

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
(Through the Green)
Newsletter of the Roseville Golf Club



Roseville Golf Club

APRIL 2014



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again and not that we really had a winter but happy spring. With the better weather and the approach of April we will once again be playing the ball as it lies unless otherwise specified by the tournament director. As always we have some great events coming up both new and old so keep an eye on the calendar and sign up before the due date.

So I know June is a few months away but I wanted to start the process rolling for our annual Oxley Memorial Tournament which will be played on Monday June 9th. As you may or may not know, the First Tee of Greater Sacramento began assisting our club in running this event last year and will again this year. It was great to have them help but that does not mean we will not need your help. We need volunteers so you can let Neil Thomas, Joe Santone or myself know. The other thing that I ask and will be asking for is donations. We use the money in many ways such as paying for hot dogs and buns, water and other items that all support the juniors who play in the event and this wonderful cause. Give a little or give a lot just please give. We need all the help in both volunteers and in donations that we can get.

<http://www.rosevillegolfclub.com/oxley/oxleyDonation.php>

The April Open meeting will be held as Diamond Oaks in the Legends Grill on Thursday April 17th starting as 6:30. Come and hear what we is going on with your club and as always we serve a nice little buffet afterwards.

The last thing I wish to cover in my letter are things that I see happening on the course. I cannot confirm it is our members so I am just putting this out as a general message. We need to repair all ball barks on the green. If you hit the green chances are you left a ball mark so repair it. This is our course and we cannot complain about the greens if we are not doing our part to keep them green and in shape. The second part is sunflower seeds. Sunflower seeds are allowed on the course but should not in any way be spit on the green. The Board and I will be addressing this in some fashion in the future but I wanted to get the message out. Please do not spit your seeds on the greens.

Thank you and as always I will see you out on the course.

Bryan Lange
President
Roseville Golf Club



Vice President's Message

Hello again, So far it has been a great turnout in the tournaments we have had. I will continue to send out reminders the Sunday before the Friday entry deadline. Please get your entries in sooner than later to help out the Tournament Director and bookkeeper.

I will also continue to send out reminders by request of the Diamond Oaks Pro Shop for the Diamond member events (please note those tournament announcements are not official RGC events).

With the outstanding help of Joe Santone, and all the member he so gentle requests to purchase raffle tickets, we are well ahead of the Christmas funds from last year. This will help make the Christmas party at Sierra View a great event.

Jesse F. Sierra
Vice President
Roseville Golf Club



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Hi everybody. We are well into the new year now and I just have a couple of pieces of information for you. First of all, thanks to all of those that let us send these newsletters to you via email. It sure saves a lot of time and expense by doing it via email. If you have any problems getting your club mail or NCGA news, please let me know. I maintain the address and phone lists as well as the membership portion of the computer at Diamond Oaks Golf Course. I can be reached by email at chuck.heath@comcast.net, or by phone at (916) 995-9985. If you have an email address change, please use the link on the website at www.rosevillegolfclub.com so that the tournament director and the vice

president will get the change as well.

As far as email notifications go, we always protect your address and do not allow use or sale of your email address to any other organization. A separate list is provided to the Pro Shop for those of you that have opted to receive mail and offers from the pro shop. Some have complained that the information directly from the NCGA has been somewhat heavy. There are quick links in those messages where you can opt in or out of the different types of offers from NCGA. I've spoken with representatives and they assure me that you will still receive your twice monthly handicap update notifications even if you opt out of the other offers.

Finally, for those of you that purchased the Diamond membership package, you should have received your coupon book and the purchase credit and complementary green fee punch card by now. If you have not picked up your package as yet, see a member of the Diamond Oaks Pro Shop staff, and they can give you your gift card and coupon book. You can still add the Diamond Upgrade at any time for \$100 by purchasing in the pro shop. You can purchase it at any time as long as the package components are in stock, but if you wait, you may not be able to take advantage of all of the member benefits available. You will need to fill out a Diamond Level membership form available in the pro shop. Please see a member of the Pro Shop staff for details.

Chuck Heath
Secretary
Roseville Golf Club

Tournament Director's Message



Spring is here. The water Gods have been nice to us for the past four and a half years, but that came to a watery end on the second day of the 54-Hole team event. It poured and we sympathized with those who finished at the end of the Tournament. While we are speaking of the 54-Hole Team Tournament “congratulations” to Dick Hunt and Tim Bryan for following up their win in the Zone Qualifier, to win the Field Low Net title. We wish them “good luck” in the Zone Regionals. The 54-Hole Field Low Gross went to the team of Bryan Lange and Steve Taylor.

The RGC tournament committee is already looking ahead at some changes for the 2015 season. There will be changes in the qualifications to advance in the N.C.G.A. events, as well as a lower entry fee change to one of the home events.

For this year, the committee will award a Player of the Year trophy to a Gross player (no pun intended) as well as a trophy to a Net player. Jesse Sierra and Kelly Templeton are in charge of the selection process and the two players selected will have to meet certain strict criteria in order to be selected.

A glance at the 2014 Tournament Schedule will tell you that in June we will play Somerset Golf Course in Reno, and follow that up with a visit to Wolf Run on the second day. Somerset is a beautiful semi private course and one that is quite challenging but very playable. Our upcoming Monterey trip will include playing on the newly redesigned Poppy Hills Course. We will also play Pacific Grove (the poor man's Pebble Beach) golf course. We are expecting a large field, so get your entries in early. I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation in observing our “due dates” and getting your entries in early. It makes it easier for the committee and the staff of Diamond Oaks.

One final note, Roseville Golf Club would like our members to replace your divots and fix an extra ball mark or two while playing various courses. This will be a critical year as far as maintenance and course care is concerned and we want to set a good example to the public in the hopes that they will follow our lead.

Above all, play well and have fun,

Neil Thomas
Tournament Director
Roseville Golf Club



Tournament Bookkeeper's Message

Hello again, Roseville Golf Club members. For those members that are new to the Roseville Golf Club, my name is Tim Bryan. I am the tournament bookkeeper for our club. When you enter your selected tournament, your entry comes to my desk for processing. After the deadline for entry has passed, you will have to get in touch with the tournament director, Neil Thomas, for entry into the tournament. After all entries have been processed, they are forwarded along to Neil where he will start his processing of the entries. The entries then get sent to Ken Lyon your tournament handicapper, where your handicap is attached to your entry and sent back to Neil for the final processing. Once the tee times are in place, the Course is notified of the needed times. Now, the tournament is ready to be played. After the tournament is completed, the results are tabulated and the payouts are calculated. This process usually takes a couple of days to complete. Then the payouts are sent to the tournament committee to be checked for any errors that might be made in this complex step. Once the errors are corrected, the results are sent out to the players of the tournament. We usually wait a week for any questions that might arise from the membership. The final step in our tournament process is to have your results tabulated and posted to your account at the Diamond Oaks Pro Shop. You can find what your account balance is by simply asking the staff behind the counter. We ask that you inquire often to make sure that your account is up to date and all your winnings have been posted correctly. Should you find a discrepancy, please notify me as soon as possible so I can trouble shoot and correct the error.

Now, I would like to mention about the Tournament Refund policy. Should you enter a tournament and are NOT able to play, you will need to contact the Tournament Director at minimum of 24 hours prior to the first tee time of the event. If you have made this timely withdraw, your entry fee will be placed in a refund envelope to be returned to you at the next tournament you enter.

The funds for skins are returned to you with the same method used for the tournament refunds if have not been pay the day of the event. Your winnings are placed in an envelope and returned to you at your next tournament. The skin winnings will be kept for a period of 6 months. After this time, if your winnings are not collected, they will be forfeited to the tournament fund. I will make every effort to return your winnings to you however, you have to help.

I know that there will be other Questions from time to time! Please ask! You can call me at home, (916) 729-7176 or send me an e-mail at timbryan24@comcast.net .

With all the fantastic courses on this year's schedule, I wish you many rounds of enjoyable golf! Be thankful for the ability and the opportunity! See you on the course!

Tim Bryan
Tournament Bookkeeper
Roseville Golf Club



Handicappers Report

I always include the ESC table in my reports and hopefully you are all using it and adjusting your scores before posting them.

I did a bit of research this time to look at the history of **course ratings, slope ratings and handicaps** and how they were determined.

A **handicap** is a measure of a golfer's potential ability based on the tees played at a given course. It is used to calculate a net score from the number of strokes actually played during a competition, thus allowing players of different proficiency to play against each other on somewhat equal terms. Contrary to popular opinion, a player's handicap is intended to show a player's potential, not a player's average score.

A **course rating** is the USGA mark that is a number generally between 67 and 77 that is used to measure the average good score by a *scratch* golfer on that course.

The **slope rating** is a USGA mark that is a number between 55 and 155 that describes the difficulty of a course for a *bogey* golfer compared to a *scratch* golfer. These two numbers are used to calculate a player's handicap differential, which is used to adjust a player's score in relation to par according to the slope and rating of the course. The slope rating for a golf course of average difficulty is 113.

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

| Course Handicap | Maximum Number on Any Hole |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| 9 or less | Double bogey |
| 10 through 19 | 7 |
| 20 through 29 | 8 |
| 30 through 39 | 9 |
| 40 or more | 10 |

The USGA has often resorted to the court system to protect the integrity of its handicap system. The California Court of Appeals (First District) summarized the system's history:

“The USGA was founded in 1894. One of its chief contributions to the game has been its development and maintenance since 1911 of the USGA handicap system...designed to enable individual golf players of different abilities to compete fairly with one another. Because permitting individual golfers to issue their own handicaps would inevitably lead to inequities and abuse, the peer review provided by authorized golf clubs and associations has always been an essential part of the system. Therefore, in order to protect the integrity and credibility of its handicap system, the USGA has consistently followed a policy of only permitting authorized golf associations and clubs to issue USGA handicaps” The Roseville Golf Club took this one step further in instituting a Tournament Handicap feature that tracks a golfer's potential during tournament play in RGC events. This is one of the reasons that our club is so strong and bickering is limited. We do not allow sandbaggers in our club and the use of our either/or handicap system utilizing the lower of GHIN or Tournament handicap is so successful. A few people still gripe about it, but it is generally the golfers who shoot lower than average scores in tournament events. Hey, our system is working as it levels the playing field for all golfers. That, after all, is the intent of the handicapping system.

I'm always available to discuss this or other handicapping questions before or after our events. My contact information is also available on the RGC website.

I'll see you on the course.

Ken Lyon
Handicap Chairman
Roseville Golf Club



Rules Chair Message

Although we all try to avoid bunkers occasionally the ball ends up in one of them. Do you know what to do if your ball is resting against a rake in the bunker?

First, you are entitled to remove the rake, a movable obstruction. If the ball does not move, the ball is in play. You have not incurred a penalty.

If the ball moves you must drop the ball within the bunker as close to the original spot as possible and no closer to the hole. If the ball fails to come to rest less than 2 club lengths from the point of the drop and no closer to the hole, you must place the ball at the spot of the drop. (20-2c) If the ball will not come to rest at the spot where it is placed (those hard-packed slopes in the bunker) it must be placed in the bunker at the nearest spot where it can be placed at rest no closer to the hole. (20-3d(ii)). No penalty has been assessed.

The one exception is when the ball has come to rest against the rake on a slope at the back of the bunker away from the hole and you cannot place the ball where it comes to rest no closer to the hole. In other words, the ball keeps rolling closer to the hole. In this case you are stuck with a penalty. (See decision 20-3d/2) You cannot press the ball into the sand to make it remain at rest so you will have to play it as unplayable using the stroke and distance provision (Rule 28a) or under equity (Rule 1-4) drop the ball, under penalty of one stroke, outside the bunker, keeping the point where the ball lay (originally) directly between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped.

This last provision is why I personally think the rakes should not be left in the bunkers. Under the Miscellaneous section 2 the USGA also recommends rakes should be placed outside bunkers because the risk is less than a player would be penalized by striking and/or coming to rest against a rake. The Miscellaneous sections are found at the end of the Rules just before Appendix I.

As always, members of the Rules committee are available to resolve your rules questions.

Have fun and play fast.

Rick Rusk
Rules Chairman
Roseville Golf Club



**ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB
OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday
April 17th, 2014
6:30 PM**

**DIAMOND OAKS
LEGENDS AND HEROES
SNACK BAR**

**Refreshments will be served
50-50 drawing will be held for the 2014
Christmas/Awards Banquet Fund**



Roseville Golf Club

Presents

The 47th Annual David Oxley Junior Memorial Junior Golf Tournament

Open to Boys & Girls 8-17 years of age

Diamond Oaks Golf Course

Roseville, California

June 09, 2014

Free lunch

Prizes & Trophies

Limited Field

Entry Fee includes Green fees

ENTRY BLANK

NAME _____ BOY: _____ GIRL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: (

) _____ - _____ AGE: _____ HDCP: _____ JGANC#: _____

ENCLOSED ENTRY FEE

Boys 16-17, 14-15, 12-13, Girls 15-17, 12-14 **18 HOLES-\$25.00**

Boys 10-11, 9 & under, Girls 11 & under- **9HOLES-\$15.00**

NO entries postmarked before April 1, 2014 will be accepted and

NO entries will be accepted after May 16, 2014

Make checks payable to Roseville Golf Club