



TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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TRGC President's column

Are You a Year-Round Golfer?

Our scramble at Bartley Cavanaugh on October 26th was our last official club tournament for this year. However, that does not mean there is no more golf to be played. Are you a year-round golfer? There is no right or wrong answer and everyone is different. Fortunately, the Sacramento area has a moderate and fairly dry (most of the time) fall/winter climate which makes year-round golf an option. I am definitely a year-round golfer but I admit I do not like playing in the rain. And, if it's cold and rainy, forget it! Since I am now retired, I can be a little more picky about playing (or not) because there's always tomorrow and the next day. If you are a year-round golfer, enjoy the rest of the fall and winter golf and hit em' straight. If not, next spring is right around the corner!

Meanwhile, your TRGC Board of Directors is busy finalizing our plans and tournament schedule for 2020. We handed out a list of courses at the Bartley Cavanaugh scramble to help us get a feel for the courses you like and don't like to play. Also, we're going to pay closer attention to the spacing of our tournaments this year so that we don't have major events scheduled too near each other. Lastly, we will be looking more closely at the room/golf packages for our away events (especially Reno) to make sure the pricing structure is more evenly aligned.

Your input on courses and our events is always welcome! If you have ideas for our 2020 schedule, don't be shy. Send me an email and share your ideas. We want 2020 to be our best year ever.

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As John noted above, our official events are over for 2019. We started October in the Truckee and Reno areas and ended with our annual scramble/awards luncheon at Bartley Cavanaugh. Along the way, we were gifted with great weather for all our activities. We had other gifts from the sky, too, more about that a little later.

A bunch of TRGC members and guests played Grizzly Ranch on the Thursday prior to the Reno tournaments. The course had its usual gorgeous setting, marred by their annual punching/sanding of the greens. The prize format was closest to the pin only, so everybody got four shots that really counted; all the rest were just for fun, pride and enjoying the beautiful weather.

CLOSEST TO THE PIN WINNERS, GRIZZLY RANCH

- Hole #2, Dan Nelson, 12' 5"
- Hole #6, guest Chris Reeve, 45
- Hole #14, Sandy Davis, 21' 5"
- Hole #16, John Valdes, 27' 5"

Our good weather continued for the rest of the Reno trip. The club hadn't played Wolf Run for several years, so most of us had forgotten about the most important feature of the venue: fast greens. Not just pretty fast, or kind of fast. These greens were really, really fast. Three-putts were common, four-putts cropped up from time to time, and I heard tales of some five-putts. The key plan was: don't get above the hole!

WOLF RUN RESULTS

1st Flight

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| 1 Gene Coughlin | 65 net |
| 2 Rich Anderson | 75 |
| 3 Norm Leyte | 77 |
| 4 Earnest Jiles | 79 |

Rich Anderson nailed the fewest putts with 30.

2nd Flight

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| 1 Sandy Davis | 65 net |
| 2 Judy Davenport | 70 |
| 3 Jeanette Turvill | 74 |

Sandy Davis won the fewest putts with 34.

Closest-to-the-pin winners:

Hole #5, Donna Anderson, 11' 10", hole #7, NONE, hole #14, Sandy Davis, 24' 0", hole #17, Ray Ventura, 1' 11".

As always, Judy Davenport and her large staff of helpers organized the Friday evening reception, sponsored by your Board of Directors who tossed in \$25 each to provide the food and drink. It's just amazing how much delicious food and drink Judy and her volunteers set up for our enjoyment. Thank you, Judy, and your many helpers.

On Saturday, after the ceremonial picture-taking for the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign in honor of our late member and friend, Beverly Nelson, we headed out to the course for the last day of golf and the Lou Mucci Memorial Tournament. Lakeridge was in excellent shape and played very well. Even the greens were a little slower and seemed more manageable than Wolf Run.

Earlier in the newsletter, I had mentioned that there was a particular event involving gifts from the sky. This was the moment! Three holes into our round, my foursome (myself, Scott Stremple and former members Ray Ventura and Norm Leyte), was waiting on a tee box to hit our tee shots. Fairly close in front of us was a huge flock of geese, doing what geese do on golf courses: eating and pooping. Somehow, they received some secret signal just for geese and took off as one and flew directly toward us. It felt like a bombing run from the upcoming movie *Midway*! We ducked for cover, but there was no hope. Norm Leyte got nailed in the leg with a huge dose of goose poop. Just to add to the irony, Norm originally hails from Nova Scotia in Canada—betrayed by his original country's own birds! Here's the proof of Norm's misfortune (cleaned up somewhat):



All good fun. The best sequel to this adventure is for Norm and Ray to rejoin the club. C'mon guys, more fun awaits you.

The signature hole at Lakeridge is #15, a 220 yard par 3 straight downhill to an island green. It's quite a daunting sight. My group had some decent shots on this hole but no winners. We did call up the group following us and got to watch Tim Peart and Ernie Jiles hit two really great shots. Tim's in particular looked like it was right on line to the pin.

LAKERIDGE RESULTS

1st Flight

1 Ernest Jiles	69 net
2 Kim Staley	71
3 Mike Morrow	73
4 Rich Anderson	76

Mike Morrow won the putting contest with 35 putts.

2nd Flight

1 Tim Peart	70 net
2 Jeanette Turvill	76
3 Gene Coughlin	77
4 Cheryl Nelson	81

Tim Peart topped the putting contest with 36 putts.

3rd Flight

1 Gail Quintel	71 net
2 Nancee Staley	72
3 Sandy Davis	75
4 Ray Ventura	80 (card off)

Gail Quintel won the putts with 33.

Closest-to-the-pin winners:

Hole #2, Kim Staley, 11' 0", hole #6, Gene Coughlin, 22' 10", hole #12, Renee Wildenberg, 15' 6", hole #15, Tim Peart, 23' 7".

After all the dust had settled, the winner of the 2019 Lou Mucci Memorial Tournament was **Ernest Jiles**. Ernie had a net score of 69, beating Tim Peart by one stroke. Congratulations, Ernie!

BARTLEY CAVANAUGH

We held our annual scramble event and awards luncheon at Bartley late in October. The scramble was closely contested, as it is every year. We had a net 56, a 57, and a whole host of 58's, which required major tiebreaker work to settle the final two places.

Results:

1st Place, net score 56—John Valdes, Rich Stratton, Earl Schoen, Gwen Schoen

2nd Place, net score 57—Jim Svobodny, Brett Svobodny, Ernest Jiles, Dwain Yearwood

3rd Place, net score 58—Jim Huffman, Allen Wong, Dave Haworth

4th Place, net score 58—Jay Watson, Mike Papathakis, Michael Dazey, Dave Ward

In addition, the officers of the club would like to apologize to the members that were present for how we were treated for our lunch and awards presentation. For those of you that were not there, we found out after our round that Bartley Cavanaugh had scheduled a wedding reception for the same time as our lunch and awards presentation. As a result, we were jammed into the pro shop (literally) with very little space. It was awkward to say the least. To appease us, Bartley Cavanaugh offered a refund of \$10 to each of our 43 members that attended the lunch. This credit will be handled by giving each of the 43 members a \$10 credit on the first tournament that you play in 2020 at any of our courses. We will track the credits to make sure each person receives the \$10 due to them. OK it's not quite the same as a free dinner in Reno because of Paul Anka, but at least Bartley Cavanaugh did offer some restitution for their shabby treatment.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYERS

Our most improved players for 2019 were Donna Anderson and Mike Brunelle. Donna lowered her index from 32.8 to 30.1, while Mike dropped his index from 19.0 to 15.3. This is Donna's second year in a row winning this honor—that's hard to do! Congratulations to **Donna and Mike**.

NCGA ASSOCIATE CLUB NET AMATEUR

Our representatives for the NCGA Associate Club Net Amateur played at Poppy Hills on September 30 & October 1. Brad Erway finished 9th in the Big Sur Flight, while Mike Morrow finished 12th and Brett Svobodny 21st in the

Golden Gate Flight. Congratulations to all three of you; thank you for representing TRGC so well.

RESULTS ON THE TRGC WEBSITE

If you didn't finish in the money but you still want to see your score, James Snyder posts the tournament results on our website after every event. Just go to the "Tournament Schedule" page and scroll to the far right. The results link is in the last column.

UPCOMING EVENTS—MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

NONE! We have no more events until 2020. We will post the 2020 tournament schedule on our website as soon as it is finalized. The main order of business for each member is to **get your renewal in to Judy Davenport as soon as possible**. Get a friend signed up, too. The year 2020 has a nice ring to it; we want the year to be the best ever for TRGC. Check out the club website for the renewal form if you don't already have one. I don't do a newsletter for December, so this is my last chance to nag you about renewing your club membership.

TRGC WEBSITE

James Snyder continues to update our club website to show the 2020 membership form. As always, thanks James for your work to give us a better website. Check it out at www.tworiversgolfclub.com. Don't forget that Brett Svobodny maintains a Facebook site for us, too.

SUNSHINE

I think we're all doing pretty well health-wise. Let's keep that streak going!

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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