



# Tee News

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### Next Tournaments

#### \* Director Dates

- see Club website for dates
- [www.santaanitagolfclub.com](http://www.santaanitagolfclub.com)

### Christmas Meeting: Dec 20, 2012

- \* Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
- \* Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
- \* Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

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**Your 2013 Board members:** **President**-Tom Jones; **VP**-Bob Fasching; **Secretary**-Bob Domenici; **Treasurer**-Ron Dearth; **Handicap** - Allen Hamichart; **Tournament & Rules** -Tom Vittum; **Entertainment**-Terry Fish; **SCGA rep**-Bill McGee

### President - Ray Fox

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The last six years seem to have gone by much too quickly. Perhaps it's because of my enjoyment of serving all of you on the Board during those years. They were years that saw a lot of change and I certainly hope that my participation in helping to make those changes was useful. You will have to be the judge of that. I find it somewhat interesting that the end of my stewardship is coinciding in what may be the end of my golfing, as my physical condition is not improving and I am unsure what is left to be done to get me back on the course.

As Bob Fasching reminded me the other day, at least my

situation is not life threatening, it's just old age.

So I bid you a fond "adieu" while I wait for the miracle to come. If and when it arrives, then I will see you on the first tee and, always remember,

Love your Board

**Ray**

### Vice President - Tom Vittum

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Happy Holidays everyone,

Thank you for a great year and thank you for all the support and help everyone has offered. We have one tournament left this year which will be a two man team, six, six, six event. You will need to pick a partner that is willing to endure six holes of "Partner's Best Ball", six holes of "Alternate Shot", and six holes of "Scramble" without killing you. If you do not have a partner please

call me and I will try to find a partner for you, or if you would like to play but do not wish to participate in the "Partner's" event I will try to work you in as a fifth or in a group of non-partners.

This year we tried a few different things that I hope you enjoyed, if there was something that you liked or didn't like, or something new you would like to try please be

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**President - Ray Fox****Secretary/Membership Chairman - Bob Domenici-**

Well gentlemen, it was a pleasure serving as your Secretary this past year and I am looking forward to serving another year. Just a reminder, club renewals should be in by Dec.15th.

Happy Holidays to all and I'll see you on the course.

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**Bob**

**Treasurer- Bob Fasching**

Happy Holidays everybody!!!! I am sorry if you can't hear me because you are standing up at the white tees and I am saying this from the blue tees so I will yell a little louder.....HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYBODY!!!!!!

Our esteemed Vice President decided that our monthly Directors should have two sets of tees and that was his decision. I did see some positives in it going into next year. However, if you enjoyed it, I hope you got the most out of it because next year we are all going to play the same tees.

I like to think of everybody playing the same tees as just like the Democratic party. We are all in this together no matter if you are rich or poor, black or white, Christian or Jewish, a 4 handicap or a 20, we are all one here at Santa Anita!!!!

I told Nick Monsour about this and he said he agreed with me. He said when he first joined the club there was great prejudice towards him because he is Irish/Catholic. He said that it lasted for almost twenty years until Kennedy was elected president then people backed off a little. I thought it was a great story about the struggle for equality in this country and how far we have come.

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Thanks Nick!!!!

Next year, as far as the tees, I would be moving them all around the tee boxes every month. I think there will be some interesting spots that I hope all of you will like and will make our monthly tournaments a little more interesting. In addition, there will be some changes with regards to the entry and pay system for closest to the pins and possibly skins that are directly associated with the tee placements. Stay tuned!!!

One thing as your VP I will try to address is slow play. I know that slow play is just part of the game and will probably be with us long after we are gone. But, I am going to say this and I am going to stress this and it will speed up play.

If you and your partner are in a cart.....the short knocker gets dropped off and then the next player goes to his ball and is ready to hit. The longer hitter does not sit in the cart, waiting to watch what will most likely be an average shot at best, then wait for the short knocker to watch his shot, put his club back in his bag, then get back in the cart and drive 15 yards to do it all over again. THIS SLOWS DOWN PLAY!!!!!!!!!!

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***Vice President -***

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sure to communicate your ideas to one of our Board members. Our goal is to make this a fun and enjoyable club for all of our members. Please get involved and help us succeed.

Merry Christmas,

***Tom***

***Handicap - Ted Searls***

This is the last tee news article for 2012 and the last tee news article from me, since I will be retiring from the board after eight years, which is enough. I have enjoyed my time on the board very much from the positions of Treasurer, Handicap, Vice President, and President and unofficial as Board Advisor. Thank you all for your support and no, I do not think I will be a Jim Lima or Tom Jones and go back on the board at a later time, but I will remain active in the club and will assist anyone who has needs to the best that I can. It has been wonderful and I highly recommend to you all get involved in the club, especially on the board.

We have three Director Tournaments in the books for 2012 which will count towards Golfer of the Year points for 2013. The Director's format has changed for these tournaments, but the points will be awarded just as before as per printed in the roster book as follows: tournament low gross-20 points; tournament low net-20 points; net flight winners (whether it is 3 or 4 flights): 1<sup>st</sup>-10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup>-8 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 6 pts., 4<sup>th</sup>-4 pts; and 5<sup>th</sup>-2 pts. No points are awarded for gross, except overall low gross. The point winners for the past three tournaments are as follows:

**Sept. Director's**—low gross- Mike Chiovare (70); low net- Mark Sharp (68 net) in a card off with Byron Bean and Mike Coghlan; A Flt.-John Wang ( 71 net) in a card off over Michael Given; B Flt.- Roger Erickson (69 net) in a card off over Larry Ramirez and Pascal Okpo; C Flt.-Jeffery S. Weber-(71 net); D Flt.-Byron Bean (68 net) in a card off over Mike Coghlan.

**Oct. Director's**—low gross-Erik Sarafian (72); Bob Domenici- (65 net) in a card off with Tom

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Vittum; CH. Flt.-Roger Erickson (69 net); A Flt. - Mark White (68 net) card off with Coulter Winn; B Flt.- Tom Vittum ( 65 net); C Flt.- Bill McGee ( 66 net).

**Nov. Director's**—very unusual – in 2011 Nov. Director's no one shot below 68, therefore no cuts and the low net was 69. This year's Nov. Director's was exactly the same- no one below 68 and the tournament low net was 69." **THEREFORE NO CUTS"**.

Winners as follows: low gross-Michael Given (71); low net- Richard Beaston (69 net ) card off over Mcgrath, Zamora, Tsianos and Putkins; CH. Flt.-Mark Hoherd (70 net); A Flt.-Peter Tsianos ( 69 net); B. Flt.-Francisco Zamora ( 69 net ); C. Flt.- Rick McGrath ( 69 net).

Now the above winners are for Golfer of the Year and Challenge Cup points only. See Tom Vittum's results for money payouts. The latest GOY points standings will be on the bulletin board as soon as I can get down to the course. I am somewhat laid up at the present time. Hope to see you all at the **Christmas Dinner/ Awards Banquet on December 20, 2012**. Note the change from 12/13/12.

I would like to thank all my board compatriots: Ray Fox, Tom Vittum, Bob Fasching, Bob Domenici, Terry Fish, Erik Sarafian and of course Bill McGee and congratulate them all for a job well done for 2012.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

***Ted***

**Entertainment - Erik Sarafian**

Happy Holidays to all the Santa Anita Dawgs! I hope this next year brings all of us good health and good times! I thought the last tee news was my last but this one will be for sure. I just want to first thank the Board for filling in for me most of this year. It has been a very difficult one for me at best. Also, I would like to thank Jerry Collins for all his help with the 50/50 and raffle tickets at our monthly meetings. I have been on the Board for the last six years and I had a great time being involved. I am glad to see that there will be some new

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names next year. I encourage everyone to get involved at some point. We all take it for granted that there will be monthly tournaments, major tournaments, member guest, meetings, and so on. Remember none of this happens unless people step up and get involved on the Board, because they are the ones that run this great club! Thanks again and I will be seeing you around.

**Erik****Tournament & Rules - Terry Fish**

Who can believe here we are at the end of 2012. Boy does time fly when you have fun !!!!. Let me start by congratulating the winners of the 2012 Match Play Championship. The Presidents Flight was won by Mark Hoherd and the Vice Presidents Flight was won by Steve Paradis. A special thanks to all of the guys that helped me put on all of the Major Tournaments this year. Without your help these tournaments would not have gone so smoothly. I would like to thank all of the other Board Members for all of their hard work and countless hours they put in to make this Club the Great Club that it is... Also a special thanks goes out to Tom

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Vittum who guided me throughout my Rookie year making sure I didn't screw things up. Again, thanks to all of the members who participated in the Major Tournaments this year and, while being very competitive also demonstrated Good Sportsmanship....

I would like to wish all of you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!!!

**Terry****Treasurer- Bob Fasching***(Continued from page 2)*

I worked at San Gabriel CC one summer and there was a 6 some that played and they always finished in 3 ½ hours. That is because they kept moving. Also, the average age of this group was about 72.

Also, when you are standing behind your putt while others in your group are putting out by the time it is your turn you should have the line and do not need to start your pre-shot routine while there is a group in the fairway waiting for you all to get off the green. Again....THIS SLOWS DOWN PLAY!!!!!!

Now....obviously there is nothing I can do about this if players don't do it but just try it one month and you will see a difference in the pace of play.

I would like to thank all of my board members for all of their help and dedication this year:

Ray "Jack Daniels is more than my friend" Fox  
Tom "I am one with the members" Vittum  
Erik "I don't do meetings" Sarafian  
Bob "Can't we all just get along" Domenici  
Terry "Oakley Blade sunglasses are still in" Fish  
Ted "I will cut all of you and not lose any sleep over it" Searls  
Bill "I'm not going anywhere" McGee

I look forward to working with the incoming board and serving my club again in 2013. Let's make it a great year!!!!

**Bob**

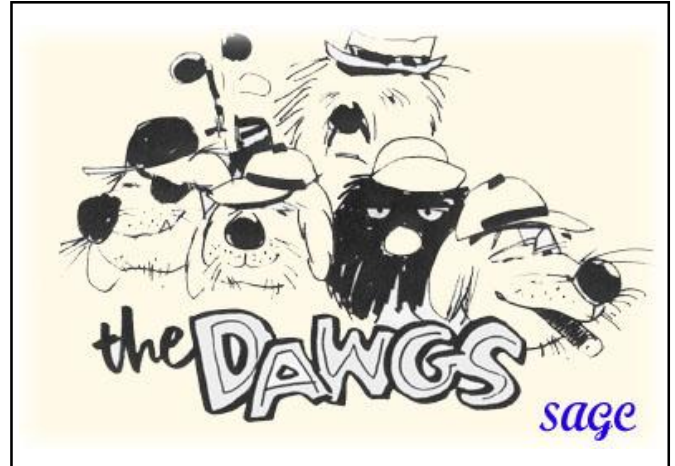
**SCGA News - Bill McGee**

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As we approach the holiday season and the end of another year of Santa Anita Golf Club events, special thanks goes to those members who continue to support the Club. A lot of you missed out on some fun meetings and events by losing interest in the Club, not supporting the elected Board, not participating in Southern California Golf Assn. events, too busy with personal activities to attend and always there are the health problems. Hopefully many will put forth the effort to attend and play in many events this coming year. We have a very progressive Board with a lot of major ideas to improve the handicap system, tournaments, and By Laws. We ask your support for these ideas and welcome any other ideas you care to present to the Board.

SCGA's Fore Magazine has listed all the events for 2013 with many new courses being offered for play. SCGA members now have the opportunity to receive preferred pricing and other benefits at select Southland golf courses.

To Ray Fox, Erik, Ted thanks for your efforts these past years. Your service was appreciated and, do not go



too far away for you might be needed again in the future.

I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season and best wishes for the New Year.

***Bill***

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