS

SEPULVEDA SENIORS' GOLF CLUB MARCH 2025

LEADERS OF THE PACK

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

A-Flight

Player Low Gross--- Teddy Defilippo-70--\$34

Player Low Net-- Michael Dahood and Angel Lopez--67--\$38

Team Low Gross--Anthony Benenati/Dave Woody Wood--67--\$48

Team Low Net-- Kenny Merchant/Scott Young--65--\$48

B-Flight

Player Low Gross-- De Ron Jones--79--\$39

Player Low Net--- De Ron Jones-66--\$43

Team Low Gross-- Jeff Kritzberg/ Mitchell Dahood--74--\$48

Team Low Net-- De Ron Jones/ Steven Skinner--62--\$48

C-Flight

Player Low Gross-- Larry Tash--88--\$19

Player Low New-- Larry Tash and Harvey Goldsmith-71--\$28

Team Low Gross--Angel Lopez (Blind Draw)--75--\$48

Team Low Net--Harvey Goldstein/Michael Bochenek 63--\$48

DEEP POCKETS

Anthony Benenati--\$135; B-Flight--De Ron Jones--\$259; C-Flight--Miles Lee--\$88

Second February Monthly Two-Player Better Ball February 2024

A-Flight

Player Low Gross--Anthony Benenati--67 \$36

Player Low Net--Angel Lopez 65 \$44

Team Low Gross--Anthony Benenati/Brian Mason 66 \$96

Team Low Net-- John Lara/Jose Valdes-- 64 \$96

B-Flight

Player Low Gross--Joe Ozuna--82 \$40

Player Low Net--Steve Freedman-- 67 \$58

Team Low Gross-- Jeff Kritzberg/Angel Lopez--73 \$96

Team Low Net--De Ron Jones/Steven Skinner and Vern Cote/Timothy Page and Robert Kadin/
Leonard Zambito and Philip Butch/ Joe Ozuna--64 \$54

C-Flight

Player Low Gross Barry Shusterman---87--\$14

Player Low Net-- Midge McChristy-- 66--\$40

Team Low Gross-- Gilbert Aced/Art Martinez-- 79--\$96

Team Low Net--Carla Loomis/Midge McChristy--59--\$96

DEEP POCKETS

A flight Angel Lopez--\$143; B flight Steve Friedman--\$135; C flight--Midge McChristy--\$188

Payout--Two-Player Better Ball--February 24

Angel Lopez \$48.00 \$44.00 \$11.00 \$40.00 \$143.00 \$143.00
Steve Freedman \$12.00 \$30.00 \$58.00 \$17.00 \$18.00 \$135.00 \$135.00
Anthony Benenati \$48.00 \$36.00 \$33.00 \$117.00 \$117.00
Teddy Difilippo \$23.00 \$16.00 \$32.00 \$22.00 \$20.00 \$113.00 \$113.00
Carla Loomis \$48.00 \$44.00 \$18.00 \$110.00 \$110.00
Joe Ozuna \$27.00 \$40.00 \$17.00 \$18.00 \$102.00 \$102.00
Robert Rasmussen \$36.00 \$28.00 \$17.00 \$18.00 \$99.00 \$99.00
John Lara \$48.00 \$28.00 \$22.00 \$98.00 \$98.00
Midge McChristy \$48.00 \$40.00 \$88.00 \$88.00
Gilbert Acedo \$48.00 \$15.00 \$15.00 \$78.00 \$78.00
Steve Greenbaum \$36.00 \$17.00 \$15.00 \$68.00 \$68.00
Barry Shusterman \$36.00 \$14.00 \$17.00 \$67.00 \$67.00
Art Martinez \$48.00 \$17.00 \$65.00 \$65.00
Steven Skinner \$27.00 \$17.00 \$18.00 \$62.00 \$62.00
Shaheen Ahmed \$36.00 \$24.00 \$60.00 \$60.00
Brian Mason \$48.00 \$48.00 \$48.00
Jeff Kritzberg \$48.00 \$48.00 \$48.00
Jose Valdes \$48.00 \$48.00 \$48.00
Leonard Zambito \$27.00 \$17.00 \$44.00 \$44.00
Vern Cote \$27.00 \$15.00 \$42.00 \$42.00
Dennis Flinn \$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00
Edwin Gooze \$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00
James Lundstrom \$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00
Jason Montgomery \$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00
John Platt \$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00
Victor Schwartz \$36.00 \$36.00 \$36.00
Mark Berkowitz \$17.00 \$18.00 \$35.00 \$35.00
Robert Goldstein \$17.00 \$18.00 \$35.00 \$35.00
Alfredo Picolomini \$12.00 \$20.00 \$32.00 \$32.00
Arthur Schonfeld \$15.00 \$15.00 \$30.00 \$30.00
Harvey Goldsmith \$15.00 \$15.00 \$30.00 \$30.00
Michael Bochenek \$15.00 \$15.00 \$30.00 \$30.00
Deron Jones \$27.00 \$27.00 \$27.00
Philip Butch \$27.00 \$27.00 \$27.00
Robert Kadin \$27.00 \$27.00 \$27.00
Timothy Page \$27.00 \$27.00 \$27.00
Clifton Braddy \$23.00 \$23.00 \$23.00
Conal O'Helihy \$23.00 \$23.00 \$23.00
Frank Cameron \$23.00 \$23.00 \$23.00
Michael Camp \$23.00 \$23.00 \$23.00
Richard Willits \$23.00 \$23.00 \$23.00
Skip Keene \$23.00 \$23.00 \$23.00
Tim Difilippo \$23.00 \$23.00 \$23.00
Kenny Merchant \$20.00 \$20.00 \$20.00
Marcus Kourtjian \$20.00 \$20.00 \$20.00
Jane Stanton \$12.00 \$12.00 \$12.00
Robert Lieb \$12.00 \$12.00 \$12.00
Marvin Brown \$10.00 \$10.00 \$10.00
Warren McGaha \$6.00 \$6.00 \$6.00

DONALD ROY SPUEHLER

Don Spuehler died February 17th, peacefully, surrounded by family just the way he intended. He was 90.

He was raised around his father's art, the spirit world of a step-mother, an appreciation for his father's love of classical music. He went from the family farm outside Elgin, Illinois to the ivy-covered walls of Harvard--with his favored cello and thirst for knowledge. He shifted from science to economics to law and spent a year at King's College, London. After college, he served in the Army for two years in France. Then he returned to education and received a law degree from Harvard Law. He met his future wife, Jane Rome, a violinist, and they were married for 32 years and had two children. He was hired by the prestigious LA law firm, O'Melveny & Myers where he was a partner for 30 years. In 1973 he had what he termed his "Dream Year," a sabbatical in London that changed his life from "the gray of three-piece suits to the technicolor of freedom." He did est training in 1976, following by meditation practice beginning at the Zen Center of Los Angeles, culminating in 20 years of meditation work. Following Jane's death, it was the magic of Esalen at the beginning of the millennium that would bring Jill Roth into his life. They married and spent the next 25 years traveling the world and our national parks, enjoying music and golf and tennis and a lifelong love of learning. They were members of the Plato Society of Los Angeles for two decades.

Don and Jill were philanthropists and humanitarians. They supported Habitat for Humanity, Planned Parenthood of LA, and the LA Food Bank

In his memoir Don wrote, "Be grateful for this precious life and use it the best you can. Find as many ways to love as you can. You are loved."

Don is survived by his wife, two children, and four grandchildren.

I envy those of you who knew Don well. I had the pleasure of playing with him once. With his positive attitude (see picture below), he would invariably say, "OKaaaay" after his shot. If you have any personal stories or memories of Don, I will publish them in the upcoming issue. Note that much of the above has been taken from his obituary.



AND NOW A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our last board meeting of the Sepulveda Senior Golf Club was February 17. It was lively and energetic—with our goal to make our great club even better.

You will see changes over the next several months in the format for information regarding our golf tournaments and handicap flexibility as we transition from our present website, Mulligan Golf, to our new website, Golf Genius. At our last meeting, the board voted to be fully committed to Golf Genius.

I am excited and want personally to thank one of our members, Conal O'Helihy, for volunteering to be our club's representative at the Golf Advisory Council (GAC) meetings. GAC provides recommendations to the Los Angeles City Department of Recreations and Parks which operates and maintains the City's golf facilities. Your board and I are hopeful that having representation on GAC will result in much-needed improvements to the Sepulveda golf courses.

One of my goals as your club's president is to have, once again, intramural club competition. That is, have different teams within our club compete against each other. In order for that to happen, our club needs to be granted an additional golf day. This will not be easy. However, I am used to challenges.

Also, we will be mixing things up in some of our tournaments: foursomes will be composed of randomly assigned players. This will give each of us an opportunity to meet other members and build camaraderie.

Lastly, our next meeting will be March 17 (Happy St. Patrick's Day) at 1 PM at the coffee shop. All members are welcome. Furthermore, we are always looking for members who wish to volunteer and perhaps become future board members.

May you end your round with the same golf ball you teed up on the 1st T.

--Ed Gooze



Golfer of the Year--11/1/24-2/28/25

Most Improved--11/1/24-2/28/25

Leonard Zambito 62.50
De Ron Jones 57.50
Teddy Difilippo 52.50
Jason Montgomery 50.00
Harvey Goldsmith 48.50
Mark Berkowitz 48.00
Victor Schwartz 46.00
Anthony Benenati 44.50
Paula Nguyen 43.50
George Thomas 43.00
Ernie Wong 42.50
Joe Ozuna 42.00
Shaheen Ahmed 41.00
Michael Bochenek 40.50
TimothyPage 39.00
Steve Freedman 38.50
Tom Hudson 38.00
Skip Keene 38.00
Ken Morris 37.00

Brian Coats 8.0 6.4
De Ron Jones 19.2 17.0
Jason Montgomery 7.9 6.5
John Lara 6.9 5.9
Skip Keene 20.3 19.2
Midge McChristy 22.4 21.3
Mitchell Dahood 13.5 12.7
Anthony Benenati 1.4 1.0
Satur Duenas 21.0 20.2
Sean O'Byrne 17.9 17.2
Barry Soicher 2.2 1.9
Victor Cervantes 16.0 15.4
Leonard Zambito 16.9 16.3
Andrew Rudnicki 17.0 16.4
Joe Ozuna 16.4 15.9
Steven Scheper 17.4 16.9
Harvey Goldsmith 25.5 25.0
Kenny Merchant 9.3 9.0
Nelson Sanesi 20.3 19.9
Shaheen Ahmed 12.8 12.5

GET READY!

March 10 --President's Cup--Round 1--Encino

March 17--Board Meeting--1:00

March 24--March Monthly--Four-Player--1-2-3--Wilson

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MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

The Club has 235 member--192 Full and 43 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: Gary Mevorah and Conal O'Helihy

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).



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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-Conal O'Helihy

Website--Jan Bernard/Michael Camp

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SSGC BOARD AND VOLUNTEERS--2025



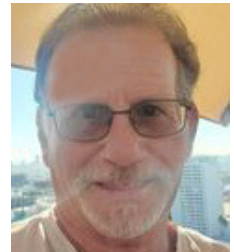
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