



TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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What a difference a month makes! April First is no joke. In the March newsletter, I talked about the serious onslaught of the coronavirus starting to invade the USA and its effect on our lives. I also mentioned that the epidemic would have serious effects on our recreational choices, golf being one choice that would allow us to be outdoors and somewhat separated from other players.

Obviously, I didn't know the half of it. The virus has changed our lives in ways far beyond what most of us could have foreseen. Recreation is the least of our worries; now we're just trying to get through our isolation-in-place days and to stay healthy. One of my friends calls it "House Arrest." Myself, I think of Humble Pie's great song "Thirty Days in the Hole," also hoping that another of their songs stays true, "Don't Need No Doctor."

As far as golf is concerned, TRGC's tournament schedule is canceled for the time being. The courses we had lined up for April, The Reserve and Wildhawk, have closed, along with most other golf courses. The few courses that are open are not scheduling any tournaments until further notice. As with many elements in our lives, we'll just have to wait and see what the future will bring. We will stay in contact with our TRGC members by the newsletter, our club website and emails.

Sacramento is lucky to have the four city courses, three county courses, a couple of the Auburn courses, Dry Creek Ranch and Antelope Greens still open for play, at least for now. This could change at any moment. The courses in the entire Bay area, East Bay, South Bay, Fairfield, Napa, and Stockton are completely shut down. The Sacramento County Health Department has established rules for golf courses to follow to ensure safety for their customers and staff. I stopped playing for a couple weeks out of

health concerns, and then resumed limited golf in light of the safety measures adopted by the remaining courses. I wear nitrile gloves, drive alone to and from the course, use lots of hand sanitizer and follow all the local course rules to promote safe golf. This golf has a different feel than regular golf from the past, but it's still golf and it feels great to get out and play. Several of my friends have opted to forgo golf during this difficult time—it's definitely a personal decision as to play or not to play.

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT, JOHN VALDES

Golf and Coronavirus

I hope that this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy amidst the ongoing pandemic! Obviously, golf is not our number one priority right now but hopefully we can get back to playing golf tournaments sometime soon. Some local golf courses are still open and they have implemented certain safety measures to protect golfers. These include new check-in procedures (most pro shops are closed), only one person per cart, restaurant orders are to-go only, all bunker rakes have been removed, ball washers are covered up, flag sticks are not to be removed, the cups have been altered so that the golf ball only drops in about 1-inch, etc.

I just wanted to recap where we are at with our tournaments. It now seems like months ago when we played our first tournament at Wildhorse on February 22nd! Our second tournament on March 14th (The Reserve) was rescheduled to April 11th due to bad weather; our next tournament on March 28th (Turkey Creek) was cancelled because the course was closed due to the coronavirus; and now the rescheduled tournament on April 11th (The Reserve) is cancelled because that course is also closed (again coronavirus). And now, our next tournament scheduled for April 25th at Empire Ranch is also in jeopardy of being cancelled. Any cancelled tournaments will not be rescheduled as we already have a pretty full calendar for the rest of the year.

We will keep all members posted on the status of future tournaments. In the meantime, please stay safe!

More information from John:

As you have been previously notified, our rescheduled tournament on April 11th at the Reserve at Spanos Park G.C. has been cancelled. The course is currently closed at the direction of the San Joaquin County Health Dept. and the course is not certain when they will re-open. Sorry about that!

The tournament at The Reserve was going to be our last chance to hold a qualifier for the **NCGA's Associate Club 4-Ball Net Championship**. The entry deadline for that tournament is April 12th. As a result, we will not be able to conduct a competition to select a 2-person team to compete. However, we are allowed to send up to **three** 2-person teams to this tournament. I would like to know if anyone is interested in paying \$135 on their own to play in this event? The \$135 would cover the cost of a regional qualifier to be held May 4-9, 2020, and if the 2-person team advances, the championship to be held at Poppy Hills G.C. on June 15-16. Please respond to this email if you are interested in paying to compete in this NCGA tournament and if you are available on the dates listed above. If we have more than 6 members that are interested, we will put names in a hat and draw out the first six in order to determine the participants. **One last caveat: the regional qualifier may end up canceled because of the coronavirus epidemic.**

If you are interested in playing and agree to pay the entry fee of \$135, **please let me know no later than Monday, April 6, 2020**, so that we have time to submit the teams to the NCGA. Email me at valdes_j@sbcglobal.net.

Tournament Results—None

UPCOMING EVENTS—None until further notice

TRGC WEBSITE

James Snyder will continue to update our club website to give us current information, hopefully including good news sometime in the future. 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 club news:

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RECRUITMENT AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's hard to recruit new members when all our activities are shut down, but give some thought to friends, co-workers and golfing buddies who might want to join us when the tournaments resume.

SUNSHINE

I'm happy to say that for the most part, our members seem to be doing well healthwise. Nick Schiaretti is still recovering from recent surgery—good time to stay home and heal, Nick. Some of us have leftover concerns that need a little work, too, but overall, I think our members are hanging in there pretty well.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

If you have information or material that you would like included in the newsletter, my email address is tpagefam@surewest.net; my home phone is (916) 488-6465.

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