

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



September 2014



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Roseville Golf Club members. This year has just flown by as I cannot believe that it is already heading into late summer. The year has been filled with several fun events and I am sure the rest of the year will continue to add to this great year already.

I know it is early but begin to think about the RGC Christmas party. Jesse Sierra is planning a fun event and it is always a great time to hang out with some members and get to know some new ones. There are always surprises so come and have a good time and some great food.

I wish to give my congratulations to Harry Wharff who is the back to back club champion for our club. Way to go Harry. You the man!

As this is my last newsletter of the year I want to say that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve this wonderful club and members. I could not have asked for a better group of people to serve. I also want to say that the members who have worked with me this year on the board were wonderful and it was great working with each of you on different topics. I thank each and every board member as without you and your service, this club would not run. You and our membership make this the best club around. The help that the board has provided me from the day I was elected and throughout this year has not gone un-noticed and is and always was greatly appreciated. The good news is I get to continue to serve with most of you all next year and for some years to come.

Our next open meeting is on Thursday September 18th at 630PM at the Legends and Hero's at Diamond Oaks. This will be the election night so come and be involved in electing your board for 2015. Thanks to the membership for allowing me to serve you all and for your support.

Bryan Lange
President
Roseville Golf Club



Vice President's Message

This will be my last newsletter as the 2014 Vice President; I hope I was able to keep the membership informed of all tournaments, events and updates.

Just recently Matt Eidsvoog and I have started to get the Roseville Golf Club on the Social network to get more members of all ages. We have started a Twitter, InstaGram, and Facebook account and you call follow the club at RGC_Social. Neither Matt nor I are experts so we are trying to get the information to Steve Ries so he can add the badges (icons) to the web page.

I would like to let you know that it is not too early to start thinking about the Christmas/Awards Party, if you have won a tournament this year you will want to attend to get your trophies along with a door prize that each member that attends will receive. Due to the great participation of the membership in the 50/50 raffle the pots have been bigger than normal and one of the members who attend the Christmas party will receive 2 week long passes to the 2015 US Senior Open at Del Paso Country Club.

Re write : One of the other things the tournament committee has been working on is a Player of the Year (Net and Gross). Here are the details to the how the standing will be calculated.

RGC will be keeping track of all individual stroke play tournaments (Home and Away) that count as play dates and towards a tournament handicap along with the Club Championship Match Play tournament.

RGC will provide a trophy to the Gross and a Net P.O.Y., based on the point accumulated throughout the year.

The points will be given to the top 5 Gross and Net players at each of the individual stroke play events.

Gross/Net(each flight)

1st Place - 10

2nd Place - 8

3rd Place - 6

4th Place - 4

5th Place - 2

The point values are double for the RGC Major Events.

1st Place - 20

2nd Place - 16

3rd Place - 12

4th Place - 8

5th Place - 4

Over All Field winners will also get an additional 5 points.

The standings will be updated as results are released.

The standing are posted on the web page.

Jesse F. Sierra
Vice President
Roseville Golf Club

Tournament Director's Message



Excluding the drought conditions, the weather and golf is pretty good right now. Like Diamond Oaks several courses have been using recycled water and that keeps the course healthy for the players.

The elections are coming up in September and if you are contemplating serving on the board as President, Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, or would like to hold one of two member at large positions, please notify Neil Thomas or Brad McKernan and we will include the nominees name on the List of Candidates and answer any questions you might have.

Golf in the upcoming months finds us at Diamond Oaks for the RGC Invitational on September 14th. This year the Tournament Committee will be trying a couple of new things to do at the tournament to make things interesting and we are working on those “fun things” at the present time. So bring a friend or play with an existing member and enjoy the day. In October we'll be off to Monterey for our October 11-12 weekend of golf, food, spirits, fun and friendship at Poppy Hills and Pacific Grove.

At present the committee and I are working on a Tournament Schedule for 2015. Although it could be completed sooner, the 2015 schedule itself will not be published until the middle of December. One item that we must have in order to complete the schedule is a breakdown of the cost of entries, fees, and also the play dates for N.C.G.A events. These N.C.G.A. play dates are usually not available until the first part of December. Once we have completed the 2015 format of the schedule, the Board looks it over and approves or disapproves, and then it is sent to Mike Blasé and SRI to avoid any conflicting events there might be. Then we will publish it for our members. In the summer of 2015, we are looking at four Day on the Oaks weekday events as well as a couple of “local” travel dates at neighboring courses that are yet to be determined. If you have a favorite course you think R.G.C. might like to play, please pass your suggestion on to myself or any member of the Tournament Committee and we will certainly give it consideration.

A quick reminder that we have “due dates” for all of our play dates and they are there for a reason. Please observe them. They are very important to Diamond Oaks for the scheduling of our tee times. Thank you all for your support in your tournaments and week day event play dates. It has been a pleasure serving the club in 2014 and I am looking forward to 2015.

Have fun and play well.

Neil Thomas
Tournament Director
Roseville Golf Club



Tournament Bookkeeper's Message

I would like to clarify something for all members that sign up for our tournaments using PayPal. This is an easy procedure and probably the fastest way to enter. When signing up this way, please take note of the "Message to Merchant" tab before you check out. When you click on this tab, a box will open up creating a space for you to type in your message. We will receive your message when we check you in to the tournament. Should you have a "TEE Time Preference", wish to play with a particular group, or want to leave a message of gratitude to your tournament committee for the outstanding job they are doing, you can leave that message there in "Message to Merchant" section. Your message will be noted in my file and forwarded along to the Tournament

Director.

Should you have any questions about signing up for any tournaments, you can send me an e-mail at timbryan24@comcast.net or call me at my home (916) 729-7176

We are winding down the 2014 golfing season! There are still some fantastic rounds of golf to be played, like The Invitational, where you can invite your friends to play in a scramble round, Poppy Hills, Pacific Grove, The Turkey Shoot, and the Eclectic Final.

Be thankful for the ability and the opportunity to play this wonderful game of GOLF! See you at the Course!

Tim Bryan
RGC Tournament Bookkeeper



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

Hi everyone, the 2014 membership year is closed as of August 31st. We finished the year with 323 active members. Membership for 2015 will start on October 1st. The renewal rate and new membership rate will remain the same for 2015 at \$80 for renewal before December 15th, and new and late renewal rate as \$95.

As of this writing, the Diamond level benefits and fees have not been finalized but are expected soon and will be updated on the membership form when it becomes available. As always, you can renew your regular membership or sign up a new member and add the Diamond membership at a later date. If you purchase the Diamond upgrade through the pro shop, they can give you the member package at the time of payment. Most everything in that package is only good for dates in the 2015 calendar year.

If you know someone that has been waiting to join, now is a good time to sign up. If they join now, they can have the benefit of a 15 month membership as their membership would activate for the rest of 2014 and all of 2015. There is also a special membership available for new/returning members sponsored by a current member can join for the \$80 renewal rate if signed up by the day of the invitational. There are still several tournaments before the end of the year, and new members can get a jump on qualifying rounds for the major tournaments to be eligible to play and compete for those tournaments individually or as part of your team. See the major tournament qualification section on the tournament schedule on line or at the course.

I also 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 or 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.

We have had problems with the posting computer at the course recently and changed from telephone modem to DSL so the problems with transmitting and locking up of the computer appear to be resolved at this time. Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Chuck Heath
Secretary
Roseville Golf Club



Handicappers Report

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

A motion was made and passed at the last Open Meeting regarding the Tournament Handicaps. I have been a bit perplexed as to why our Tournament Handicap system includes Away events in the calculation of the handicap. The Tournament Handicap is **NOT** used in away events. I talked to many people on the board and in the club about this and the answer was, "It has always been done that way." I'm not a fan of that answer or that thinking and as your Handicapper, I want the Tournament handicap (which is **only** used at Diamond

Oaks stroke play events) to reflect the tournament scores that are recorded at Diamond Oaks. The motion was to only use Diamond Oaks stroke play tournament scores in the calculation of the Tournament handicaps.

The new Tournament Handicaps are posted on the website and I have gone in and removed all of the away scores from the list of scores used to determine the Tournament Handicaps. The new T Handicaps are a reflection of the scores posted in Diamond Oaks stroke play tournament events. I strongly believe that these new Tournament Handicaps will more closely reflect a player's abilities (and history) in Diamond Oaks events. We will continue to use your full GHIN index at the away events.

The golf year is streaking by and soon we will be able to water our lawns again without massive guilt and shame as the weather turns cooler and hopefully we begin to see some rain. There are plenty of opportunities to get out with your fellow club members and play golf in the late Summer and Fall events. The Eclectic results are rounding into shape and there are still three events left that will make up your final score for the year in this year long event.

As always, it has been a pleasure being your Handicapper this year. Working with Neil Thomas on the Tournaments is a true joy as he is always on point and gets me everything I need in a timely fashion. Ditto for Tim Bryan. I also want to thank Steve Ries for his stewardship of the Eclectic results this year. It has been extraordinary and may have saved my marriage.

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

I'll see you on the course.

Ken Lyon
Handicap Chairman
Roseville Golf Club



Rules Chair Message

Our winter was dry, and the word drought has become a staple in everyone's vocabulary. September is here, and with the exception of a few random days of badly needed rain and a few days of 100 plus temps, we have been fortunate to have had seasonally pleasant weather this summer. One would think that, under the circumstances, the term Abnormal Ground Conditions -- Casual Water or Ground Under Repair, with regard to wet areas, would not be in our golf vocabulary.

While many of us are seeing our beloved lawns turn dry and brown, our beautiful Diamond Oaks facility uses reclaimed water to irrigate and keep our course green. Unfortunately, their more than normal use of water to achieve that goal causes us as golfers to encounter areas that are damp and soft or very wet and muddy. Thus, there are questions: Is it or is it not an "Abnormal Ground Condition" -- "Casual Water" or "GUR"; do I get relief and how do I take it?

Casual water is any temporary accumulation of water on the course that is not in a water hazard and is visible before or after the player takes his stance.

GUR is any part of the course so marked by order of the Committee.

A ball is in Casual Water or GUR when it lies in or any part of it touches the Casual Water or GUR.

Rule 25-1b

Except when the ball is in a water hazard or a lateral water hazard, a player may take relief from interference by an abnormal ground condition as follows:

If the ball lies through the green, the player must lift the ball and drop it, without penalty, within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief.

Decisions:

25/1 - Is soft, mushy earth casual water?

No. Soft mushy earth is not casual water unless water is visible on the surface before or after the player takes his stance.

25/4 - In a wet area, casual water is not visible before or after the player takes his normal stance. However, by pressing down hard with one foot, the player causes water to appear around the sole of his shoe. Is the player entitled to relief under Rule 25-1b?

No. Water visible through undue effort with the feet is not casual water.

25/16 - Is a rut made by a tractor considered a hole made by a green keeper and thus ground under repair? If not, should the Committee declare such a rut to be ground under repair?

Such a rut is not a hole made by a green keeper. The Committee would be justified in declaring a deep rut to be ground under repair, but not a shallow indentation made by green keeping equipment.

I hope that this helps to clear the "muddy" waters a little bit. I would appreciate your feedback. If you have any further topics you would like to see addressed, you may contact me at - freidaaichele@yahoo.com

Freida Aichele
Rules Chairman
Roseville Golf Club

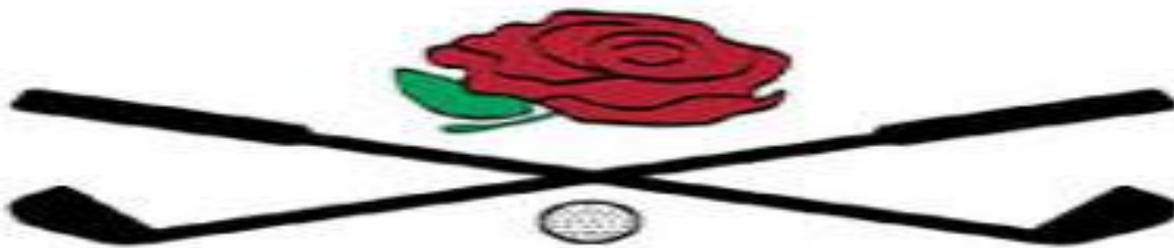


**ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB
OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday
September 18th, 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

Diamond Oaks Golf Course

Official NCGA Home Club

Founded in 1962

RGC
Membership
Drive

WIN
RGC 2015
Membership

Raffle

Receive one raffle ticket for each new 2015 Roseville Golf Club member

(New member must not appear on 2014 RGC roster)

Sign a new member up August through September 14 (RGC Invitational Tournament). 2015 membership fee will be \$80.00 during the membership drive. Membership begins the day of the RGC Invitational.

Raffle will take place at Open Meeting on September 18, 2014

RGC member's names must appear on new applicant's paperwork. RGC club secretary will verify raffle entries.

2015 Membership for the raffle prize was donated to RGC

**The Roseville Golf Club
Christmas Party
December 6th, 2014**

**6:00 PM – 11:55 PM
(Cocktails & Large Cheese tray at 6:00PM)**

To Be Held At:

Sierra View Country Club

Cost: \$35.00 per Person

The Menu includes:

Spinach Salad with Ranch & Raps Vinaigrette on the side

Broccoli Salad

Assorted Rolls

Sautéed Vegetables

Roasted Red Potatoes

Grilled Chicken Breast (sauce on the side)

Carving Station with New York Steak

Holiday Desserts

Tuxedo Chocolate cake

New York Cheesecake

Coffee (Regular and Decaf)

No Host Bar

**Once again, our DJ will return this year with our dancing favorites
and of course, there will be prizes and awards.**



Roseville Golf Club
Christmas Party
Saturday, December 6th 2014

Sierra View Country Club
105 Alta Vista Ave, Roseville, CA
95678
6:00 PM – 11:55PM
(Cocktails at 6:30PM)

Reservation Form

Name(s)

Number attending _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

You may use PayPal or mail a check, along with this application, directly to:

RGC
P.O. Box 248
Roseville, CA. 95678

No Reservations will be accepted after November 22nd 2014.
Any Applications received after that date will be placed on a waiting list.