



Tee News

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Next Tournaments

* December Directors
Sunday Dec 20, 2009

Next Meeting: Dec 17, 2009

* Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
* Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
* Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (new time)

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- **2009 Awards & Holiday General Meeting December 17th**
- **December tournament will be a Triple Crown format.**

President - Ted Searls

The year is coming to an end, the years seem to go faster as we age. All extra events/tournaments for the year are over and done with. Now we have our annual Christmas/Awards dinner party and our Christmas fun tournament. The December meeting will be held upstairs in the Sunset Room on Thursday, December 17th with free dinner and drink to all who attend. The dinner is a surprise but will not be the usual leather steak. The meeting will also include the awarding of trophies for all who earned them. You know who you are, so you winners please be sure to attend to receive your awards and accolades. I have not seen the trophies, but I hear they are something special this year. Also the meeting will include the installation of the 2010 Board.

The November Director's tournament winners are as

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follows: Low Gross- Clint Ward; low net- Ray Fox @ 64; CH. Flt.- Matt Sand @73; A Flt.-Curt Copping @ 67; B Flt.-Steve Chiovare @ 67; and C Flt.-Robert Cochran @ 70. Congratulations to all.

I would like to thank all members and especially the board members for a wonderful and problem free (well almost) year. I have very much enjoyed being your President for the year and I am going to miss not being on the board next year. Maybe in the future I will come back to the board if asked. All of the board members (**Ray Fox, Steve Branch, Jim Lima, Tom Vittum, Erik Sarafian, and Butch Mecca**) have done an outstanding job this year and we all have worked very well together to keep the tradition that I believe is the best

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Vice President - Stephen Branch

Happy Holidays to all,

In my opinion, 2009 has been a great year for S.A.G.C. and golf clubs all around the Nation.

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With the addition of the GHIN program, I believe we will be seeing great advances in our handicapping sys-

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President - Ted Searls

Golf Club in Southern Calif.

I would like to remind all of you that our handicapping system is changing from IDC to GHIN on Jan. 1, 2010 and because of this no posting of scores (either at the course or at home) will be allowed from Dec. 22nd, 2009 through Jan. 4, 2010. Any rounds played during that time should be saved and posted after Jan. 4th. Also our member numbers will change to a 7 digit number, generally a nine will be added to our existing 6 digit number. In some cases such as with 5 digit numbers a completely new number will be issued. We should be getting those new numbers soon.

Again, thank-you for a great year and experience as your President. See you all at the Christmas/Awards (free dinner) meeting on the 17th with the Christmas special tournament on the 3rd Sunday on the 20th.

Ted

Secretary/Membership Chairman - Ray Fox

We ended 2009 with 318 members. As of the writing of this article we have 206 members for 2010 which of course means some of you are still waiting to the bitter end to renew your memberships. If you have not renewed by the time you read this it means you have missed the alpha list to PLGA and now I have to go back and reinstate you, if you get it in by the 31st. After that you will be just like a new member and will not be allowed to play in the majors, no exceptions.

With those intended bitter remarks I now want to thank all of you and my fellow board members for another great year and look forward to serving next year as secretary/membership chairman for the third year in a row. After next year I will not be able to occupy the same po-

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sition due to an amendment to the by laws passed a few years ago. If the club still desires my services after that I will run for another position.

Enough said for this year. Happy holidays to each of you and to your families. Always remember,

Love Your Board

Ray

Treasurer- Jim Lima

Members

I want to wish all of you and your families, a Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years. I hope that the New Year will bring you the best of health and joy.

The club is in great shape financially and will be in good hands with the new board coming aboard at the first of the year.

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas party and that the new year will bring some of you back to the fold and attending our monthly meetings. I hope the New Year will bring the best of golf to all.

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I want to thank all of you for the support of the club, and I hope to make next year even better serving you as the Vice President of the club.

Please watch the Tee News for some changes that will be taking place next year with the Directors tournaments.

Until then. Keep your head down, and play well.

Jim

Vice President - Steve Branch

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I would like to thank all of my fellow board members, Santa Anita Associates, my wife, Margaret, and all of the club members who helped me throughout the year with my Vice President responsibilities and all the club members who participated in our functions.

The December tournament will be a Triple Crown format. This consists of three, six hole formats. Please see below.

The board, of course will have there preferred tee times followed by life members etc. The remaining tee times will be determined by two-man teams to complete a

foursome, then twosomes that need to be paired, and lastly singles that are going to be a crap shoot at best. FIND YOURSELF A PARTNER! I will also be cutting off the Tournament at 11:00 A.M. This will allow the last groups who paid there money to actually finish.

I hope many of you come to the December 17th meeting and get a taste of one of the best meetings of the year.

I look forward to being your President in 2010!

Play well, play often and keep up with the group in front of you, not behind you!

Steve

Handicap - Erik Sarafian

Fast, fast, fast! That is how I saw the greens in our last tournament. The course is in very good shape and I can not explain the reasons for the higher scores. A gross 74 by Clint Ward and a Net 64 by Mr. Ray Fox were as good as it got. Good job fellas! GHIN is almost here and with that being said, the last day to post a score will be on the 22nd of December. You must hold onto the scores that you play in the meantime and post when GHIN is in service, which should be on January 4th. Congrats to the

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Match Play Champions, Don Weber and Johnny Garza. That is a long tournament and it is a great accomplishment to come out on top! Thanks again for a great year and I hope I have been able to help out everyone with problems and questions about their handicaps. I look forward to another year as you Handicap Chairman.

Erik

Tournament & Rules - Tom Vittum

Happy holidays everyone! We just completed the last major tournament of the year, the Match Play Championship, and the winners are Don Weber in the Vice President's flight and Johnny Garza in the President's flight. Congratulations to both Champions and also to both second place finishers, Dave Johnson in the Vice President's flight and Bob Fasching in the President's flight. The payouts in each flight will be 1st place \$310, 2nd place \$210, and both 3rd place finishers \$125.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our tournaments this year and also give special thanks to those who assisted with the organization and operation of them. I feel that we had a very successful year but I look forward to an even better 2010 and as always I welcome any comments or suggestions. I will have the sign-up sheet for the Partners Extravaganza available at our Christmas dinner meeting, so mark your calendar and get a partner for a March 1st start.

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Thanks to everyone for a great year, have a wonderful Holiday Season and I hope to see all of you at our Christmas Dinner meeting, Thursday, December 17th.

Tom

Entertainment - Butch Mecca

Mr. Mecca did not submit an article, again, this month.

PLGA News - Bill McGee

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Another good year is winding down for the Dawgs, the Board has done an excellent job of keeping Santa Anita Golf Club in the lime light and many players from our Club on the tournament lists with PLGA and SA. We must thank them for their efforts and wish the new Board lot's of luck to continue the course.

THE CHANGE IS ALMOST HERE; In January 2010 for the first time in a generation all of California's fully USGA licensed golf associations will be using the same handicap vendor. GHIN is expected to be fully functional January 4th. Your PLGA number will change to a unique 7-digit GHIN number by placing a "9" in front of your existing 6- digit number. NOTE: You will be unable to post scores between December 22 and January 4, In order to accommodate the changeover the system must be completely shut down for that period. Golfers may keep track of rounds played during this "posting holiday" and enter them into the new system after January 4. Handicap Revisions will now be twice monthly--- on the 1st and 15th of every month. If you do not currently receive your handicap e-mailed to your E-Mail address, notify the PLGA office of your E-Mail address by sending the office an E-Mail at lcloud@covad.net and you will be added to the list.



PLGA has a new Rules and Competition Director as Jim Gonzales was elected to replace Chuck Jorgensen.

Upcoming Events;

- December 16.....Association Day at Santa Anita
- January 27th.....Association Day at Chester Washington Golf Course
- January 23rd.....First Round of Champion of Champions Tournament

For all tournaments contact egillings@covad.net

WISHING EVERYONE MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. PLGA
NEWS

Bill

November Director Results

Overall Low Gross Winner	Score	Amount
Clint Ward	72	85

Overall Low Net Winner	Gross	Net	Amount
Raymond Fox	84	64	85

Championship Flight (0-6)	Gross	Net	Amount
Matt Sand	75	73	60
Lewis Jones	80	74	40
Erik Sarafian	76	74	30

Net Skins - A Flight	Hole	Score	Amount
Ron Dearth	2	2	18
Jeff Weber	3	3	18
Hilario Ramirez	4	2	18
John Hughes	5	2	18
Richard Tetu	8	2	18
Allen Hamichart	13	3	18
Peter Tsianos	15	2	18

A-Flight (7-12)	Gross	Net	Amount
Curt Copping	75	67	60
Mark Hoherd	78	70	50
Robert Rardin	83	72	40
Jeff Weber	80	72	30
Juan Ramos	82	72	20

Net Skins - B Flight	Hole	Score	Amount
Garry McMullan	1	2	43
Ron Muller	4	1	43
George Westerdahl	8	1	43
Nick Monsour	12	1	43

B-Flight (13-18)	Gross	Net	Amount
Steven Chiovare	84	67	70
Charles Hamichart	85	69	60
Carl Von Wolfradt	85	71	50
George westerdahl	89	71	40
Andrew Smith	87	71	30
Robert Searls	85	72	20

Net Skins - C Flight	Hole	Score	Amount
Richard Lang	3	2	25
Mickey Plummer	5	2	25
Rodney James	9	3	25
Chuck Noriega	11	2	25
Raymond Fox	17	2	25

C-Flight (19 & up))	Gross	Net	Amount
Robert Cochran	93	70	60
Rodney James	94	72	50
Jeremiah Carroll	98	72	40
Richard Little	94	73	30
Ian Thompson	92	73	20

Closest Pin Champ - A Flts	Hole	Distance	Amount
Hilario Ramirez	4	12'5"	25
Mike Larkin		16'0"	15
Gary Covell	8	11'3"	25
John McCoy		11'5"	15
Lewis Jones	12	16'0"	25
Gary Covell		22'2"	15
Michael Given	15	19'11"	25
Kevin Conroy		25'8"	15

Gross Skins (Ch/A Flts)	Hole	Score	Amount
Darby Maclennan	1	3	21
Jeff Weber	3	3	21
Hilario Ramirez	4	2	21
Mark Hoherd	7	3	21
Richard Tetu	8	2	21
Erik Sarafian	17	2	21

Closest Pin B & C Flts	Hole	Distance	Amount
Carl Von Wolfradt	4	15'10"	25
Steve Branch		18'6"	15
Don Weber	8	4'6"	25
Frank Zamora		13'11"	15
Robert Cochran	12	9'0"	25
No one else hit the green			
Raymond Fox	15	15'8"	25
Rich Little		25'1"	15

Gross Skins (B/C Flts)	Hole	Score	Amount
Garry McMullan	1	3	36
Richard Lang	3	4	36
Ron Muller	4	2	36
George westerdahl	8	2	36
Nick Monsour	12	2	36

Net Skins-Ch Flight	Hole	Score	Amount
Virak Phe	10	3	26
Dustin Dinsmore	11	3	26
Erik Sarafian	17	2	26

Just Another Board Outing & Another Story

At this year’s Board Outing, Ray’s foursome was on the last hole and Ray drove off the tee and hooked into a cow pasture. He advised his group to play through and he would meet them at the clubhouse. They followed the plan and waited for Ray in the bar.

After a considerable time he appeared disheveled, bloody, and badly beaten up. They all wanted to know what happened.

Ray explained that he went over to the cow pasture but could not find his ball. He noticed a cow wringing her tail in obvious pain. He went over and lifted her tail and saw a golf ball solidly embedded. It was a yellow ball so Ray knew it was not his.

A woman comes out of the bushes apparently searching for her lost golf ball. Ray, ever the gentleman lifted the cow's tail and asked, 'Does this look like yours?'

That was the last thing Ray could remember.

2009 SAGC- 3 Months Forward Calendar

Dec	17	Thur.. GM	General Mtg & Awards
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