

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
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Newsletter of the Roseville Golf Club



Roseville Golf Club



➤➤➤ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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It has been a busy August with the completion of our Club Championship and the popular Labor Day Tournament. We had many matches at the Club Championship go extra holes with exciting finals. I want to congratulate all the winners, especially our Scratch Champion Steve Hiett and our first Senior Champion- Jeff Blackmon. We are looking forward to the upcoming Invitational Tournament with a new format. Bring a new guest and join the fun!

I have recently heard a lot of questions about how the Roseville Golf Bonus Points work. I asked Rob to clarify the program and here are the details. Hope this helps!

- Every time you spend a dollar at the Pro Shop, you receive a point on your account. Make sure they credit your account.
- Merchandise, golf equipment and even a round of golf counts.
- Annual Memberships count too if they are paid in full. Monthly payment does not accrue points.
- Every point is worth 2.5 % credit. So 100 points are worth \$2.50, 1000 points are worth \$25.00, etc.
- Points can only be used for range balls and for golf cart rentals

The 2025 RGC Board Elections are upcoming this month. Please watch for your notice and vote. We hope to see you at the Open Meeting on Sept. 19th, when the results will be announced. As always, the RGC is stronger with your participation.

➤➤➤ VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Important Notice- Elections !! -

The RGC Members Open Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19th at 6:30PM at the Diamond Oaks Legends Restaurant. Refreshments will be served. We will be reviewing the recent business, covering member concerns, and finalizing elections for the 2025 Board Positions. Voting will take place via our RGC website survey system. Be looking for your email ballot and complete it as soon as possible. Votes will be accepted in person and final results will be counted at the Open Meeting.

Currently, the slate of 2024 Board candidates is as follows:

- President: David Bills
- Vice President: John Wharff
- Treasurer: Jose Salcedo
- Members at Large (2 Positions): Steve Hendrickson and Scott Herman

We are also looking forward to our annual Invitational Two Man scramble on Sept. 14th. This fun event is our major membership promotion every year. Your entry fee includes lunch and some fun raffle prizes. This only works with your help so please recruit a nonmember friend to bring to enjoy the company and consider joining us at RGC.



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➤➤➤ TOURNAMENT BOOKKEEPER'S MESSAGE

My name is Harry Wharff. I'm the Tournament Bookkeeper for our club. I'm the person you send your entry fees and skins money to and, if needed, the cancellations for the tournaments. If you need to cancel for a tournament, the money will be refunded back to the way that you paid for that tournament (Memberplanet, Venmo or Zelle). When you sign up and want to get into skins the Fees are \$5 for gross and \$5 for net or \$10 for both. If you are playing in a team event just remember it is team skins and both players need to be in. Please check with your partner if you will be participating in the skins game. For team skins, the fees are \$10 gross and \$10 net or \$20 for both per day for the team (\$40 per team on a two day event for both skins). Also, when you are signing up please include a note indicating what tournament and who you would like to play with. We will try, if possible, to accommodate your request. We will be changing the app that you will be using to record your scores during play. The app you need to download on App Store for iPhone or Google Store for Android phones is Golfsoftware. This app works the same as previous software, but with more reliability. After you download the app please go in and register with your email. The app will provide you with a password to use for all tournaments. If you cannot get the app to download or set up please see me at the signup table before each tournament. I will have a printout of the instructions to sign up and sign in. Contact me via email or phone.



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➤➤➤ RULES CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

It has been a long hot Summer with a soupy course caused by intense over watering of the course to keep it alive. Hopefully, with most of the hot weather behind us, the problem areas will dry up, the mowers will be able to knock down the overgrown grass and we can get back to concentrating on our golf game, rather than trying to find golf balls in the soup.

The 2019 Revised Rules of Golf and the accompanying 2023 rules updates made life much easier for golfers on the course. I wanted to highlight a couple of misunderstood rules.

Rule 16.1 Your ball doesn't have to be touching an immovable obstruction to get relief. You can take relief if the obstruction merely interferes with the area of your swing or stance. The one caveat is that you must take complete relief. If you take a drop off of a cart path and when you set up for your swing, your heels are touching the cart path, you will need to drop again further away from the path (even if you end up with a perfect lie sitting up on the grass). Also, you can take relief from immovable obstructions anywhere on the course except when your ball is in a penalty area or when your ball is in a lie that is clearly unreasonable to be played (such as if it's nestled in a bush).

Rule 12.2 You can touch the sand in a bunker...sometimes. You can never attempt to test the sand, but you can now place a club or other equipment in the sand. You can hit the sand in anger after a shot with no penalty (I wouldn't recommend it), You can now lean on a club in the sand when you're waiting for another player to play their shot. You can dig your feet into the sand to balance yourself to take your shot. You can remove loose impediments like pebbles, leaves and pinecones providing you don't cause your ball to move in the process.

Conversely, here is what you cannot do: Ground your club in the sand at address. Touch the sand during a practice swing or backswing. (This is what Sahith Theegala did during the Fed Ex Cup final). Deliberately touch the sand to test its condition or learn information to help you in making your next stroke.

Rule 17.1 You can ground your club in a penalty area. You can take practice swings like you would elsewhere on the course. You can also remove loose impediments so long as you don't move your ball, improve your lie or improve the conditions affecting your stroke.

The USGA got it right in 2019 and 2023 and let's all hope they continue to upgrade and improve the rules. One I'd like to see is free relief from an old divot in the fairway. I hope to see all of you at the club meeting and board elections on Thursday September 19th at 6:30 PM.

➤➤➤ TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

The 2024 golfing season is 3/4 done and so far, this quarter had it challenges with the changes to the course not mowing the rough and not fixing the wet areas.

We finished all the Day on the Oaks events for this year and they averaged about 50 players which is great for a mid-week event. Big thanks to Harry for help running these events for me. We have our last away even for the year coming so get in, the Sunday course has offered a shotgun start so we can get out of the Napa area early.

We had 2 majors completed congratulations to winners of the Team 54 hole championship Steve Hiett/Drazen Trkulja(Gross) and Tony/Klye McGee (Net) the overall Club Championship with the first ever Senior Championship, Congratulations to Steve Hiett and Jeff Blackmon along with all the flight champions.

The invitational might have been played by the time this goes out, but hopefully you brought out a new players who you think would like to join the Club. We have a lot events after October 1st, which is when those new members would be official RGC members.

We have started work on the 2025 RGC schedule, which will still be packed with our normal RGC events and hopefully some away course all the members will enjoy.

Thank you!



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➤➤➤ SECRETARY'S REPORT

RGC totaled 212 members this year, same as last year. It is hoped that our upcoming Invitational will provide a great kick-off to the 2025 season as new members will also receive the bonus of being eligible to participate in the rest of the 2024 season. It has been a pleasure getting to meet so many of the members new to our club this year. RGC prides itself on organizing over 30 tournaments each year that pay both gross and net prizes, a fair handicapping system for everyone, and a friendly atmosphere for one and all. Spread the word and let's grow our club.

The 2025 membership application will be available soon. Please reach out to me if I can assist you in any way.



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➤➤➤ HANDICAPPER'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow golfers!

I can't believe how fast this year is flying by! For this newsletter I would like to share this article on posting that was written by Lee Rainwater and was posted on the USGA website. I hope it helps clear any questions any of you might have regarding the World Handicap System.

Whether you're new to having a Handicap Index® or have seen some of the added flexibility with score posting because of the 2024 World Handicap System™ changes, we wanted to share a handful of pointers (9, to be exact) so that you can post with confidence!



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What Hasn't Changed in 2024

1. After you've selected the golf course you are playing (or just played), choose your method of score entry. It is recommended to use hole-by-hole. Why? Not only does this provide additional insights about your performance, it also ensures that net double bogey is calculated automatically.
 2. Select the tees played so that the appropriate Course Rating™ and Slope Rating® can be applied to your score. If you played 9 holes, make sure you choose Front 9 or Back 9, as those Ratings will likely be different.
 3. Choose the score type among three options: Home (H), Away (A), or Competition (C). Let's break this down:
 - **Home** – You're on the club's handicap roster. This is the course you likely play most often.
 - **Away** – This could be a course you play once or even quite frequently. However, if you're not on the club's handicap roster, post as an Away score.
 - **Competition** – This score type should be communicated to you by the tournament organizers. The Committee should also let you know whether they, or you, are responsible for posting the score.
 4. Indicate the date you played the round. Our ask of you – post your scores on the same day of play. This ensures an up-to-date Handicap Index and allows your score to contribute to the daily playing conditions calculation.
 5. This one is a no-brainer, but once you've entered the above data – post your score! Once that is done, you will see a screen with information.
- Bonus: If you've recently started posted scores, know that a total of 54 holes is required to get a Handicap Index – which can be achieved by posting 9- and/or 18-hole scores.

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What's New in 2024

6. You must play at least 9 holes for a score to be acceptable for handicap purposes. In addition, those 9 holes must have a 9-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating.
7. When indicating the number of holes played, you'll see the normal 9-hole and 18-hole option. In addition, you will now be able to select 10-17. So, if you played between 10 and 17 holes and 9 of those holes correspond to a 9-hole Ratings, then the score is acceptable.
8. Earlier in the article, we mentioned that hole-by-hole score posting is recommended. There's one exception – for 10-17 holes played, hole-by-hole entry is required. This allows the USGA to calculate the Score Differential for the holes you played and an expected Score Differential for those holes you did not play.
9. Now, 9-hole courses of at least 750 yards and 18-hole courses of at least 1,500 yards are eligible for Ratings. This means that hundreds of shorter and par-3 courses are now available for score posting toward your Handicap Index.

I hope this was informative! On a side note, please remember that we post all tournament scores for you! If you have any questions please contact me.

Thank you!

NEXT ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB OPEN MEETING

Thursday

Sept 19th, 2024
6:30 PM

**DIAMOND
OAKS SNACK
BAR**

Refreshments will be
served.

