

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



JULY 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The heat has arrived; make sure you keep hydrated on the course during the next few months when playing.

The 47th Annual David Oxley Memorial is in the books with another great turnout. We had 125 kids sign up and 119 actually play. I want to thank all of the volunteers for their time and dedication to the youth golfers. This tournament continues to run on the donations from the club members. This year both overall winners, Noor Ahmed(16) shot an even par 72 with 5 birdies and Chase Sienkiewicz (14) shot 3 under 69 with 6 birdies, including 3 in row on 6, 7, and 8. We also had 2 boys shoot under par in the 7-9 year age group on the back nine. Due to the rain out earlier this year we had our first away event last weekend. The courses were great and with better planning it could be on the schedule again.

I want to remind everyone of the open meeting on July 16th, this meeting will be very important to the club members. One of the biggest items to be discussed will be the tournament guide. The bathroom on the 3rd hole will be a construction zone, Mike plans to provide a full update at the open meeting. If you want to be more involved in the club, this meeting will be a great opportunity.

Jesse Sierra
President
Roseville Golf Club



Vice President's Message

Now is the time to get out your calendars, talk to your spouse or significant other, and circle the date of December 4th, to attend our annual Christmas Party. The party will be held at the Morgan Creek Country Club. The party will feature dinner, raffle prizes for all RGC members and dancing to “our era” music. The more members and guests that sign up the lower the cost, so encourage your friends and family to join us.

On another note. A few years ago we began to hear the word “drought” mentioned in many news articles as we began experiencing several years of below normal snow and rain fall. Our Club is also experiencing a similar drought, in our membership. We have been losing approximately 9% of our membership each year for the past few years. Our membership is the “life blood” of our club. A declining membership impact everything from our tournaments to our budget. New members also bring in new ideas and ways to improve our club.

The solution to our membership problem, as with the drought, will take the resolve of all of us. We all know friends, neighbors, business associates and family members who we play golf with, but are not members of our club. **The benefits of belonging to RGC are many and we should be proud to tell others about them.** We have one of the most robust tournament schedules of any club in the area, including home and away tournaments. We have a Board of Directors that work tirelessly to ensure and improve the experience of our RGC members. Our club includes By-laws, audited Budgets, Tournament Guidelines and a great Website. Membership in RGC allows players, of all levels, to compete in NCGA qualifier events with the opportunity to advance to NCGA regional and final events. Trophies are presented at year-end to many of our tournament winners and 100% of the tournament entry fees are paid out in prize funds. RGC also supports the First Tee with our annual David Oxley Memorial tournament. Additionally, did I mention our Christmas Party?

Let's tell everyone that we play golf with about the many benefits of joining RGC and encourage them to become a club member.

Our lawns our dead or dying, let's not wait until RGC is in a similar situation.

Russ Tabbert
Vice-President
Roseville Golf Club



Tournament Director's Message

Hi everybody,

Just to remind you of a couple of changes in the Tournament Schedule. We have switched the two tournaments in August and September. They are the RGC Invitational and Labor Day. The RGC Invitational is now on August 29th with a due date of August 21st. The Labor Day is now on September 5th with a due date of August 28th. Also note the RGC 6, 6 and 6 will be played Sunday, September 27th.

I just want to remind everybody if you are not going to be able to play in a tournament after you have signed up, please let me know via email (tourney@rosevillegolfclub.com), text or phone (916-782-3579) even on the day of the tournament. I would at least be able to get messages after I finish playing. Please do not tell your friends to tell me as I sometimes get those messages too late or not at all.

If you have any questions, please contact me at either tourney@rosevillegolfclub.com or (916) 782-3579.

See ya

Gary A Krahn

Tournament Director



Handicappers Report

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

Some members do not know how we conduct mixed tee events at Diamond Oaks events. The handicap used when there are mixed tees involved in a tournament are based on the course rating. For blue tees the course rating is 69, for white tees it is 67.8 and for women's red tees it is 71.9. We use the blue tees as a baseline, because it is in the middle. The difference between the white and blue is 1.2, so we **SUBTRACT** one stroke from the white tee players. The difference between the red and blue is 2.9, so we **ADD** three strokes for the women. This procedure evens the playing field and allows players to play from different sets of tees, yet make it a fair competition.

The golf year is in full swing and we have completed ALL of our NCGA qualifying events. Good luck to the qualifiers who are yet to play in their upcoming events in July and August. The Day on the Oaks events are underway and keep an eye out for them on the schedule. They are not part of our tournament schedule and when I post those scores, they will show up as a Home score on your handicap card. We also do not use the Tournament handicap in these events, so if you feel your T handicap is too low, come on out and compete using your GHIN handicap. I'm always available to discuss any 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, RGC Handicapper



Rules Chairwoman

Not only can the Rules of Golf be confusing, there are times when abiding by them can be downright impossible.

The boundary fence behind **Hole 18** presents us with just such a situation. If your approach shot to the 18th green flies further than you had hoped, you may find that your ball lies against or so close to the boundary fence that a shot is impossible. Now you ask, “What are my options?” Let’s talk.

A fence defining “out of bounds” is NOT an “obstruction”, and there is no free relief given from it. Almost always, your only option is to deem your ball unplayable and take a drop, **under penalty of one stroke**.

Under this rule, you have three options:

1. Play the ball at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
2. Drop the ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and spot on which the ball is dropped.
3. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

Because many of us have found ourselves in this perplexing situation, we have an additional option available. You may use the ball drop, **under penalty of one stroke**. I know you are asking “What ball drop?” This area was established several years ago, but has faded from memory. So, let me see if I can define it for you.

If you are looking toward the clubhouse:

The ball drop area is located behind and to the right of the green near the large tree. A blue stake close to the fence marks the reference point. You may drop your ball within two club lengths of the stake in a half pie shaped area, **under penalty of one stroke**. Often this spot seems closer to the hole, and you may be correct. However, in this situation we will bend the rules. Extend your arm at shoulder height, drop your ball and play on.

We will try to have this area marked in a more noticeable manner. For future reference, the next time you complete your round, walk over and take a look at the stake and the area I have described.

Par the Course
Freida Aichele, Rules Chairman



**ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB
OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday
July 16, 2015
6:30 PM**

**The Legends Bar and Grill
Diamond Oaks Golf Course**

**Refreshments will be served
50-50 drawing will be held for the 2015
Christmas/ Awards Banquet Fund**

