



TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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March 2020

Much news! We have tournament results, a new Board of Directors member and upcoming tournaments.

The headlines are full of alarming news about the world-wide coronavirus epidemic, including multiple reports of the illness reaching the United States. We all have lots of choices about our recreational venues, and I don't want to put too fine a point on it, but would you rather be in a closed-up movie theater, a crowded sports event, or in the open outdoors enjoying a round with your TRGC friends? Myself, I would choose the great outdoors and TRGC anytime!

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT, JOHN VALDES

Vacant TRGC Director Position

In late 2017, Steve Ryan was elected (along with Tom Page and Sandy Davis) to a two-year position as a Director on the Two Rivers Golf Club's Board of Directors. However, for various reasons, Steve elected not to re-join the club this year. We are sorry to see him go but the position needs to be filled for the remainder of his term (which ends on December 31, 2020). In accordance with the TRGC Bylaws, the Board has moved ahead to fill the position. A total of four candidates were considered and I am happy to announce that Jim Svobodny has been selected by the Board to fill the vacant Director position. Jim was previously a Director on the Board so he can certainly hit the ground running. Please join me in welcoming Jim back to the TRGC Board of Directors!

Wildhorse Tournament

We had perfect weather at Wildhorse Golf Club in Davis, more like April than February. The course was in great shape, too, except for maybe the bunkers. Here are the Wildhorse results:

1st Flight

1 Dan Gish	68 net
2 Rich Anderson	70 (card off)
3 Ron Mantsch	70

Ron Mantsch won the putting contest with 29 putts.

2nd Flight

1 Jim Svobodny	66 net
2 Tom Page	72
3 Mark Ferguson	74

Tom Page topped the putters with 31 putts.

3rd Flight

1 Toby Bartz	73 net
2 Leo Winternitz	77
3 Mike Pritchard	78

Cheryl Nelson won the putting match with 34 putts.

Closest-to-the-Pin Winners:

Hole #4, Rich Anderson, 9' even, hole #6, Brad Erway, 7' 2", hole #12, Brad Erway, 7' 9", hole #14, Mike Brunelle, 7' 9".

The complete results are posted on our TRGC website.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our next tournament is **March 14 at The Reserve at Spanos Park** in Stockton. This is another high-level course, always in great shape. The entry deadline is almost here, so if you want to play, get your entry in to Renee right away. We finish out March with our tournament at **Turkey Creek in Lincoln on March 28**. Renee will have the entry form out shortly, plus all the tournament entry forms are on our website.

After our **Monterey trip** (see below), we will play at **Empire Ranch on April 25**.

MONTEREY TRIP

Our annual Monterey trip is scheduled for **April 2nd and 3rd**—we will be playing **Poppy Hills and Monterey Pines**. Our turnout for the past couple of years has been low, but the golfers who did go enjoyed good courses and great weather. Poppy Hills is in top shape, while the remodeled Monterey Pines continues to be an engaging challenge even though it's shorter than many of the courses we play. When you combine all that with the beautiful scenery and fine dining in the Monterey/Carmel area, this is a trip you really don't want to miss. Another reason to sign up early: spring begins the high season in that area and lodging can get a little hard to find. It pays to get your entry in early and likewise make your lodging reservations early.

Here is our 2020 schedule again (also on the TRGC website):

March 14	The Reserve	11am tee times	\$63	better nine*
March 28	Turkey Creek	9am shotgun	\$69	stroke play
April 2	Poppy Hills	tee times TBA	\$115	skins
April 3	Monterey Pines	tee times TBA	\$60	stroke play
April 25	Empire Ranch	8am shotgun	\$74	stroke play
May 9	Bing Maloney	8am shotgun	\$49	Partner's BB
May 30	Wildhawk	8am shotgun	\$69	stroke play*
June 20	Castle Oaks	8am shotgun	\$64	shamble
July 11	Auburn Valley	8am shotgun	\$68	stroke play*
August 1	Paradise Valley	9am tee times	\$71	stroke play*
August 22	Teal Bend	8am shotgun	\$69	stroke play
September 26	Lincoln Hills (Hills)	8am shotgun	\$59	stroke CC
September 27	Haggin Oaks	8am shotgun	\$66	stroke CC
October 8-11	Reno Trip	TBA	TBA	
	Reno Trip	Red Hawk Hills and Lakes		
October 31	TBA	End-of-Year Awards and scramble		

*NCGA Qualifier Tournament

We will also have weekday events at Yocha Dehe, The Golf Club at Copper Valley and perhaps Carson City, depending on the members' wishes.

New USGA Handicap RULES

2020 doesn't bring us the rules changes that 2019 did, but there is a major change to how our handicap index is computed. Our Handicap Chair, Dan Nelson, has summarized the new handicap system here:

These are coming changes to the handicap system; these changes will be done world-wide and keep the USGA in compliance with the new World Handicapping System:

1. Post your score as you normally would.
2. The previous handicap system was based on your last 20 scores of which they only use the lowest 10 scores; they averaged those scores and then take 96% of that for your handicap.

Under the new system, the USGA will base your handicap on the last 20 scores and use only the best 8 scores; they will average those scores and use a 100% of that total as your handicap.
3. Handicaps will be updated nightly. No more revisions on the 1st and 15th of each month. Your handicap will be revised each night and be available to you each morning.
4. The maximum handicap is going up; it will be maxed out at 54.0 as of Jan. 1st, 2020.
5. Equitable stroke Control has changed. The most strokes any golfer can take will now be a gross double bogey plus any handicap strokes you get on each hole. This will now be referred to as "Net Double Bogey". This applies to all handicap levels. The "Net Double Bogey" is for posting your score only. Your unadjusted score is used for all tournament play results.
7. No more T (Tournament) scores will be posted. There will be a reduction factor, based on your handicap, for exceptional scores.
8. It is important to post by the end of the day for each round. The World Handicap System (WHS) will be incorporating a calculation into their system

that will factor in weather and course conditions for that day to properly adjust each score for that day.

TRGC WEBSITE

James Snyder continues to update our club website to show the proposed 2020 tournament schedule (after it is finalized) and other current information, including the 2020 membership renewal form. This is a big job; thanks, James for your work to give us a better website. Check it out when you get a chance and use it as a reference for upcoming events:

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RECRUITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Welcome back, all of you who renewed your membership. If you have not yet renewed your TRGC membership, the form is on our website. Don't miss out on the fun tournaments on our schedule. As always, TRGC is looking to increase its membership base, so be sure to invite your friends, co-workers, and golf buddies from other groups to play in our events.

SUNSHINE

I'm happy to say that for the most part, our members seem to be doing well healthwise. Nick Schiaretti has recently undergone surgery again and will be out for a while to recover. Some of us have leftover concerns that need a little work, too, but overall, I think our members are hanging in there pretty well.

Long-time member Dave Ward asked me to pass on a little information: He is now finally retired and ready to play some mid-week rounds. Please think of him if you need to fill out your foursome. He can be reached at:

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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