

President's Newsletter

December 2015

We started the year off with another great tournament. On November 16 we had a full field of 80 players participate in the Welcome Back/Wright Memorial Tournament. It was one of those perfect events; the wind had been blowing all night long and many participants thought the event might be cancelled. However, as if the golf gods knew it was our first tournament of the year, at about fifteen minutes before the 8:00 shotgun start, the wind just stopped. We had beautiful weather, it was not cart paths only, and the course was in very good condition.

In a closely contested event, with a net score of 61, Guy Bishop and Shevy Shevchuck were the tournament champions. Second place was the team of Marv Tjalma and Jim Barbo who scored 62. Third, fourth and five places were determined by a three-way card off as a result of those three teams all posting 63.

With that tournament in the books, we are preparing for the Holiday Tournament on December 7. This is one of our two tournaments when an evening dinner, with a guest, is part of the event. As with all of our tournaments, the event itself is competitive and, a lot of fun, but as a club, we have the opportunity to enjoy the camaraderie of our fellow club members and their guests, as well as embrace the holiday spirit. Like last year, the dinner will be held in the Santa Rosa Ballroom and the sit down dinner will be catered by Bistro 60. This event fills up quickly and, unfortunately, might be full by the time you are reading this. None the less, contact Tournament Chairman Neil Cortesi at ncortesi@sbcglobal.net, if you are interested in joining in the event.

With the weather as perfect as it has been, the golf course has seen a lot of play. In keeping with a tradition of our club, Vice President Duane Barringer has once again organized a Divot Patrol and made hole assignments. There are currently 45 of 183 club members signed up but, as everyone knows, we can always use more Divoteers. For those of you who are new to the club, the golf course provides the appropriate sand mix for the season and you simply get your hole assignment, get the sand and, get out there to fix the divots in the course. The efforts of the patrol truly does have an impact on the condition and playability of the course throughout the year.

At the November 23 General Meeting, it was announced that beginning November 30, the payouts for the Monday Play Events will be made in scrip instead of cash. The primary motivation for this is to ease the workload of the Monday Play Coordinator. Everyone should have received the email explaining the reason for the move. This change has been contemplated for a couple of seasons but only recently did the necessary administrative mechanisms and conditions line up to make it happen. Every member will be assigned an account number which will be maintained by the pro shop. The scrip can be spent in the pro shop for merchandise and green fees. It can also be used in Bistro 60.

Also at the November 23 meeting, the slate of TLQMC officers for 2016 was submitted and approved unanimously. Your officers for 2016 will be: President, Pat Martin; Vice President, Neil Cortesi; Secretary, Greg Henry; Treasurer, Marv Tjalma; Handicap Chairman, Ken Smooke; Monday Play Coordinator, Steve Prosenjak, Membership Chairman, Ray Dorfman; Tournament Chairman, Ed Warman; and Webmaster, Joe Rutherford. It is a great board with a good mix of continuing officers and

first-time TLQMC officers. The board has a sufficient number of experienced members to continue our club's traditions while, at the same time, a good introduction of new members who will undoubtedly energize our club with their enthusiasm and new ideas.

On a very final note – thank you.

On behalf of the outgoing board, which you have allowed to serve you for two and one-half years, it has been a lot of fun for all of us. Throughout our term, to a person, we have all remained passionate about our responsibilities to TLQMC. At times those passions have been tested amongst ourselves, but always in the best interest of our club. And, as a result, we feel we made better decisions on behalf of the entire membership. As we look back, we will all undoubtedly take a certain amount of pride in some of the decisions we made and actions we took. However, I think all of us will be most proud of the fact that we had the opportunity to serve a good club, always kept the interest of the members first and, had fun serving.

As I stated in my first newsletter in May 2013, “... I would like you to try to recall a series of advertisements and commercials run by the chemical company BASF several years ago. The theme of those advertisements was that BASF did not “...make the product, they made it better...” That theme is the goal of this year's Board, we did not make Trilogy La Quinta Men's Club, but we will try to make it better.”

At the time we had no idea that that “year” would turn into two and one-half years, but the goal never changed. We hope you enjoyed the ride. Thanks for letting us serve.

See you on the course – with a great big smile of relief on my face.

Gary