

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



## January 2016



### **Past President's Message**

Well my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as President of RGC has finished, this year went by so fast and was packed full of great outings. I want to take this time to thank the members who served on the Board this year. The work that was put in this year was great and I hope we continue to move forward in the coming years to re-establish our membership levels.

I also want to thank the Gray Krohn for stepping in as Tournament Director and helping to document standards for the position. Gary has set up a great schedule for the 2016 year so I am hoping to see everyone out at the tournaments this year. Including the weekday tournaments that will now count towards the tournament handicap and major qualifications, for those of you can't always make the weekend tournaments.

Thanks and I am looking forward to this New Year and working on the Board with Russ in the leadership role. This really is the best club around. See you out at the course soon.

Jesse Sierra  
First Past President  
Roseville Golf Club



## Presidents Message

A Happy and Prosperous 2016 to all of our RGC members!

2015 ended with a great Holiday party at Morgan Creek Golf Course. The venue was wonderful, the food was excellent and the music and dancing was fun for all. We had 83 members and guests in attendance. I hope all of you will be able to attend the 2016 Christmas party, which will be again held at Morgan Creek. A special thanks to everyone who participated in our 2015 50/50 raffle. We raised over \$1500 for the Christmas party and gave back that same amount to the winners. The money raised was used to defray the cost of the party and make it affordable for everyone.

I want to thank all of the Board members for their efforts in 2015. I am continually impressed by the hard work and dedication of your board and their desire to make your RGC membership a valued one. We have two new members to the 2016 Board, Jim Tiffany and Jay Connor. We look forward to their new ideas and enthusiasm. We have two returning members with years of great experience, Neil Thomas and Keith Erickson. A warm welcome to each of you.

2016 is off to a promising start with some new initiatives. RGC will be taking over the Rose Cup qualifying tournament. In doing so, we hope to field a stronger group of competitors to ensure that the Diamond Oaks team can bring home a victory. We are also addressing the issue of slow play at our tournaments. In the fall of 2015 the Board passed a motion to reduce the maximum time of play from 4 hours and 40 minutes to 4 hours and 30 minutes. The new Slow Play rule goes into effect in 2016. Our Vice-President, John Parola, also took on an initiative which would allow our tournaments to start at an earlier time. Working with Jesse Sierra and the staff at Diamond Oaks we were able to get 8 tournaments in 2016 starting at 8:00 to 8:30 AM. This will allow our tournaments to get out in front of “public play” and allow our members to finish their rounds at an earlier time. If these 8 tournaments have a good turn-out, we may be able to increase the number of tournaments with early start times in 2017.

You can also look forward to a “member survey” during the first quarter of 2016. We are interested in your feedback and ideas on how we can improve the member experience. Please take a few minutes to respond to the survey. We promise to get back to our membership with the results and what we can and cannot do based on your responses.

Finally, I look forward to leading the Board in 2016. It is important that all of our members understand that the Board exists for only one reason, to serve you and enhance your enjoyment as a member of RGC. We desire and look forward to your feedback.

Respectfully,

Russ Tabbert

President – Roseville Golf Club



## **VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Hello RGC Members. I am proud to be your new 2016 Vice-President and looking forward to another great year with the Club. Roseville Golf Club has been a very successful Club for over 50 years, and my goal is to help contribute to that strong tradition.

As Vice-President, I will be involved with the 50/50 Raffles at each Tournament. The money raised from this Drawing will be used to help keep the costs down for our Christmas Party this next December. Last year, Russ Tabbert did an outstanding job at raising funds that offset the cost of the Party, and also helped in the purchase of the gifts handed out to attending Members. I would appreciate your support throughout the year with this Raffle. It is also a great way for me to see all Members and get a chance to talk to each one of you. The 50/50 table will be set up in front of the Pro Shop.

As Russ Tabbert has mentioned in his Newsletter Article, we have 8 Tournaments set to start at 8:00 to 8:30 this year. A big thank you goes out to Jesse Sierra and the Diamond Oaks Pro Shop on helping with this endeavor. Our hope is to finish Tournaments earlier and get our many hard working Members home sooner on their weekends. We hope this also increases the turnout of Players in these 8 Tournaments. That will be an important element in expanding the number of dates at these earlier times at future Tournaments. So come out and get involved!

I would also like to remind everyone of the year's first Open Meeting on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30 at the Diamond Oaks Legends Bar and Grill. We look forward to your attendance at our first meeting.

Please feel free to come to me for any of your needs this upcoming year. Communication is the key to success, and no question is a bad question. I also encourage all Members to invite friends and family to join our club as that is a key to a successful Club.

John Parola  
Vice-President  
Roseville Golf Club



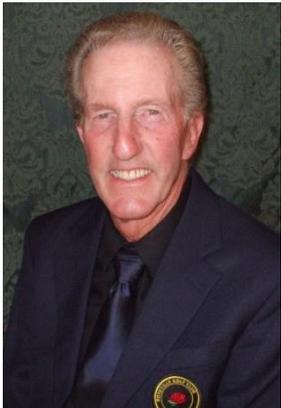
## **SECRETARY'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to Roseville Golf Club's 2016 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## **Tournament Directors Message**



Hello my fellow members.

Russ Tabbert asked me if I would be your 2016 Tournament Director, and I was very happy to oblige. Jesse Sierra and the Board have done a fine job for 2015 and I believe the 2016 Board will try and improve on some of the ideas already in place.

The Tournament Schedule appears to be carefully thought out and the away events are some of the best tracks around. Make plans early on to attend these away events and enjoy your friends and fellow golfers.

I would like to ask everyone to respect the "Due Date" for each tournament when planning on entering a particular tournament. A count of players in an event helps Diamond Oaks determine how many tee times we can set aside for a given tournament. If a member enters after the due date, then they will be put on the "standby list" should someone withdraw.

I look forward to the coming year and hope to see a lot of familiar faces, and hopefully some "new" ones as well. At any rate, if I can be of assistance to anyone, or you have a particular foursome you would like to be part of, just include that information on your entry slip and I will make note of it. Also, if anyone wants to change their tee preferences, Blue to White/White to Blue, let me know as soon as

possible. Once you choose you must play from those same tee locations in all RGC tournaments for the remainder of the year.

Thank you,  
Neil Thomas



## **TOURNAMENT BOOKKEEPERS 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.

Charlie Aichele

916-761-7778

Tournament Bookkeeper

## **HANDICAPPERS MESSAGE**

### **EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL**



<b>Course Handicap</b>	<b>Maximum Number on Any Hole</b>
<b>9 or less</b>	<b>Double bogey</b>
<b>10 through 19</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>20 through 29</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>30 through 39</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>40 or more</b>	<b>10</b>

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.

It was a grand and memorable golf year in 2015. The level of competition in this club continues to get better and even with the Tournament Handicap, we have

seen some incredible net and gross scores this year. Of course, that just further reduces that individual's T score. Well, that's good for the rest of us.

2016 will mark my 16<sup>th</sup> year on the board and I was originally assigned as the Handicapper by Gary Krohn back in 2002. He and I have" volleyballed" this position back and forth over the years, but I am thrilled that Russ asked me to carry on this year and I think our club has one of the fairest handicapping systems in the entire area. I look forward to once again working with Neil Thomas as our Tournament Director and I enjoyed this past year working with Gary Krohn. I will get burned out at some point and Gary will be there to pick up the pieces.

I wish each member a Happy New Year and an outstanding year of golf in 2016.

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 CHAIRWOMENS MESSAGE**

Happy New Year!

The hectic Holiday season is behind us for one more year, winter (according to our weather guessers) should bring us a lot of much needed rain, and our golf year is at a new beginning.

The beginning of a new year often brings with it a resolution to improve our golf game and lower that handicap.

One way to do that is to avoid unnecessary penalties. Over the last few months there have been many penalties assessed because of the changes made to Hole #6. The fencing and the signs have caused everyone a great deal of confusion and misunderstanding. I finally have a definitive answer for you.

So, until I hear otherwise:

The signs that designate the area below the precipice and along the left side of hole #6 as environmentally sensitive and prohibiting entry may be disregarded.

The fencing, however, does increase the hazard area and, if your ball comes to rest in this fenced area, you **must** take relief using the options available under the Water Hazard rules.

**WATER HAZARD (yellow stakes or lines) – Three options**

- Play the ball where it lies (**no penalty**)

***You may NOT ground your club***

- Drop a ball on any point behind the hazard on a line formed by the hole and the point where the ball **last crossed** the margin of the hazard (**1 stroke penalty**)

***This means that you must go back up to the top to find that point***

- Drop a ball and replay from the spot where the original ball was last struck (**1 stroke penalty and distance**)

**LATERAL WATER HAZARD (red stakes or lines) – Five options**

- Play the ball as it lies (**no penalty**)

***You may NOT ground your club***

- Drop a ball on any point behind the hazard on a line formed by the hole and the point where the ball **last crossed** the margin of the hazard (**1 stroke penalty**)

***This means that you must go back up to the top to find that point***

- Drop a ball and replay from the spot where the original ball was last struck (**1 stroke penalty and distance**)

- Drop a ball within 2 club lengths, no nearer the hole, from where the ball **last crossed** the margin of the hazard (**1 stroke penalty**)

- Drop a ball within 2 club lengths, no nearer the hole, on the opposite margin of the hazard (**1 stroke penalty**)

***Not possible on this hole***

Always keep in mind that your relief options are dependent on where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard not where it comes to rest.

A ball may cross the hazard at the top where the stakes are yellow and come to rest in the hazard next to a red staked area. It is often misunderstood that because your ball rests in an area that is parallel to the direction of the hole that you may take lateral hazard relief. Not so. Remember the words - last crossed.

I look forward to continuing to answer your questions and to help you improve your own knowledge of the rules. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at

916-791-2457 or e-mail me at [freidaaichele@yahoo.com](mailto:freidaaichele@yahoo.com).

Par the Course,  
Freida Aichele  
RGC Rules Chair

## **WEBMASTERS 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](http://www.rosevillegolfclub.com). The website has been updated for the 2016 season; the "2016 RGC Officers and Board Members" link can be found in the left side navigation bar, and the "2016 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



# **ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday  
JANUARY 21, 2016  
6:30 PM**

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

