

## February President's Newsletter

Gentlemen,

Congratulations right away to the winners of our January tournaments. In The President's Cup: C-Flight Bill Kinnish, B-Flight Merv Brandt and back to back A-Flight winner Duane Barringer. In the Couples Tournament: Gross score winners were Alan and Marlene Baldwin and the Net scores winners were Ed Barnhart and Sandy Stratton. And finally in the SCGA Partner Best Ball Qualifier: first place in Blue Flight went to partners Duane Barringer and Alan Barroll while first place in Gold Flight went to Bruce McGraw and Mike Doyle. Hats off to all of you. As usual check the website for all other place winners. The Club Championship is coming up on February 22<sup>nd</sup> so get your entry forms in to Tournament Chairman Ed Warman ([ed\\_warman@outlook.com](mailto:ed_warman@outlook.com)) ASAP. A note here regarding our 2017 President's Cup; it will be moved one week later in January to give all of those out of town for the Holidays a better chance to participate.

We have a couple of new features starting this month which will hopefully make it easier to become acquainted with and to communicate with our fellow members. First, Vice President Neil Cortesi has started a mentoring program to help our newest members learn what the club is all about. A Board Member will be assigned to each new member and will meet them on the range and partner with them in their first round. Secondly, as you know, Joe Rutherford has created a password protected area on the website for our roster while Ray Dorfman has been taking responses from members regarding any changes in their information. This roster will contain the name, Trilogy address, email address and phone number of each member unless they have requested certain information to be withheld. I will be sending the password to all members in a day or two. Remember, this information is for golf and social purposes only and not to be used for any commercial endeavors.

Lastly let me say a few words about tee choice; the issue that never goes away. I believe it never goes away because the tees a golfer chooses to play are indicative of the evolution of that golfer's game. We want to be tested. We want our games to be fair. We want to enjoy the game. The conundrum arises because none of us

are getting any younger but our game/skills are evolving or devolving at different levels. To say nothing of the fact that the game we play in our heads rarely manifests itself on the course. I would be remiss if I did not thank the previous Board for its hard work on this issue. Using data compiled by former Board Secretary Bart Fowler applying USGA practices, they established new handicap allocations for each hole on the course. They also established some new tee box locations for the blue/gold combo layout. These new handicap allocations did not change the course rating from the blue or gold tees however the rating for the blue/gold combos will change due to the new tee boxes being used. This is a simple change and can be accomplished easily by the SCGA. As you may know these changes were not implemented because the Golf Course had an abundance of scorecards with the old information. The challenge of the new Board is to create an environment that uses these changes to the benefit of all members of our club. We have worked with Tom, Miguel and Mark on a scorecard reflecting the above changes and hope that it will be available for all TLQMC and TLQWC play within a month. We will be considering play for TLQMC events from the blue, blue/gold combos or gold tees or any combination thereof. I apologize for the time this is taking however this Board is intent on implementing a fully formed policy that will enhance our members' enjoyment of the game while protecting the field in our events.

Thanks,

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