

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



**APRIL 2016**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Spring is finally here, and while we all appreciate the winter rains it's nice to have some warm dry days to get out on the course. Living on the 15<sup>th</sup> fairway gives me a unique opportunity to observe all of the work that goes on to maintain and improve our course. This week the greens have been punched, fertilized and sanded. The rough is getting mowed and the fairways and tees have been fertilized. In a couple of weeks the course should be in great shape and ready for all of our spring and summer tournaments.

One of the special upcoming tournaments is the David Oxley Junior Golf Tournament that will be played on Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. If you're looking for a reason to have a 3 day weekend, coming out to support and watch our junior golfers is a great idea. We also need volunteers to serve as scorers for the younger groups, spotters and closest to the pin monitors. If you would like to volunteer, send me an email and let me know what you would like to do. (See attached Oxley forms at end of Newsletter).

Our Members Survey is completed and will be sent to the membership in the next few days. The Survey will allow you to provide us feedback on the way our tournaments are run, the condition of various aspects of the course, the services provided by the pro shop and the Legends Bar and Grill along with suggestions on how we can improve the attendance at our Open Meetings. This survey is anonymous so give us your honest feedback. When the results of the survey have been compiled we will provide the membership with the results. We will also address what we can and cannot do in response to your comments. My special thanks to Jim Tiffany, Steve Ries, Keith Erickson and Jay Connor for their work on this project.

Finally, the second Open Meeting of 2016 will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Legends at Diamond Oaks. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and appetizers will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. I hope you can attend.

Russ Tabbert  
President – Roseville Golf Club

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

The Winter Rains that El Nino has ushered in are ending and Spring is in the air! Our Golf Course has gotten the promised rains to keep it green and healthy. With the wetter conditions come the mosquitos though, so keep those repellents handy in your golf bags!

It is hard to believe our season is already in the second quarter. (Time flies when you're having fun!) Our first six Tournaments of the year have been successes with good turnouts and some fun golf. The number of entries to these first quarter Tournaments are up over last year. The next three quarters should be fun and competitive. Our first out of town Tournament is on April 16<sup>th</sup> at a very fine Castle Oaks Golf Course. It should be an enjoyable day.

I do want to thank everyone who has participated in the 50/50 Raffles the first quarter. As the Vice-President of the Club, I am in charge of running these Raffles. We are off to a good start in 2016 and I hope everyone continues their support. I appreciate everyone's patience as I try to coax you into supporting this helpful fundraiser that helps defer the cost of the end of the year Christmas Party and the gifts we purchase for all Members who attend the party. Remember, half of the "pot" goes to the winning Member and half of it goes towards the Party. So, it is an excellent way to come up with a few bucks for some cheer at the end of the golf day! Which brings us to an early reminder for this event. It will be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year at Morgan Creek Golf Course. This Venue was used last year and it was an excellent choice for the party. It is spacious inside and the food was excellent. We had numerous comments that it was one of the better Venues for our Club's Christmas Party over the past years.

I also plan to continue two reminders for all Tournaments. I hope these reminders have been helpful to all. I want to do my best to make our Club the best in the Region. I am always available to help anyone who needs anything related to the Club. As stated earlier, I will be present the entire Tournament days so come by and let me know what you need or just say hello. I enjoy meeting and talking to all of you.

John Parola  
Vice-President  
Roseville Golf Club





## TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

After 5 or so years of great weather (no rain) we have hopefully paid the price for that luxury and we are now welcoming the wet weather.

The club is just now getting into the heart of the tournament calendar and there should be nothing but blue skies moving ahead.

Your tournament committee has been busy updating the Standard Playing Procedures as well as the Tournament Guide and although nothing major was changed in either of these documents, I recommend that once they are published to the R.G.C. website that you peruse them at your leisure as they can answer many of your questions.

Looking forward, we have many great tournaments coming up both at home and away. In May we have the 54-Hole Individual Tournament and the N.C.G.A. Senior 4-Ball Net Qualifier and we end the month of May with Memorial Tournament, all to be held at Diamond Oaks.

The N.C.G.A. Net Amateur is on the schedule for June as is our second 2016 overnight travel date to Plumas Pines and Graeagle Meadows on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of June. It has been a while since the club last visited these two courses and I hope everyone can find time to join us at this away event. It has always been fun.

And of course we will be visiting the Monterey Area again this fall with a visit to Poppy Hills and Old Del Monte on October 8th and 9th. There are lots of opportunities for great golf and the club works very hard to make your experience a pleasant one. If you have any questions about how we do things don't hesitate to contact any Board member with your concerns.

I would like to take a moment and recognize Ron Morgan who was a member of Roseville Golf Club for a number of years. He passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup> of this year and for those who were lucky enough to know him, he will be truly missed.

Neil Thomas  
Tournament Director  
Roseville Golf Club



## HANDICAP CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The NCGA qualifying events are in full swing. We have the 54 hole Individual Championship in May as well as the NCGA Senior 4 ball. Players continue to move to the white tees and many have said they are enjoying playing the course more from the closer tees. I want to remind all golfers that I will post all scores in RGC events and that all event scores will be posted as Home scores, except for the 5 majors that we play. Those event will be posted as Tournaments and those are: **NCGA Zone Qualifier, 4 Ball Qualifier, Senior 4 Ball qualifier, 54 hole Individual (all three days), and the NCGA Net Amateur.** I was informed in discussions with the NCGA that the Roseville Golf Club was designating too many events as Tournament scores. Most clubs only use their major events and NCGA qualifiers as Tournament scores and it was decided by

the board that we would designate the above tournaments as eligible Tournament scores. All scores posted in RGC events will still be used in the computation of the Tournament Handicaps that are posted on our website. This change will only affect how the scores are reported to the NCGA and has nothing to do with our Tournament Handicaps or status of any events on the Tournament schedule. This simply brings us into alignment with NCGA practices.

The Eclectic yearlong tournament has completed its second event and the results to date can be seen on the website. At the moment we have 46 players in the Eclectic event. It is not too late to sign up. The 54 hole individual stroke play event mentioned above will give you the opportunity to get 3 rounds in on your Eclectic scorecard. Throughout the year Steve Ries and I will track your best scores on each of the 18 holes at Diamond Oaks in each eligible stroke play event. These events are listed in the Tournament schedule and are highlighted in red. It is a fun and interesting event and you can see how well you do overall on each hole at Diamond Oaks throughout the year. I will track your scores once you sign up, but will not go back to past events, so sign up early.

Charlie Aichele's twilight league will start in April and it is always a fun way to spend Spring and Summer evenings during the work week. I encourage each of you to come out and play some golf with us soon. For those of you who are long term members, Steve Parino has signed up again and will be joining the Twilight group. He has been on IR for almost five years and the Handicap committee is working on a Medical Exemption for Steve. The course is in great shape and life is good on the golf course. I will see you out there.

Ken Lyon  
Handicap Chairman  
Roseville Golf Club



## **RULES COMMITTEE MESSAGE**

April is here. Bring out the shorts and sunscreen. It is time to play golf.

Every year your RGC Board looks for ways to improve our experience on the course, and pace of play is always an item on the forefront. This year is no exception. On January 1, 2016 our Pace of Play rule was revised. The playing time to complete a round at Diamond Oaks was reduced by 10 minutes to **4 hours 30 minutes**. While we have been very successful in achieving this goal up to this point, some reminders can always be helpful:

**Playing at a better pace is not about hurrying up or rushing around the course. It is simply about being more efficient with your time. Adopting this mindset can only add enjoyment to your golf experience.**

Unless the format is match play, play ready golf -

Don't wait to play your shot just because you are closer to the hole.

Keep your pre-shot routine short -

Determine your yardage and make your club selection while others are playing.

Pick your line of play and trust yourself. Take no more than one practice swing.

Be ready to hit when it is your turn.

Aim to play in 30 seconds -

From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution. Keep play moving at a brisk pace.

When sharing a cart, use a buddy system -

Don't wait in the cart while your cart-mate hits and then drive to your ball. If your ball lies a reasonable distance away, get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs, and let your cart-mate pick you up. Or, drive to your ball after you drop your cart-mate off and then pick him or her up after you hit. Replace your clubs and equipment in your bag while others are preparing to play and not immediately when returning to the cart.

Be helpful to others in your group -

Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Be ready to fill a divot, rake a bunker or tend the flagstick for others.

Keep up with the group in front of you -

Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, **not** immediately in front of the group behind you.

Be efficient on the putting green -

Mark your ball and lift and clean it when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn to play. Line up your putt while others are putting. Leave the green promptly after everyone in your group has holed out. Wait until arriving at the next tee to record the scores.

While these are simple suggestions that we all may consider to be things that we always do, keeping them in mind and not being afraid to share them with your fellow players will ultimately make the golf experience more enjoyable for all of us.

Par the Course,

Freida Aichele,

Rules Chairman

Roseville Golf Club



**ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB  
OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday  
April 21, 2016  
6:30 PM**

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

# RGC David Oxley Junior Golf Contribution

( Monday, June 6, 2016 )

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_



E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

You may use Pay Pal after April 1, 2016 or

Mail check or money order to:

Roseville Golf Club, PO Box 248, Roseville , CA., 95678