

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



## **SEPTEMBER 2016**

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



The Member's Survey has been completed and the results are on the RGC website, if you haven't reviewed them, please take a minute to do so. The Board has reviewed the results and will be sending a report to the Members on what changes we will make as a result of your feedback. Thanks to everyone who took a minute to complete the survey.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Open Meeting at the Legends at Diamond Oaks. The meeting will commence at 6:30 pm. This is an important meeting as you will be electing the 2017 Board of Directors. If you would like to run for an office or nominate someone, please contact our Election Committee Chairman Jesse Sierra or committee members Neil Thomas or Brad McKernan.

September 9<sup>th</sup> is the final day to sign up for our last "away tournament" of the year. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the club will be playing Poppy Hills GC and on October 9<sup>th</sup> we will be playing Old Del Monte GC. Monterey is always beautiful in the October and I hope everyone will consider joining us.

As we head into the fall season Holiday planning is just around the corner. Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> is the date of the RGC Christmas Party. It will be held at Morgan Creek Golf and Country Club. Your Vice-President, John Parola has been working hard on the 50/50 raffle to raise funds to support the party. I hope each of you and your significant other or friend will consider joining us.

Finally, this is the last Newsletter article that I will write as President of RGC. The year has flown by. I want to thank all of the members of the Board for their support and hard work. I also want to thank everyone in the Club who provided us with feedback and suggestions on how we can improve. It has been an honor

and a pleasure to serve as the Club President and I appreciate the confidence that you had in me.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

It's starting to cool off a little, the breezes are up and the days are starting to get shorter. It must be September and Fall is near. With that, so are the Roseville RGC Board Elections. As Russ mentioned in his article, the election of the 2017 Board Members will be on September 15 at our third quarter Open Meeting at Legends and Heros at Diamond Oaks. The meeting starts at 6:30. Here are the following people who will be running as of 9/1/16.

**President: John Parola**

**Vice President: Brian Lange**

**Secretary: Chuck Heath**

**Treasure: Paul Christianson**

**Tournament Director: Charles Aichele**

**Member at Large: Jay Conner**

**Member at large: Paul Wilson**

Any additional Members who still wish to run for one of the elected positions, can still enter their name at the start of the meeting. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

I would also like to comment on the pace of play through our first 9 months of Tournaments. All of you are aware that we changed the time to play your round in 4 hours 40 minutes to 4 hours 30 minutes this year. And although the time to finish behind the group in front of you did not change, our Tournaments have had some of the best times in years. Only one group was penalized, with some Tournaments having some groups finish in under 4 hours! Faster play is a great selling point to potential new Members, and also is a great bargaining chip with the Diamond Oaks Course. It helps us with possible earlier start times in Tournaments scheduled in 2017, as the Management Team at DO sees our progress. Thanks to everyone who "picked up" the pace this year. We have had some real smooth Tournament days.

## **TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS MESSAGE**

The 2016 golfing season is winding down and so far, it has been terrific. There have been a lot of great events and there are still many left, so get out and take advantage of them.

Over the past several months the committee has gained some new insight into what the members would like to see in the future. The R.G.C. survey that was recently conducted on our website was extremely helpful in determining ideas as to the changes and direction you would like the club to take. We have heard your suggestions and we are making plans to implement many of those changes.

There will be “away” tournaments that will be closer to home so that participation may be more accessible and affordable for our membership. Also, beginning this year Roseville Golf Club will be taking over the planning and operation of the Rose Cup Qualifier. This annual event is a competition between Timber Creek, Wood Creek, Diamond Oaks, and Sierra View Country Club and is for exclusive bragging rights to the coveted “Rose Cup” trophy. Beginning this year all qualifiers for the Diamond Oaks Rose Cup team will come from Roseville Golf Club members exclusively. So enter and get involved in this qualifier and help us win the trophy.

On a final note, although I was asked to continue on in my position as Tournament Director for 2017, family responsibilities take precedent and that is the reason that 2016 will be my last year as RGC Tournament Director. I am very proud of the accomplishments that were made by the club while I was a part of it. It was enjoyable to be able to meet and become friends with so many members, as well as their families and I thank you so much for giving me that opportunity. I wish you well and look forward to continuing to work for you until my term is over at the end of this year.

Neil Thomas

## HANDICAP CHAIRMAN’S 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 and hopefully you are all using it and adjusting your scores before posting them.

The golf year is streaking by and soon we will be able to water our lawns again without massive guilt and shame as the weather turns cooler and hopefully we begin to see some rain. For those who have been proudly killing their lawn for the greater good, the presence of dust and the vision of neighbors walking by your home and shielding their young children’s eyes from your homestead will subside.

There are plenty of opportunities to get out with your fellow club members and play golf in the late summer and fall events. The Eclectic results are rounding into shape and there are still five events left beginning with the Labor Day tournament that will make up your final score for the year in this yearlong event.

The Invitational has just been played and we always see a large number of guests without GHIN handicaps in that event. We resort to using Peoria scoring for those teams. Do you know how the Peoria scoring system works? Well, read ahead: ***To calculate a Peoria handicap, an impartial observer selects six holes - a par 3, 4, and 5 from each nine. On each hole, the amount over/under par (with a maximum of a double bogey) is summed, and the total is multiplied by three. This number acts as the golfer's/team's Peoria handicap.***

As always, it has been a pleasure being your Handicapper again this year. Working with Neil Thomas on the Tournaments is a true joy as he is always on point and gets me everything I need in a timely fashion. He is stepping down next year under the stricture of his loving wife, Lilly. It has been nothing short of pure delight working with Neil over the years and he will be missed. I also want to thank Charlie for getting the entries to me in a timely fashion and Steve Ries for his stewardship of the Eclectic results again this year. I simply send him the scores and he does his computer magic and they appear on the website after each Eclectic event. I love it.

I'll see you on the course.

Ken Lyon, RGC Handicapper



## **RULES COMMITTEE MESSAGE**

There are more than a few Rules of Golf, and one occasionally has to wonder,  
"Who wrote these things?"

After more than 15 years of learning and examining the Rules, I will still scratch my head and ask that question. So, let's take a look at one rule that can become confusing.

Recently, I have had several questions about what to do if your ball moves.

Do I put it back where it was, or do I play it as it came to lie?

Am I assessed a penalty or not?

What if the ball is moved by something other than me or my equipment? (an outside agency)

Rule 18, "Ball at Rest Moved" covers these situations, and a review can never hurt.

**Move the ball back to its original position if it is moved:**

by an outside agency such as an animal;

by you, your partner or your equipment;

by a fellow competitor or their equipment;

by another ball.

In other words, if your ball at rest is moved, move it back to its original position before making your next stroke.

### **EXCEPT**

#### **Play the ball from its new position if:**

you make a stroke at the ball with the intent to hit it, and the ball only moves slightly (yes, the stroke counts);

you have not done anything to cause the ball to move;

the wind or water moves the ball (no, they are not an outside agency).

#### **There is a one (1) stroke penalty if:**

you, your partner or your equipment cause the ball to move:

you do not replace the ball when required to do so: (you are considered to have played from a wrong place)

If a ball that has been moved is not immediately recoverable (retrieved within a few seconds), another ball may be substituted.

If the ball must be replaced and the spot cannot be determined, drop it through the green or place it on the putting green, at a spot as near as possible to its original lie.

If a ball oscillates but does not leave its position, it has not moved.

You must have virtually certainty that your ball has been moved by an outside agency to apply this rule. Seeing an animal or another person near where you believe your ball to be is not proof enough. Lacking virtual certainty, you must consider the ball lost and proceed under the penalty of stroke and distance.

Still confused? Sometimes I am too.

Par the course - Freida Aichele, Rules Chair

## **WEBMASTER SPECIAL MESSAGE**

The membership survey results are in and I want to thank everyone who participated. The majority of the respondents felt that the RGC website was pretty good. There was, however, one change that was suggested by several folks; "post stuff sooner".

Some indicated specifically that tournament results be posted sooner. Others did not mention anything specific but I assume tournament results are what they had in mind and perhaps board and open meeting minutes might be another. The reason tournament results take so long to post is that we only post the "official results"; meaning, the tournament director has to have the time to make sure all the results are correct and that all the payouts have been calculated correctly and given to the pro shop. That process could take as long as a week. However, there are "unofficial results" for most of the tournaments posted on the RGC Facebook page and on Instagram (thanks to Matt Eidsvoog and Jesse Sierra) within a day or 2 after the tournament. But, for those of you who do not use social media, I will post the same results on the RGC website as well. Just click on the "Tournament Results" link on the top navigation bar and look for the "Unofficial Results" for

the most recent tournament. Once the “official” results are in and posted, the “unofficial” results will be removed from the website. I hope this will help. As for the board and open meeting minutes; we try to get them posted as soon as they are approved by the board. Again, this can sometimes take a while, but I will work with the board and try to get them approved and posted in a timely fashion. Thanks again for all of your suggestions.

Steve Ries  
RGC Webmaster



# **ROSEVILLE GOLF CLUB OPEN MEETING**

**Thursday  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**6:30 PM**

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

**REFRESHMENTS WILL BE  
SERVED**



