



TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Well, we are still in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic—we're all feeling the effects of it in so many ways. The most optimistic news is that California, for the most part, has responded well to the social isolation directives. It appears (knock on wood) that the worst of the crisis has passed. Life hasn't returned to normal by a long shot, but we perhaps have moved on from Humble Pie's 30 Days in the Hole to the Doors' Strange Days.

Many golf courses closed down at the start of the outbreak. A few stayed open, a very few. Now, more and more courses have announced that they are open again. All the courses have strict guidelines for maintaining social distance and following sanitation rules; their continued operation is dependent on the golfers following all safety guidelines. Still, even under the restricted conditions, it's great to get out and play some golf.

TRGC got a pleasant surprise recently: Bing Maloney informed us that they will let us hold our scheduled tournament there on May 9. As usual in these times, we will all be following the strict safety practices, including single cart occupancy. It will be good to be out there and to participate in a real tournament. We are checking with the rest of the tournaments scheduled in the near future to see if they will be able to hold our tournaments.

MESSAGE FROM CLUB PRESIDENT, JOHN VALDES

A New Normal for Golf?

I hope everyone in the club is continuing to stay safe and healthy! Our golf club is a social club but even as we begin to conduct tournaments again (see more details below), the social aspects will be different and limited. One of the things I enjoy about the club is being able to gather in the golf course restaurant/bar after the round and talk to fellow club members about how well (or bad!) I played that day! Unfortunately, any golf course restaurants

that are now open are for take-out only and there is no seating allowed. Therefore, for now our social interactions will have to be outside and from a distance of at least 6 feet apart!

As you are aware, we are going to proceed with the scheduled Bing Maloney tournament on May 9th. A number of changes will be made (many of which have already been implemented by the golf course) to keep us separated and safe. These include the need for social distancing (especially important on the tee box and the greens), tee times (no shotgun start), only one rider per cart, no touching or removing of flag sticks, modified cups, no bunker rakes and no ball washers. Scorecards will be turned in after the round into a clearly marked box and the results will be emailed to the members a day or two after the tournament. These changes will undoubtedly be the norm for the foreseeable future. I do believe that golf can be played safely with these measures in place. (Note: as of May 2, golf is being allowed to proceed in some form in at least 41 states.) However, I also completely understand if any of our members still do not feel comfortable or safe playing golf at this time.

Our next scheduled tournament after Bing Maloney is Wildhawk on May 30th. We are planning on holding that tournament as scheduled with the same safety measures and procedures in place as outlined above for Bing Maloney. A tournament entry form for Wildhawk will be sent out soon.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

As noted above, we will be playing **Bing Maloney on Saturday, May 9**. This tournament will be regular stroke play instead of the original partners' best ball. Next up is **Wildhawk on Saturday, May 30**. Right now, the event is planned to be a scramble, but that could change.

In June, we have **Castle Oaks** scheduled for **Saturday, June 20**. Hopefully, by then life will have returned to a more normal status. As always, we will keep you informed of any changes to the schedule.

Associate Club 4-Ball Net Championship

Three two-person teams from our club had paid their own way to compete in the Associate Club 4-Ball Net Championship. Local qualifying was to be conducted in early-May with the finals to be held at Poppy Hills G.C. in mid-June. However, after first rescheduling the local qualifying events (and locations), the NCGA recently cancelled the event completely. So, thanks everyone for signing up, but the event is now a casualty of the coronavirus epidemic.

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 pretty much shut down, but give some thought to friends, co-workers and golfing buddies who might want to join us in the tournaments we are able to play.

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 health 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 the newsletter, my email address is tpagefam@surewest.net; my home phone is (916) 488-6465.

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