

San Clemente Men's Golf Club

February Newsletter

"When I play my best golf, I feel as if I'm in a fog, standing back watching the earth in orbit with a golf club in my hands." ~ Mickey Wright 1935 - - 2020

Under normal circumstances this email would include a Membership Roster that would contain every members name, address and phone number. However for some reason that I have not been able to get from the SCGA, no ones phone number was carried over from the old database to the new one used for the WHS. So since it the main reason for the Roster was to provide you with the phone numbers of your friends and rivals so you could arrange starting times, it seemed pointless to publish the Roster. If the situation should change and the phone numbers magically appear you will all be sent a Roster of our membership.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Everyone,

Happy New Year, and welcome to our first Men's Club Newsletter for 2020! The weather has cooperated this January versus last year, with all of our January tournaments and weekly games played in great winter conditions.

We have an exciting year ahead of us, with a good variety of events, including 2 tournaments for our Associate Members open to participate in, with the 1st of these on Saturday March 14th. Details to follow, and we hope a large number of Associate Members will play. Team play for both Thursday and Saturday has started, with mixed results so far for both squads. It's a fun, competitive Match Play format. If you missed out on playing this year, look for sign-up sheets later in the year, we always can use extra players.

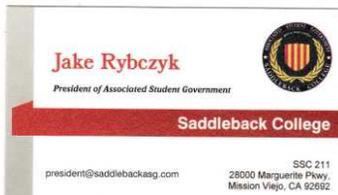
We hope everyone is using and enjoying the new benches, which our Men's Club provided for the Driving Range. A special shout out to Keith Yanke for help in assembling them. A definite upgrade from the old chairs that were replaced.

Thanks to all who attended our Board meeting and elections in December, it was a really good turn-out. Dave Cook liked the event on Thursday as well, so we're looking at Thursday December 10th for next year's meeting.

Have a great 2020, everyone!

Kurt Luebke, President

We received this thank you note from the President of the Saddleback College Student Government, thanking us for our donation to the school's scholarship fund:



Dear Kurt Luebke,
Thank you for your generous
gift to the Saddleback
College Foundation. We are
thrilled to have your
support. Your donation will
help our students succeed.
Sincerely,
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THE CLUB

If you missed it, we held an election of officers at the Annual Meeting, December 5th, and as you can tell from the above message our club is still in the hands of the very capable hands of Kurt Luebke. There were no changes from last year so the usual suspects are still on the Board of Directors:

Kurt Luebke, President & Wednesday Tournament Director: kurtnsanc@aol.com

Dave Hamdorf, 1st Vice President and Friday Tournament Director: dhamdorf@isgagolf.org

Steve Crowley, Handicap Chairm: hvnboundru@yahoo.com

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Jeff Remmele, Saturday Tournament Director: jremmele1@cox.net

Derek Duesler, Director at Large: dduesler@gmail.com

Aaron Washington, Handicap Committeeman: tjwash69@gmail.com

THE COURSE

As usual our greens are going to be aerated next month, Monday March 9 and Tuesday March 10. You will have noticed that is going to take 2 days in March this year instead of one as it has the last 3 years. The company that used the water injection system was not hired this year so the greens will be punched the old fashion way, coring. This is actually more beneficial in that the coring makes bigger holes with more space for the turf to spread meaning the greens will be softer, for a longer time. They just take a little longer to completely heal.

Which means there will be a **DIVOT SANDING PARTY!!** Oh yes as so many of you have been asking about we will once again take to the fairways, sand bottles in hand, filling those nasty divots, getting great exercise and silencing that little voice in your head that kept asking, "What can I do to give back to and improve the golf course I love so much?"

We will start at 7:00 am each morning. The Club will provide coffee and donuts and Dave Cook and the City will provide a free round of golf as a reward for you labors. There will be a sign up sheet by the posting computer. Sign up for 1 day or both days. Be a steward of the golf course and join the sand fleas!

RULES AND HANDICAPS

Ed Says:

Rule 15.3:

1. Backstopping:

“Backstopping“ is the common term used to describe the following situation in stroke play:

A player, without agreement with any other player, leaves his or her ball in place on the putting green close to the hole in a position where another player, who is about to play from off the putting green, could benefit if his or her ball struck the ball at rest.

As there has been no agreement to leave the ball in place to help any player, there is no breach of the Rules – see Rule 15.3a.

However, The R&A and USGA take the view that “backstopping” fails to take into account all of the other players in the competition and has the potential to give the player with the “backstop” an advantage over those other players.

Consequently, The R&A and USGA offer players the following guidance and explanation of best practice:

- In stroke play, the competition involves all players and, because each player in the competition cannot be present to protect his or her own interests, protecting the field is an important responsibility that all players in the competition share.

- Therefore, in stroke play, if there is a reasonable possibility that a player's ball close to the hole could help another player who is about to play from off the green, both players should ensure that the player whose ball is close to the hole marks and lifts that ball before the other player plays.
- If all players follow this best practice, it ensures the protection of the interests of everyone in the competition. (Added 1/2020)

From the Desk of the Handicap Chairman:

Subject: TSSK Point System for 2020?

The original intent and purpose in the institution of the TSSK point system for tournament play has been the continued enjoyment of tournament competition for all participants. As many of you know, the TSSK point system adjusts the tournament handicaps of consistent winners to allow a more equal opportunity for the other participants to be included in the winning segments of competition, and thus encouraging more participation.

I have been asked if we will be continuing TSSK in 2020 now that we have the New World Handicap System (WHS) in place? YES, we will still be utilizing TSSK in 2020, while also comparing it the WHS throughout the year to see if it will be needed in 2021, to ensure fair competition.

Please feel free to send me any questions you may have or topics you wish to be addressed in future newsletters.

Steve Crowley

Handicap Chairman, SCMGC

Treasurer

My name is Jeff Hooper and I have been the treasurer of the San Clemente Mens Club for the past 3 years.

Our club membership has steadily grown during this time and we now have over 700 members. As a result of our increase membership, we have experienced increase revenue, which has allowed us to donate to many good causes while purchasing many necessary items for our club.

We have provided monetary scholarships to Saddleback College Foundation along with providing a monetary scholarship to Alexandar Pak who was a senior golfer at San Clemente High School.

We also provided golf balls for the golf season to both the male and female golf teams at San Clemente High. We supported our membership by sponsoring 2 teams who represented our club against 3 other Orange County golf clubs in match play format.

Our biggest contribution to our membership is providing 3 golf tournaments EVERY month with prize money/script for those who perform well and a good time for those that don't.

We thank you for joining our club and we look foreword to seeing you around the course.

Upcoming Events

MARCH:

Wednesday - 03/04- Two Man Better Ball (4-Ball) White Tees - 2 Flights

Monday & Tuesday 03/09 & 03/10 Divot Filling Party!

Tuesday - 03/10 - Board or Directors Meeting - 4:00pm at the Golf Course.

Saturday - 03/14 - Individual Stroke Play, Blue Tees

Friday - 03/20 - Alternate Shoot- One Team member tees off on even holes the other on odd holes and take turns hitting the ball until it is in the hole.

APRIL:

President's Cup - 04/01 - Match Play Championship - 1st Round. First 64 players to sign up play until you're eliminated.

Saturday - 04/11 - Individual Stroke Play, Blue Tees

Tuesday - 04/14 - Board or Directors Meeting - 4:00pm at the Golf Course

Saturday & Sunday 04/25 & 04/26 - [SOUTH COUNTY CUP](#) -Ryder Cup like competition between our Club, Bella Collina CC, San Juan Hills GC and Shorecliffs GC. We are the hosts this year. Great competition and great fun!

MAY:

Wednesday - 05/06- Two Man Shamble; select the best drive play your own ball from there into the hole White Tees - 2 Flights

Saturday - 05/09 - Individual Stroke Play, Blue Tees

Tuesday - 05/09 - Board or Directors Meeting - 4:00pm at the Golf Course.

Friday - 05/15 - Two Man Better Ball 4-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP: (Major Tournament) Winners may represent SCMGC in subsequent SCGA Better Ball Championship, one team for Net and one team for Gross

DESERT CONNECTION - December 13 and 14, 2020, Sunday & Monday

Make a note of the later date. Usually the first Sunday -Monday of December, due to a scheduling conflict the date has been changed to 12/13 and 12/14