



TWO RIVERS GOLF CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Boo—it's scary out there! We continue to fight the serious Covid-19 pandemic, there's social unrest throughout the country, wildfires continue to threaten areas of California and other states, and we have a Presidential election coming up in a few days. It's enough to set your teeth chattering.

We'll all be glad to see the last of 2020—with a nod to Janis Joplin and especially to Big Mama Thornton, this year has been a huge **Ball and Chain** for all of us.

I don't do a newsletter in December, so this is the last issue for this year. You can read it while munching on all that Halloween candy left over from the trick and treaters who didn't show up. See all of you next year.

I hope you have voted for the new TRGC officers for 2021. There are quite a few position changes for next year, even though most of the names are familiar to you. However the TRGC election turns out, I think we will be in good hands. All of us should join in thanking John Valdes for his two years of service as club president, Mike Morrow for his long time presence as Vice-President, Sandy Davis as Treasurer and Judy Davenport as our club Secretary. Renee Wildenberg continued her hard work setting up all the tournaments and doing the scoring. Dan Nelson puts in many hours checking the scorecards and posting the scores from our events. Thank you, too, to Nick Schiaretti for all his work arranging the courses for the tournaments. Cheryl Nelson has again volunteered her time to oversee the TRGC officers' election.

Message from our President John Valdes

It has been a privilege to serve as President of the club for the past two years and to be a part of the history of the Two Rivers Golf Club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support.

When we played our first tournament of 2020 this past February at Wildhorse Golf Course, we had great weather and a nice turnout. Little did we know on that day what was soon to come. Just as the weather improved in March, the Covid-19 pandemic became a reality. The state and country went into lockdown with no golf tournaments allowed for the next two months. The message was: Stay at home and stay safe. Then things gradually opened up a little with a whole new set of standard golf practices: flags/cups were modified to prevent the ball from dropping too far into the hole, bunker rakes were removed, ball washers were covered up, golf carts were limited to one person only and so on. Luckily, golf was recognized as the perfect sport with which to practice safe social distancing and eventually our club was able to recommence with tournaments.

As the year went on we had an excellent turnout for our events. I think most of us were very appreciative of the opportunity to play competitive golf. I believe that this momentum and enthusiasm will continue into next year and that 2021 will be a very successful year for our club.

As I write this, planning is well underway for 2021. The club will have a new President and I hope we can all support the new President and other club officers in 2021. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first tournament next year!

Mather Scramble

We held our end-of-the-year scramble tournament at Mather on Halloween, complete with some novel and creative costumes. Renee Wildenberg won the contest for the best costume—she had a great outfit. The weather was great, too: chilly when we arrived, then warming up to perfect temperature for golf. The scramble competition was really close. All the teams had great shots and gave it a good run, but these teams topped the results:

1st place 52 net

Mike Evans

Rosanna Evans

Gene Coughlin

Jim Huffman

2nd place 56 net

Mike Brunelle

Rich Stratton

Sandy Davis

Judy Davenport

3rd place 57 net (card off)

Daren Morgan

Mike Long

Joe Gough

Jay Watson

4th place 57 net (card off)

Toby Bartz

Jim Svobodny

Dan Nelson

Brad Erway

Daren Morgan won the men's long drive contest while Barbara Moore topped the women's long drive competition.

Our Closest-to-the-pin winners were:

Hole #3, Bill Casey (guest), 12' 4", hole #7, Gene Coughlin, 8' 3", hole #11, Rosanna Evans, 10' 3", hole #14, Rich Stratton, 10' 11".

Many thanks to Mike Morrow and Ernest Jiles for the best costume prize, the long drive prizes and bottles of wine for the CTP winners.

President John Valdes also repeated the announcement of the winners of the club championship, Brad Erway, and the winner of the Lou Mucci Tournament in Reno, Sandy Davis. Mike Morrow announced the winners of the most improved players for 2020: John Valdes and Cindy Beach. Congratulations to Brad, Sandy, John and Cindy.

RENO TRIP

We had a great time at our annual Reno trip early in October. Once again, the weather was as good as it could be—warm enough to be comfortable and just enough breeze to keep the temperature moderate. We had a good showing of regular members and several guests. Twelve of us played Grizzly Ranch before the official Reno events, a standing club tradition. Big treat this year: for the first time, the course had postponed their greens punching, so we got to play the beautiful course with real putting surfaces. There was no official scoring, just a CTP buy-in. The happy winners on the par 3's were:

Hole #2, Sandy Davis, 9' 3", hole #6, Tim Peart, 23' 0", hole #14, Kim Staley, 25' 0", and hole #16, Gene Coughlin, 12' 9".

Our regular Reno tournaments were played at the Red Hawk Hills and Lakes courses. Good venues, both of them. They were in good shape and offered fun challenges at every hole. The first day event was for the Lou Mucci Trophy, named for one of the club's founding members and the late husband of our member Peggy Mucci. Sandy Davis carded the lowest net score of the members competing, winning his first Lou Mucci championship. Congratulations, Sandy.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Red Hawk—Hills Course

1st Flight

1 Terry Dooley (guest)	69 net
2 John Valdes	72
3 Cosme Diaz	74 (card off)
4 Mike Morrow	74

Terry Dooley won the putting competition with 29 putts.

2nd Flight

1 Connie DeBlauquiere (guest)	70 net
2 Sandy Davis	71
3 Ernest Jiles	73 (card off)
4 Gene Coughlin	73

Sandy Davis won the fewest putts with 33.

3rd Flight

1 Nancee Staley	74 net
2 Johnice Swallender (guest)	75
3 Renee Wildenberg	76
4 Sherry Hilger (guest)	80

Bev Hagopian (guest) topped the putters with 35 putts.

Closest To the Pin Winners:

Hole #5, Kim Staley, 10', hole #7, Connie DeBlaquiere, 2' 10". hole #11, Cosme Diaz, 19' 0", and hole #13, Terry Dooley, 3' 0".

Red Hawk—Lakes Course

1st Flight

1 Tom Page	76 net
2 Cosme Diaz	78
3 Terry Dooley	79 (card off)
4 Gary Phillips	79

Bruce Hoffman won the putting competition with 28 putts.

2nd Flight

1 Gene Coughlin	76 net (card off)
2 Tim Peart	76
3 Charlie Armstrong	77
4 Connie Deblaquiere	78

Charlie Armstrong won the fewest putts with 31.

3rd Flight

1 Nick Schiaretti	69 net
2 Sherry Hilger	74
3 Johnice Swallender	76 (card off)
4 Dot McKee	76

Sherry Hilger topped the putters with 36 putts.

Closest To the Pin Winners:

Hole #4, Nancee Staley, 2' 0", hole #8, Tim Peart, 4", hole #12, Jay Watson, 10' 9", hole # 17, Tom Page, 23' 3".

NCGA Qualifiers

Brad Erway, Mike Brunelle and Tom Page represented Two Rivers Golf Club on October 5 & 6 at Poppy Ridge in Livermore for the NCGA Associate Club Senior Net Tournament. Brad played in the 1st Flight (Big Sur) and finished

right in the middle of his class. Mike and Tom played in the 3rd flight (Yosemite, which I think is code for 'You might have a chance'); both of them finished just below the midline in the flight. The weather was great except for a LOT of wind, 2 clubs at least. The course was a little soggy, too, so most of the fairways didn't offer a lot of roll. All three of us enjoyed playing in the tournament—wait until next year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Your Board of Directors is putting together the schedule for next year. As always, we're trying for a mix of quality courses balancing that with the cost of each event. One thing we know for sure: the price of golf is going up everywhere. Almost all the courses now charge \$18 for carts, while the green fees have been on an upward curve for the past several months.

TRGC WEBSITE

James Snyder continues to update our club website to give us current information, including tournament results and coming events. 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

Judy Davenport, our club secretary, has sent out the renewal form for TRGC. Get your renewal in right away and plan to play a lot of TRGC golf next year.

SUNSHINE

I'm happy to say that, for the most part, our members seem to be doing well healthwise. Let's keep it that way—wear your mask and stay safe!

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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