

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



January 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am very humbled to be elected as Roseville Golf Club's 55th President. I look forward to serving all the members from this very storied Golf Club. I am 100% committed to giving the best of my efforts for each Member.

2017 is going to be another exciting year for the Roseville Golf Club. Our Tournament Schedule that has been put together by outgoing Tournament Director Neil Thomas and new Tournament Director Jesse Sierra looks to be fun and challenging. Our 2016 Member Survey indicated that many Members wanted away Tournaments that were closer to home and could be played without overnight travel and lodging. We have three such events planned this coming year. We also still have an "away" event in October with a weekend event set up in the very popular Monterrey area at the beautiful Poppy Hills G.C. and Quail Lodge G.C. Courses.

Looking back on 2016, we had some significant challenges that the Club faced. The biggest challenge was holding on to our members in a day and age of declining Membership in all Golf Clubs across the nation. And, although we lost some Members from 2015, it was not as significant as the prior years. We finished the year at 268 Members. This was a far cry of the days of 500 Members from the "old days". We need your help in "recruiting" new Members for our Club which will make it strong and healthy. Already, we have some new Members who have joined our Club which is encouraging for the 2017 Membership.

We had a very successful and fun Christmas Party at Morgan Creek G.C. this last Month. We had 99 people at the event, which was the most we have had in the last 10+ years. We have the 2017 and 2018 Parties set up at the same Venue so keep the date of Friday, December 1st in mind for this next year. It was a great time. I am asking that anyone of who attended to give me feedback on what we could have done differently, improve on, or what you enjoyed about the party. Feel free to contact me by phone at 916-782-1190 or e-mail me at johnparola@comcast.net

I will always be available for the Members at any time.

We also will be delving into some of the other results from our 2016 Survey that was taken this last year. The responses and suggestions were great. Thanks to everyone who participated in that Survey.

I look forward to 2017 and thanks again to all our great Members!

John Parola
RGC President

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well I am very pleased and thankful to be elected to Vice President for my second time. I have served the board for 6 straight years and 4 years in the past for a total of 10 years on the board and felt that I still had more to give to the club. I have been a member at large, tournament director, Vice President, President, 1st Past President and 2nd past President in the past.

You will see that as Vice President, I will send out the newsletter and reminders for upcoming events. I am the chair of the Social Media Committee so I post reminders, pictures and video to Facebook. Make sure that you like our page on Facebook and if you see a post from the club please "Like" it. That helps advertise our club in hopes to get new members. You will also see me at most events running the 50/50 raffle and talking up a storm. I also setup and run the RGC Christmas party.

I am truly looking forward to the upcoming golf year and helping the board strengthen what is already the best club in Northern California. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, I can be reached at bryanlange2003@yahoo.com. This will be the email address I use to send the newsletter and reminders so make sure I do not fall to your spam or junk folder. Again you can also like us on Facebook to get updates as well. In case you do not have email I can also be reached at 916-600-8396.

Here is to a great year for RGC and a happy new year for you. Play well and post some low scores.

Bryan Lange
RGC Vice President

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS MESSAGE



Hello everybody, I will be your new Tournament Director. I have been the TD of an old associate club and I did the away event in 2015. I will be learning from past TD's who have reach out to me to offer their help. Being that I have not gather enough information as to who likes to play with who yet, please make sure you fill out your entry form with that information and/or contact with any special requests. If you ever need an early or late time, please notify me when you submit your entry and I will try to accommodate you. Some of the major tournaments require that your tee time is based on score and probably not be able to accommodate you for those tournaments. I hopefully will have it down by the middle of the year. I will do my best to make tournament rounds as enjoyable for all that play.

At all Roseville Golf Club tournaments held at Diamond Oaks, men play from the Blue or White tees and women play from the Red or White tees. The default for the men is Blue tees and for women is Red tees. If you would like to play from the White tees, please let me know via email but be aware once you change your default to White tees, you have to play them for the rest of the year. If you would like to work on the Tournament Committee, please drop me an email. I would love to have you as a member of the Tournament Committee. If you have any questions, please contact me at either RGC.2010.prez@comcast.net or (916) 517-9500.

Jesse Sierra

RGC Tournament Director

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



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.

I would like to add my thanks to our outgoing Tournament Director, Neil Thomas. Neil is a good friend, but also a fair and capable TD. The job is harder than most people think. During our tournaments, Neil has been the first one at the course, the last to leave and charged with inputting scores, handling the skin games and being the arbiter of disputes and concerns. He puts up with players poking their head in and grabbing cards off the table to see where they sit on skins. For the most part he has handled all of this with aplomb. Occasionally I would see him drop someone with either a look or a word and I could only inwardly smile and applaud when it happened. Neil, I wish you the best of continued good health, good golf and good times.

John Parola, our new President, has informed me that there has been discussion by some of the members about the white tee deduction of 1 stroke when playing in a mixed tee event. Contrary to popular belief, this is actually addressed by the NCGA in their handicapping seminars. Each tee has a course rating and that is determined by what score a scratch golfer would be expected to shoot (on average) from that tee position. Our white tees have a rating of 68.1, the Blues

are 69.4 and the Red (Ladies) is 70.9. In a mixed tee event, the whites would lose one stroke to the blue tees (differential of -1.3) and the Red (Ladies) would gain two strokes to the Blue (differential of +1.5). If anyone doesn't understand this, please see me at one of our events. It is pretty self-evident if you do the math. We could base this on the whites and give 1 stroke to the blue and 3 to the red, but it all works out in the wash.

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 COMMITTEE MESSAGE



HAPPY NEW YEARS to everyone!!

I will start off the year with a little bit about me. My name is Steve Hiatt and I will be the new chairperson for the rules committee for the 2017 season. I am married to my amazingly strong wife Amy for 16, almost 17 years and we have 5 awesome children that range from 17 years old to almost 3 years old. I have been playing golf for 30 years and I joined the RGC last year. I have had the pleasure of meeting a lot of new people and am excited to meet more of you.

I am new to being on the board but am happy to help with all questions regarding the rules. If I don't know the answer off the top of my head I will get you an answer, as some situations and rules are as clear as mud! If anyone has any questions I can be reached at SDH_CONSTRUCTION@YAHOO.COM.

I hope you all have an amazing 2017 season and I look forward to answering any and all questions.

Steve Hiatt
RGC Rules Chairperson

SECRETARIES MESSAGE



Welcome to Roseville Golf Club's 2017 members. My name is Chuck Heath and I am the Club Secretary. 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) 547-6253. 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.

For those of you that purchased the Diamond membership package, it is now available in the pro shop. 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. If you have any problems picking up your package, please let me know and I will advocate for you. Also, 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.

Chuck Heath

RGC Secretary

WEBMASTER MESSAGE



Hello Everyone and Happy New Year,

Hope you had a great holiday season. As we start another golf season, I want to welcome all new and returning members. I'll be your webmaster again for the coming year; looking forward to another great year of golf. If you're new to the club, our website is www.rosevillegolfclub.com. The website has been updated for the 2017 season; the "2017 RGC Officers and Board Members" link can be found in the left side navigation bar, and the "2017 Tournament Schedule" is in the top navigation bar. In addition to the "Tournament Schedule", check out the "RGC Event Calendar" link – it contains all the information that is in the Tournament Schedule, but is in a calendar format. By clicking on an event in the calendar, you go to the event's detail page where you will find a PayPal link for the event as well as an "Export" link that will allow you to download the event into your own calendar. In addition to the tournament schedule, the website is a great way to see upcoming events, check tournament tee times, view tournament results and read about the RGC rules, procedures and bylaws. You can also check out the club on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me using the "Email Webmaster" link in the green navigation bar on the left side of the RGC home page.

Steve Ries

RGC Webmaster

TOURNAMENT BOOKKEEPER MESSAGE



Happy New year to all RGC golfers

I am your tournament bookkeeper and hope to do a good job for all. Just a reminder that when you get the schedule and notices for due dates please pay attention and try and enter on time. As in the past if something comes up and you must cancel you will get a refund as long as you let the tournament director know in time. I will run this like it has been in the past, with refund envelopes on hand at the next event, or for a six month period. I also will have envelopes for skins won and not collected on the paly date. Those of you who use pay pal I try and refund your account if I know you have dropped out before I transfer the money. Also if you know you are missing a dead line just call me before deadline and I will get you in and collect the money later. My phone number is listed on the web site and I am open to talk and help you out in any way I can. I want to make this whole job and process as easy for me and you as possible.

I would also like to let every new member know that all tournaments are open to the full membership, even if you do not qualify to represent the club at an NCGA event, there is always prize money to be won. The only exception to this is our club championship you must meet the requirements to enter and play in this event. Please feel free to call with any questions and I look forward to meeting and serving the whole membership all year.

I started last year letting you move a refund to another tournament if you want and I intend to continue that system when it works for you. Just let me know.

Charlie Aichele

916-761-7778

Tournament Bookkeeper



**ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB
OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday January
19TH**

6:30 PM

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

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE
SERVED**