

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH

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NEWSLETTER OF THE ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB



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President's Message

Dear Roseville Golf Club Members,

About four years ago someone asked if I would be willing to serve on the RGC Board. I really didn't need another thing on my plate, but I did feel a great deal of appreciation for the guys serving on our board. The club has brought me great joy over the past several years and I very much appreciate the service of those running it. I'm very fortunate to have four important groups in my life, my family, my church, my work, and the RGC club. Here is my list of benefits I've found in our club:

- Friendships that will last a lifetime.
- I work to stay healthy so I can golf with you all.
- The joy of sinking a birdie putt.
- Our friendly competitions.

As we start a new year, I hope all of us can experience these club benefits to the fullest. Here are my recommendations for enjoying the club:

- Play well and appreciate the feeling of excitement when that happens.
- When we play poorly, appreciate the feelings of frustration, try to overcome them, and find joy in celebrating your friends who played well.
- Don't worry about your handicap, other's handicaps, the course conditions, or anything else you can't control. Do your best and don't sweat the rest!
- Keep playing, your game will come back.

I especially want to thank our current board members for their service. Please, along with me, tell them, thank you!

See you on the golf course!

David Bills, RGC President
(916) 257-2522



Vice President's Message

Welcome New and Returning RGC Members to the 2025 Golf Year!

I am honored to serve as your Vice President this year. Previously, I held the role of Member at Large, and I'm thrilled to continue contributing to our incredible club in this new capacity.

As your Vice President, my responsibilities include organizing the Annual Awards Ceremony and our largest membership drive event, The Invitational Tournament. This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 27th, and will feature a shotgun start. Last year's Invitational was a tremendous success and even left our cross-town rivals at Woodcreek a bit envious! Let's make it even bigger and better this year by filling the course.

To support this event, we'll be selling raffle tickets at home events. Be sure to get your tickets for a chance to win big while helping offset some of The Invitational's expenses.

My priority is to listen to you, the members, to help grow and enhance our club—already one of the finest in the area. If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions, don't hesitate to reach out. You can find me directly or contact me via phone, text, or email.

Looking ahead, our Tournament Director has put together an exciting schedule for the 2025 golf season. The away tournaments are always a highlight, featuring some truly outstanding courses. With the Captain and Crew event already in the books (congratulations to the winning team: Bills, McElhatton, Cone, and Nemecek), we're now gearing up for the NCGA 4-Ball Qualifier and Superbowl tournaments. Good luck to all participants!

Let's make this a fantastic year for the RGC!

John Wharff, RGC Vice President
(916) 316-2531



Secretary's Message

Welcome to the 2025 season! As secretary I've been hard at work maintaining the membership list. I have either renewed your membership information on Memberplanet or assisted new members in getting their GHIN established or transferred over to RGC. We finished last year with 212 members and are ahead of schedule to surpass that number this year.

We already have 12 new members who have joined so far this year. Please welcome Roy Anderson, Jr., Peter Brown, Eric Bustos, Lauren Faith, Brian Fisher, Khang Hoang, Albert Lozano, Gordon McCarty, Doug McGee, Kent Meyer, Bryan Reust, and Richard Vanderzanden. A number of them took advantage of the early sign-up at the Invitational and have already participated in some of our tournaments.

Don't forget to purchase the Diamond membership through the pro shop for amazing savings on your green fees, merchandise, and food options. It pays for itself if you play three times. Additionally, there is a Rose Card that adds an additional 10% savings on your previously listed items. Please contact the pro shop for more information.

I look forward to seeing you out on the course soon!

Paul Wilson, RGC Secretary
(916) 541-1412



Handicapper's Message

Hello fellow golfers,

I hope you all had a great holiday season. For 2025 there are no changes or updates to the World Handicap System. As we approach a new year of golf, I would like to give you a couple of reminders for our RGC tournaments. In the RGC tournaments you do not and should not post your scores as they will be posted by the tournament team. Another item I would like to share would be your tee preference for the year. Please check your tee assignment when playing to make sure we have your correct tee in place. If the tees you like to play are incorrect, please contact myself and/or Jesse Sierra so we can update your preference. Lastly, if you have incorrectly posted a score and need it revised or have any other issues please don't hesitate to contact me and I will gladly help.

Happy Golfing!

Rick Carter, RGC Handicapper
(530) 682-4444



Tournament Director's Message

Well, we are staying with the Tournament Software program. It seems to be the easiest to use and has had the best signal while playing. There are some things I am trying to get changed, number 1 is to show both net and gross results on the live leader board.

Please have a look at the 2025 schedule and plan your travel for the away events and the rest of the scheduled events. Hopefully the weather this year holds up for all our events.

I still have information as to whom most of you like to play with and don't want to, but please make sure you fill out your entry form with that information and/or contact Harry Wharff and myself with any special requests. Based on the list of players provided by the Tournament Bookkeeper, I create the tee sheets for all events. So, if you would like an earlier tee time to get your entries in early. If you ever need an early or late time specifically, 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 will probably not be able to accommodate you for those tournaments after the first day.

We have a couple big changes coming in 2025.

- 1) We are going to a tee group scorecard, no more individual cards. The scorecards will be used to verify online scoring
- 2) The annual Eclectic will change to a maximum of 18 strokes (no double pops)
 - a. This is being tested to try and get more players
 - b. Have a look at the posted tournament guide if you have questions about this season long tournament
- 3) Late entries past the deadline will be on the waitlist until a WD spot opens.
 - a. These late entries have been causing the course, TD, Tournament bookkeeper and handicapper several hours of extra work.
 - b. It would be better to sign up as early as possible and then WD, then try and get in late

If you would like to work on the day of a Tournament, please drop me an email. If you have any questions, please contact me at either RGC.2010.prez@comcast.net or (916) 517-9500.

Jesse Sierra, Tournament Director



Tournament Bookkeeper's Message

Happy 2025 everyone,

First, I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to our membership for making the transition of doing everything online (Tournament signups and Skins) It has been a great help to me in keeping a record of all transactions that go through the Tournament Fund account. Also, in using the new Golf software scoring app.

If you are having a hard time getting the app it is in the app store for your type of phone iPhone or Android, the app is Golfsoftware. Once you download the app you need to sign in to the software with our account using Rosevillegolfclub.golfclub.net once that is done you need to contact me to get your username and password the software assigns the username as the email you used to sign up for the club and a password.

Here are the items that we do online:

1. All entries and Skins will be handled online through Member Planet, Zelle and Venmo. (In the note or memo box please note what tournament you are signing up for and who you would like to play with)
2. The money won in Tournaments (Prize fund and closest to the Pin) will be applied to the members account at Diamond Oaks Pro shop.
3. Skins will be paid out in cash (at the next tournament that you play in)

The last two forms of payment Zelle and Venmo have no fees attached to send or receive money (Venmo, please send as a friend). If you choose to use one of these forms of payment, send your entry for:

Zelle: rgcbkeeper@gmail.com

Venmo: [harry-wharff-1](#)

If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Harry Wharff, RGC Tournament Bookkeeper

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Rules Chairperson Report

Happy New Year to all the RGC golfers. 2024 was a good year for the club and we had most groups finish within 4.5 hours and I believe only penalized one group for slow play last year. Great job keeping things moving on the course. The clocks have helped, but more than that the membership is committed to keeping up with the group in front of them and playing fast and ready golf.

The NCGA has an Optional Local Rule that our club has **NOT** adopted that provides an alternative to the stroke and distance penalty when a ball is lost or out of bounds. For two penalty strokes you can estimate where your ball is lost or went out of bounds and then find the nearest fairway edge that is not nearer the hole, You can then drop a ball within two club lengths of that fairway edge point, or anywhere between there and the estimated spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds. If you think your ball might be out of bounds or you might not find it, you should still play a provisional ball to save time. You must announce that you are playing a provisional ball before doing so. If you are then unable to find your original ball or it is out of bounds, your provisional ball is your ball in play under stroke and distance.

The above local rule, once again, has **NOT** been adopted by RGC, but the rules committee will discuss this option to speed up play so that competitors who lose their ball or hit it out of bounds do not need to return to the spot of their original stroke. This would be simply to speed up play and keep each group moving. This rule could come into effect on several holes at Diamond Oaks. We don't have a lot of shots hit that go out of bounds where it isn't obvious, and this rule would not be unfair because the player is still being penalized two shots. We may or may not adopt this, but if the committee decides to move forward, we will put this up to a vote at an Open meeting.

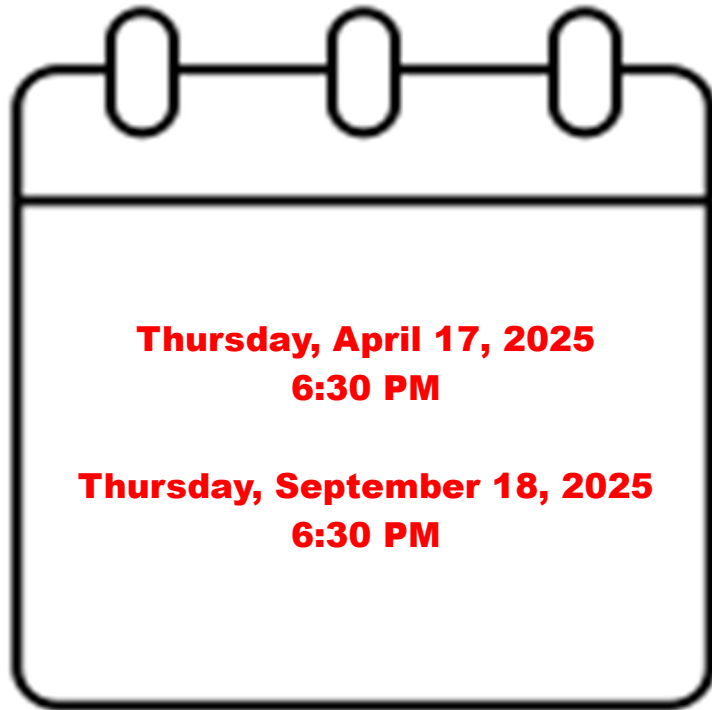
The revised local rules for 2025 have been approved at the September Open meeting and are posted in the men's restroom. They will also be posted on the website soon. Please note that a major change in the local rules is that if your ball is virtually certain to have landed in an area with a downed tree or heavy grass clippings or leaves, you will get a free drop in that area. All members of your foursome must agree for that rule to be in effect. Please make sure to familiarize yourself with the new Local Rules.

Have a great 2025 golfing season and I'll see you on the course.

Ken Lyon, RGC Rules Chairman



NEXT ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB OPEN MEETINGS



DIAMOND OAKS SNACK BAR

Refreshments will be served