

July's TLQMC President's Letter

Anyone who is familiar with the first "*Airplane*" movie will appreciate the following line, paraphrasing Lloyd Bridges - **We picked a bad year to shut down the 24/7 hole-in-one insurance!**

During the month of June we have had 7 hole-in-ones at our golf course!

Saturday, June 7 – TLQMC member **Joe Wheat**, hole #6. This was during a Saturday Skins game where a hole-in-one takes all the Skin money. So Joe got off easy.

Saturday, June 14 - TLQMC member **Guy Bishop**, hole #6. This was Guy's third hole-in-one this year, fourth lifetime. This was also during a Saturday Skins game where Guy collected all of the Skin money. Another financial disaster averted.

Saturday, June 14 - Two non-residents achieved the feat on holes #6 & #11.

Sunday, June 22 - TLQMC member **Paul Stroff**, hole #6. Paul bore the brunt of the drinks on this one.

Monday, June 23 - TLQMC member **Pete Whalen**, hole #6. Coincidentally, this was the first day that our club added a new wrinkle to Monday Play, offering a prize for the KP on a selected hole. Hole #6 was the selected hole that day! Fortunately for Pete, he purchased the TLQMC hole-in-one insurance.

Besides the achievements on the golf course, TLQMC members and the Board of Directors have been keeping busy. As was mentioned in last month's President's letter, TLQMC sponsored a tee at the Coachella Valley High School's golf team and soccer team fund raising golf tournament. The event was held at our course. Besides TLQMC's sponsorship, several of our members also sponsored tees and eight members, and some wives, participated in the tournament. TLQMC received a very nice Thank You card from golf coach Escobedo.

The golf course has been talking about printing new cards. The new cards will reflect the new ratings established by the SCGA earlier this year. The TLQMC had requested that a rerating also be considered for the individual holes. On Wednesday, June 18, the golf course asked if the TLQMC could perform the rerating of the holes, by the end of the month. For a variety of reasons, we needed to perform the rating sooner rather than later. After checking with Handicap Director John Thelen to verify that we had at least the 400 scores necessary to perform the rating, a group of volunteers was quickly organized.

On June 20, TLQMC members Alan Barroll, Lance Borden, Neil Cortesi, Steve Prosenjak, John Thelen and myself, plus golf pro Delli Kennedy, met to recalculate the individual hole handicaps. Considering that 102 of our 161 members play from the Gold Tees, we decided to rate the course using Gold Tee scores. In the past, Blue Tee scores had been used.

The USGA recommends two possible methods; using a group of players with 8-handicaps and lower, compared to a group of players with 15-handicaps and higher. We don't have enough "8-handicap and lower" players in the entire club to constitute a "group". This presented a challenge. However, with the concurrence of the entire group, a very representative and workable methodology was devised. The final methodology evaluated both Gold Tee scores as well as a smaller sampling of Blue Tee scores. Alan Barroll deserves recognition for articulating the method and devising the calculations that were eventually used.

The results.

Hole No.	Current	Proposed
1	9	11
2	7	9
3	15	17
4	1	1
5	3	7
6	17	15
7	5	5
8	13	3
9	11	13
10	10	8
11	18	12
12	16	18
13	6	6
14	8	10
15	2	4
16	14	16
17	4	2
18	12	14

The biggest changes were on the par 3's and the par 5's and those changes were consistent. All of the par 3's were rated lower (harder) and all of the par 5's were rated higher (easier). With the concurrence of the TLQMC members present and golf pro Kennedy, these are the numbers that were submitted to the golf course for consideration. When the new cards are printed they will reflect the new SCGA ratings and the new hole ratings.

Continuing, on May 29th, as a form of appreciation for all of the hard work of ALL the employees of the golf course; golf course maintenance, Bistro 60, outside services and the pro shop, on behalf of the entire TLQMC, your Board of Directors served breakfast to ALL of the employees at a special employee meeting held at Bistro 60. For clarification, the food and tableware were provided by Bistro 60. It was a sight to behold and there was only one glass fatality. The maintenance staff (approximately 17 workers) simply appreciated being inside and the good food. The outside services and pro shop staff did not hesitate to provide their usual barbs and pleasantries. However, the Bistro 60 staff had no mercy. They were quick to provide critiques on how the trays were carried, how the plates were presented and the timeliness of drink refills. It was an educational experience for everyone involved. Most of all, it was appreciated by all of the employees and was a lot of fun for your Board.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not provide an update on what is going on with Tom Brown's acquisition of the golf course, AS IT AFFECTS TLQMC. However, since there was quite a bit of information to share this month, coupled with the fact that Tom Brown held a community-wide meeting on Monday, June 30, a separate e-mail blast about the golf course transition, AS IT AFFECTS TLQMC, will be sent later this month.

See you on the course, intermittently,
Gary