



TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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We're ready to roll! Our 2020 TRGC schedule is complete except for a few small details—now it's time to mark your calendars so that you can play all or most of our events. The Board of Directors tried very hard to incorporate a mix of courses, some close by, others a little further away. Prices vary, too, as we worked to get quality courses, including some that are pretty much bargains these days, considering that all golf courses are starting to raise their green fees, sometimes by huge amounts.

The important thing is, **sign up to play!** Early sign-ups always help Renee set up the tee times, plus you know that you have locked in a day of fun with your golf club. Sign-ups have been a little slow for our first tournament, **Saturday, February 22, at Wildhorse in Davis—clear your calendar for that date and contact Renee right away if you can play.**

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT, JOHN VALDES

By now, you should have received the final 2020 TRGC schedule from our Tournament Chairperson, Renee Wildenberg. I am excited about our 2020 schedule and I hope you are too! In addition to our annual trips to Monterey (early-April) and Reno (early-October), we also have a few courses on the schedule that the club has not played in a while. These include Paradise Valley, Wildhorse, Castle Oaks and Auburn Valley. In addition, we have some of the more popular courses on the schedule again this year including Empire Ranch, Turkey Creek and Teal Bend. I hope that the schedule provides you with the motivation to play golf and to sign up for as many golf tournaments as possible! This year, find reasons to play the wonderful game of golf as often as possible and enjoy your round with fellow members of the club. I will see you on the course!

Here is the preliminary version of our 2020 schedule:

February 22	Wildhorse	10am shotgun	\$69	stroke play
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.

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 great 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, too.

RULES SECTION

Here's some good rules advice: **Don't give any advice!** Rule 10.2 specifies that it is a rules violation to ask for or to give advice to a fellow competitor. This includes asking for or offering advice on **club selection**, the **line of a putt** or the **strength of the wind**. It is also illegal to touch another competitor's equipment to see which club has been used. It is **legal** to offer or ask for distance using a distance-measuring device.

Penalties for each infraction are **loss of the hole** in match play or **two strokes** in stroke play.

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 average 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 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 January 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 I don't know of any new health issues among our membership. Some of us have leftover concerns that need a little work, but overall, I think our members are in good shape health-wise.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

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

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