

August 2018 President's Newsletter

Not a lot of golf to talk about right now. It's a little hot out here!

Last chance to enter the 2018 Dry Heat Tournament. This is a 2 day, partner best ball event, scheduled for Monday August 6th and Tuesday August 7th. You can play with partner from outside of the club or get one of your regular playing buddies to join you. The flyer for the event is on the website under Tournaments.

Thought I'd take the time to fill you in on a couple of members going through some challenging times.

Rick Dana is a low handicap player that has been sidelined by health issues for some time. Here is what he is going through...

I was diagnosed with stage 4 throat cancer in 2015. The Doctor said it was from heavy smoking and drinking but since I never smoked and rarely drank he had no idea. Through surgery, radiation and chemotherapy the cancer receded. In early 2018 I noticed a lump on my neck. Biopsy and cat scan showed negative for cancer. However, an outpatient surgical procedure to remove this benign tumor turned into a neck dissection of a malignant cancerous tumor. The surgeon believed he was successful in removing all of the cancerous cells but pathology indicated the margins were positive. Other avenues of alternative medicine were pursued to no avail.

I am scheduled for a radical neck dissection on August 2nd to remove any remaining cancerous cells including those that have metastasized into the skin. They will need to protect my carotid artery and jugular vein by grafting my pectoral muscle into my neck.

The prognosis is good and the Doctor said I would be able to golf again.

Although I have not been a very active member I have enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie of those I have played with and look forward to playing with more of you in the future. Your thoughts and prayers are helpful and greatly appreciated.

Ray Dorfman continues to have breathing problems. In addition to that he has had one surgery and has another scheduled. Here is what his wife Debra shared with us...

Ray had his shoulder replaced on Thursday. He had some complications because of his lung but he is finally home. He had two torn tendons, a torn muscle, a torn rotator cuff and arthritis so they put in a new one. Seemed like a good idea.

He will be having back surgery in a few weeks. Thanks so much and I'll keep you posted about his back once his surgery is done.

He is chomping at the bit to be able to be out on the course with you guys.

Besides these 2, there are a number of others recovering from injuries or going through procedures. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks,

Joe Rutherford

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