

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



**JULY 2018**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



Well I am halfway through my second term as President and the Board as always is working hard to make changes to the club to improve what we can offer both new and current members. The David Oxley Junior event was a great success. We had 91 players join us for the 51st annual event. The weather was cooler and the scores were low. I wish to thank all of the volunteers who came out and supported the event.

You will see that I have placed sand refill stations on holes number six, 10 and 14 with clocks on them. The clocks should match the time that you teed off if you are on-time. Also they have filled canisters in the boxes for you to swap out as you fill your divots throughout your round. We are working on getting refill stations on all of the par 3's as well.

I will be sending an email out this month to recruit for the team of volunteer maintenance members who wish to go out every other week and walk the course to fill divots and to get rocks out of sand traps. I got the approval from the course so we can begin this effort and plan to begin in August or earlier depending on volunteers. This is our course and we can do our part to make it better. Divots and sand traps will be the teams primary focus at the beginning. My email is [bryanlange2003@yahoo.com](mailto:bryanlange2003@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being a part of this team.

I hope you enjoy some of the events coming up and I will see you out on the course. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via email at [bryanlange2003@yahoo.com](mailto:bryanlange2003@yahoo.com)

Bryan Lange  
President  
Roseville Golf Club

### VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have a few items to address in this issue of the newsletter: Our third quarterly **RGC Open Meeting** will be held **Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Diamond Oaks Golf Course snack bar. As always, there will be refreshments.

The deadline for the **NCGA Net Amateur (Stroke)** is approaching, with sign ups due **Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.** The event will be played on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.

We are working on a great Christmas party for 2018, so I hope to see everyone there! The new venue for this year's party will be at the Roseville Elks Lodge, 3000 Brady Ln, Roseville. We are looking forward to the possibility of a long term relationship with the Elks, if our membership is happy with the results of this year's joint venture. The Elks Lodge has a large ballroom, as well as a comfortable and large separate side room, which contains a bar with reasonably priced drinks, a lounge area, and a pool table. We are discussing what will likely be a two-item menu, with an appetizer, and ticket prices will be held at the same amount as last year.

See you on the course and don't forget to **buy those raffle tickets at every tournament.** All donations for Christmas prizes and referrals to donations are welcomed throughout the year.

Dennis Foxx  
Vice President

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



Well we have made it halfway through the year. I think I have been getting better at figuring out the payout with help from the tournament committee keeping an eye on my results spreadsheets. We have finished two more NCGA qualifier events for the year and I would like to congratulate all of our winners:

Zone – Rafa Sierra/Pat Kidder & Cameron LaCasse/Ben Hamasake

Senior 4 Ball – Duane Appl/Jim Feczko & Stuart Wakeman/Rich Sabin.

We still have late entries. This causes extra work for Charlie, Ken and I. We will do what we can to get any player in when we can, because the more players the better. I create the tee times based off of when the entries are turned in. The earlier the entry the earlier the time. I provide the tee times to the pro shop and the players at the latest on Tuesday. I will only be able to get late entries in if there is a cancellation or an open spot. We still have many events left this year; so I hope to see more new faces playing our events.

Thank you,

Jesse Sierra  
Tournament Director

## Handicappers Report



### 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 and hopefully you are all using it and adjusting your scores before posting them.

It has been a good golf year to date and the really HOT weather has stayed away up until now. Those of us who have lived in the Sacramento area for any time and/or have played in Charlie's Twilight league, know that it is just a matter of time. The heat is coming, so be prepared.

We just lost a long time RGC member with the passing of Andy Ortiz. Andy was a friend of mine and a man who always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. Men like Andy are getting harder to find in this world these days and I will miss him tremendously. He was a sharp dresser and a very good golfer into his advanced years. His was an amateur boxer in his younger years and he and his wife were avid dancers. He kept himself in great shape and although he was in his 80's, had the energy of someone 20 years younger. Rest in peace, Andy, you will be missed.

Just a reminder that you do not need to post your own score in RGC events as this will be done by me following all events. I can catch your inputted scores that have been properly adjusted for ESC and make sure that I don't double post, but if you post an unadjusted score, you may end up with two scores on your GHIN score list. If that

happens or at any time you make a mistake or double post a score, send me a note or call me and I can fix that for you before the next GHIN update. I have my regular “fat finger” crew that e-mail me regularly. I’m happy to fix those errors and it is part of my job as your Handicapper.

It is still not too late to sign up for the yearlong Eclectic Event. I will not go back and pick up scores prior to your sign-up, but there are still plenty of Eclectic events left on the RGC calendar for you to get involved.

Have a GREAT Summer and enjoy some good golf in the coming months.

Ken Lyon, RGC Handicapper

### **Rules Chairperson**



We are half way home for the 2018 season and during some of my rounds, I have made some mistakes in hazards that have cost me unnecessary strokes. Maybe I watch too much golf on TV, I think I'm good enough to pull off shots like the pros, maybe it's pride in not taking a penalty stroke or just plain stupidity, the later of the four is how I feel after an unsuccessful attempt out of a hazard.

It happens to every single golfer at some point. Shots find a lake, creek, or ravine with the dreaded red or yellow stakes and lines. The only way that this can get worse is you if you compound one mistake with another. This is why it is so important to know all of your options on the course.

First of all check to see what color the stakes, or lines, are around the hazard. There are more options with red stakes than yellow. Remember that there does not have to be water for an area to be marked a hazard and if your ball is in a hazard you cannot ground your club prior to hitting the shot. If you take relief from a hazard it is always a one stroke penalty, but there are many different options and knowing them can save you strokes.

If the ball is in a hazard marked with yellow stakes you have several options. You can play the ball out of the hazard if possible, which should be considered but remember that in most cases it is best to drop the ball under a penalty of one stroke unless you have a high percentage shot out of the hazard. The next option would be to replay the shot from the spot from which it was originally hit. This does not sound like a great option but sometimes it is the best one. You may also drop the ball keeping the spot where the ball last crossed the hazard line in between you and the hole. You can go back as far as you want so it is best to find a nice even lie if there is a slope near the hazard. A shot that is ten yards longer from a flat lie is much better than a downhill lie closer to the green. Just remember that if the hazard line is yellow you have to keep the spot the ball last crossed between you and the hole.

If the hazard line is red you have the options above plus two more. You can drop the ball, while incurring a one stroke penalty, within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the hazard line but no closer to hole. You may also go to the other side of a hazard and drop the ball, must be the same distance to the hole.

Now that you know the options take the time to think it over before just throwing another ball down. Sometime there is such a thing as a good bogey. Thanks for listening and enjoy the second half of the season.

Steve Taylor  
Rules Chairperson



**ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB  
OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday**

**July 19th, 2018**

**6:30 PM**

**DIAMOND OAKS GOLF COURSE  
SNACK SHOP**

**Refreshments will be served**

**50-50 drawing will be held for the 2018 Christmas/Awards  
Banquet Fund**