

In memory of Doug Smith

October 1947 – June 2013

A husband, father, friend and RGC member

He will be missed!

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#### **Presidents Message**

Here it is July already. The heat is here and we have a lot of tournaments on the schedule. We've just had the Reno Trip and it was a lot of fun.

We have successfully hosted the 2013 David Oxley Memorial Golf Tournament. Approximately 119 youngsters (ages 7-17) had a great time in the various age groups.

As you know, the RGC President is the Oxley Tournament Chairman. This job is usually very difficult. We partnered this year with The First Tee of Greater Sacramento. They did a LOT of work in helping us stage the event.

A very special thanks to Megan Fidler, the First Tee Tournament Chairwoman. First Tee Executive Director, Angie Dixon, also worked very hard on our Tournament. Angie was here all day on Monday along with the several other First Tee volunteers. Thanks Megan and Angie.

The USGA is pushing an anti-slow play initiative. The tag line for this campaign is "While We're Young". I urge all of our members to make an effort to reduce the time to play 18 holes. Our average time at Diamond Oaks is probably in the four and half hour range. This works out to 15 minutes per hole. I'd like to see us play in 14 minutes per hole-this is a four hour and twelve minute round. One minute is fairly easy to take out of the time for a foursome to play a hole. One minute-think about how you and your friends can make this happen. It will lead to much more relaxed rounds with little waiting. Give it a try and let us know how you are doing.

Our next Open Meeting is on Thursday July 18 at 6:30PM. We meet in the Diamond Oaks Legends and Heroes grill. Come on out and hear some news about the Club and have a bite to eat. There will be Pro-Vs given out.

**Dick Hunt** 

**Roseville Golf Club President** 



#### Vice President's Message

My topic this month will be member withdrawals from events. The policy is that you must notify the tournament director "24 hours in advance of the start of the tournament" in order to get a refund of your entry fee. That is 24 hours from the start of the first tee time, not your assigned tee time. If you do not cancel within 24 hours, the money will remain in the tournament fund and allocated to winners.

The RGC open meeting is being held on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. The location for the meeting is at the Legends and Hero's at Diamond Oaks. I really hope to see you there. We will be discussing issues that effect your club.

The RGC Christmas party is scheduled. It will be held on Saturday night December 7<sup>th</sup> at the back 9 bar and grille located at Sunrise golf course. We have held the party there in the past and they have totally renovated it and it is looking good. The RGC Christmas party is always a good time to eat, drink and be merry with many members of the club.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, I can be reached at <a href="mailto:bryanlange2003@yahoo.com">bryanlange2003@yahoo.com</a>. In case you do not have email I can also be reached at 916-600-8396.

**Bryan Lange** 

**Roseville Golf Club Vice President** 



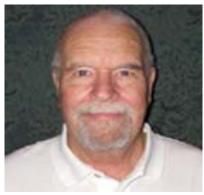
#### **SECRETARY'S MESSAGE**

Nothing to report for this newsletter.

I can be reached by email at <a href="mailto:chuck.heath@comcast.net">chuck.heath@comcast.net</a>, or by phone at (916) 995-9985. If you have an email address change, please use the link on the website at <a href="https://www.rosevillegolfclub.com">www.rosevillegolfclub.com</a> so that the tournament director and the vice president will get the change as well. Hope to see you soon.

**Chuck Heath** 

**Roseville Golf Club Secretary 2013** 

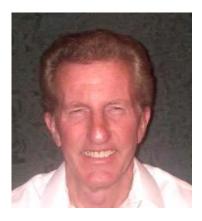


Treasurer's Message

Nothing to report for this newsletter.

**Paul Christianson** 

**Roseville Golf Club Treasurer** 



#### **Tournament Director's Message**

#### **RGC Members.**

In recent months, pace of play has become one of the primary issues of many of the golf associations around the world including the PGA, USGA, and NCGA. Fortunately, here at RGC we have a pace of play rule in effect that holds our tournament rounds at a pace of about 4:40 for 18 holes of golf at Diamond Oaks golf course. Yet, there are times when the 4:40 minute round is put to the test and a few of the last groups in an event struggle to play within the allotted time frame. Some of this is due to the design of the course and many times it is due to the realization that a foursome is not keeping up with the group in front of them. Remember that keeping up with the group in front of you, rather than staying ahead of the group behind you, is what enables everyone to complete their round, without having to hurry shots and "run" to keep up. Following are a few suggestions that should help maintain the pace of play.

First, the "start" time of a foursome's round begins when the <u>first</u> player in your foursome tees off on the starting tee box. The "finish" time is the time when the flag stick is replaced in the last hole after the <u>last</u> player has finished putting.

We are a ready-golf golf club. This simply means that if you are ready to take your shot, then go ahead and take it. Time and again we have all been guilty of waiting for the other player to hit his shot before us, simply because he is further away. This is fine in match play, but not relevant in stroke play.

There are also times when a foursome reaches the green and the first player to putt will "read" his putt and determine how he wants to play it. At the same time the rest of the players in the group are standing idle when they should be reading their putts, rather than waiting until others have finished hitting their shots. Also, on the green, many times, the first player to finish putting will walk over and pick up the flagstick and hold it until the last player in the foursome has finished putting and then he replaces the flagstick in the hole and all four players walk together to the next tee box. This delay can be avoided if, once you finish putting, you move respectfully to the edge of the green and make preparation to move to the next tee box being mindful of the person preparing to putt. The next player to complete his putt should do the same thing. With two players moving to the next tee box they both can, *if falling behind*, go ahead and tee off. It is always good practice to have two players at the tee box so that the tee shot can be viewed by two players in order to determine where it has landed, etc. This is not considered rude, but rather considerate of the entire field and it should be practiced more often in our club.

These are a few things that all players should get in the habit of practicing, as it will improve the pace of play and make everyone's round of golf much more pleasant.

Please note that I used "we" throughout this document as I have been guilty of many of these same habits myself. But from this point forward I will be more considerate of other players in the event.

#### **Neil Thomas**

**Roseville Golf Club Tournament Director** 



### **Tournament Bookkeeper's Message and Past Presidents** message

Hello all RGC members! I hope you have all made it through this recent heat wave without any problems. Drink lots and lots of water on these hot days to eliminate the stress your body tries to endure from the stifling heat.

By now, you have heard about the passing of Doug Smith. Some of you probably know that Doug was the RGC tournament bookkeeper before I took on this task. He knew that it was taking up a large amount of time to stay at the bookkeeper's position so he asked if I would succeed him. He understood my slow speed of learning this complicated position. Every task I tried to do by myself usually was followed by a phone call to Doug for his verification. Finally, after about 6 months of me asking questions, I was able to stand alone and not have to make that phone call. I want to think that Doug was a friend of mine and with this thought, I am not alone. Truly, Doug Smith was a Man to be admired and a treasure to us all! His presence will be sorely missed.

One item that I want to address in this message is the way in which tournament refunds are returned to you. Previously, you could use your refund from one tournament for a future event. This method required many steps and with the multiple steps came errors. Some players were not remembering that they had entered a future tournament. Messages were overlooked causing problems with the return of your entry fees. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, when you notify the Tournament Director of your timely withdrawal from a tournament, your entry fee will be placed in a refund envelope and returned to you.

You can always contact me at <a href="mailto:timbryan24@comcast.net">timbryan24@comcast.net</a> should you have any questions about your entry into a tournament up to the entry deadline! After the ENTRY DEADLINE has passed, ALL questions need to go to the Tournament Director.

There are still many fun tournaments left on the RGC schedule so <u>SIGN-UP</u> <u>EARLY</u> and plan on having a great time! Keep on strolling down the green fairways and enjoy every moment of that beautiful walk.

Tim Bryan

Roseville Golf Club Tournament Bookkeeper



#### Handicapper's Message

It has been a fun year of golf so far and there has been some good golf played. Congratulations to Jay Conner on his blistering 65 during the first Day On The Oaks tournament.

I am still surprised by how many questions I get on handicapping. People want to know why they shot an 88, but I posted an 85 for them in a given event (They had a 10 on a par 5). I have posted this before, but here is the ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) table:

#### **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	

This table should be used whenever you post a score at the computer, at home or on your smart phone. If you are confused by this, feel free to discuss with me, but I think it is pretty self explanatory. Look at your handicap and know what the maximum amount you can post on a given hole is and adjust your score accordingly. I do when I post your tournament scores. Maybe that's why some of the T scores are so much lower than the GHIN scores.

It has been mentioned before but I just want to say how much I appreciated the grace and quiet elegance of Doug Smith. He will be sadly missed at the Roseville Golf Club. I will see you all on the course.

Ken Lyon

**Roseville Golf Club Handicapper** 



#### **Rules Committee Message**

How and when to play a Provisional Ball (Rule 27-2).

If a ball may be lost outside a water hazard or may be out of bounds a player may play a provisional ball. The player must inform his/her opponent (match play) or fellow competitor in stroke play that he/she intends to play a provisional ball and he/she must play it BEFORE going forward to search for the original ball. The player cannot go forward to search for his/her ball and then return to the original spot and play a provisional ball. If he/she does return to the original spot and hits a second ball he/she is considered to have abandon the original ball is now playing the second ball under penalty of stroke and distance even if the original ball is found.

Make sure you declare it a "provisional ball." Saying "I'll hit another" or similar is not adequate. That would mean you have abandon the first shot and you are hitting 3.

The primary reason the rule was enacted was to speed up play. It can save a trip back to the tee if your ball cannot be found or is out of bounds. When in doubt, hit a provisional ball.

Have fun and play fast.

**Rick Rusk** 

Roseville Golf Club Rules chair



#### Webmaster Message

Hello Everyone,

What a great golf season we're having so far, and we've got many tournaments yet to come – hope you've been able to join us for the fun. If you're new to the club, or have not checked us out on the web yet, you can find us at <a href="https://www.rosevillegolfclub.com">www.rosevillegolfclub.com</a>. The RGC website is a great place to find the tournament schedule, playing procedures, all the latest club news, download a tournament entry form or use payPal to enter and pay for a tournament all at the same time.

A new feature that has been added to the website is the "Upcoming Events and Due Dates". Look here to see what's coming up within the next 2 weeks. It will tell you the tournament date, entry due date and give you a link (click on the event name) directly to the event on the schedule so you can get more details and find the payPal link. Besides RGC tournaments, the "Upcoming Events" will also remind us of Open Meetings and Diamond Oaks tournaments. Hope you find it helpful.

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

**Steve Ries** 

**Roseville Golf Club Webmaster** 

## RGC OPEN MEETING July 18, 2013

The first RGC open meeting will be held at Diamond Oaks in the Legends & Heroes snack bar at 6:30 PM on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup>. We encourage that every member that can make it please attend. The board relies on its members for input, opinions and suggestions to help guide the club. As always we will have food provided by Legends and Hero's. They really have been doing a great job with the selections. So come out and enjoy some good food and find out what is going on in your club. See you there!



# RGC TOURNAMENT ENTRY NAME OF EVENT \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GHIN # \_\_\_\_\_\_ PLAYERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Roseville Golf Club REQUEST TO PLAY WITH \_\_\_\_\_\_ TOURNAMENT DAY HELPER YES / NO

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