



The Hawk's Eye, April 2024

President's Message

By Doug Korb



A few weeks ago I had the pleasure of playing with **Michael Herrera**, a professional golfer who was recently signed by Callaway. No, you haven't heard of Michael, but you might someday. Michael, and many others that love the game, play on the Asher Tour. The Temecula Open is a part of that tour, and was recently held at Temecula Creek Inn. The following week they went to The Golf Club of California (Fallbrook), and then on to Soboba (San Jacinto).

The Temecula Open had 132 players, each paying \$1100 to enter, for a chance to win \$20,000 for 1st place. 37 professionals placed 'in the money', ranging from \$20,000 to \$750. Similar entries, and payouts, were at the other 2 tournaments.

While at the tournament (Roger Morey joined me as well) one of the young players introduced himself to us, and thanked us for coming to watch. His name is **Alejandro Armijo**. He placed solo 7th (-10), and earned \$3500. Alejandro and his caddy (**Doug**) drove a Honda Accord from New Mexico to play in 2 tournaments. If you think golf is tough for us, try being Alejandro or Michael. \$2200 in

entry fees, gas, hotel rooms, eating at Jersey Mikes, Panda Express, In-N-Out, etc. to win \$3500. At best Alejandro broke even. Michael earned \$1700, but fortunately for him his expenses were lower this week since he recently moved from Moreno Valley to Las Vegas.

Alejandro and I connected that Wednesday at TCI so Debbie and I invited him, and Doug, to come to the house on Saturday to watch The Players and have dinner. They agreed, but only after they practiced for a few hours at The Golf Club of Rancho California. Work has to come first if you're going to fulfill your dream.

We had a great time, and they loved a real meal, not to mention a large 'to go' bag for Sunday. On Sunday we played at Redhawk with **Jon Wilkerson** and the Sunday guys. **Jeff Sampson** gave them complimentary rounds since he has firsthand knowledge of the challenges they face to accomplish their dreams (thanks Jeff).

The dream Alejandro has is to get to the next level, then the Korn Ferry, and hopefully the PGA Tour. He'll try to qualify for the US Open, as well as Q School. It's a BIG dream, with more downside than most people are willing to take, and yet 1000s of players are dreaming the same dream every week.



So, if you ever get a chance to help one of these young players (a meal, a room, a sponsorship, anything) achieve their dream I think you'll feel good about your effort, Debbie and I did.

Membership Message
By Mike Re



As of March 27th, Redhawk Golfers Club has **180 members** (an all-time high). We have 24 new members since the last Newsletter.

Please welcome:

- John Bayus**
- Paul Bruhn**
- Tom Franklin**
- David Marlowe**
- Chris Douglas**
- Daniel Kasim**
- Ary Kasim**
- Tristan Ray**
- Joe Vollmer**
- Jim Chao Chung**
- Connor Brandt**
- Kyle Biniasz**
- Wayne Sygrove**
- Michael John Franklin**
- Stephen Cosby**
- Nick Hulse**
- Amelyn Oppod**
- Don Gould**

- Brain Glaudini**
- Alex Paul**
- Adam Drankwalter**
- Justin Gittins**
- Nancy Mclawhorn**
- Alisa Li**

Please extend a warm welcome to our new member at our next event.

Handicap Message
By Alan de la Sierra



In the January Newsletter I detailed the new rules for posting scores. Here's an update on posting unplayed holes in Match Play.

[MatchPlayPosting](#)

Rules Message
By Greg Stoffel



Check out this article about the '**8 Ways To Use The Rules To Your Advantage**', I think you'll find it helpful.

[RuleAdvantages](#)



Tournament Message

By Roger Morey



Golf and Health, not mutually exclusive.

Read about the 10 benefits of playing golf here, [GolfandHealth](#)

Keep playing, it's good for you.

Monthly Tournament Results

JANUARY 2024 TOURNAMENT

Our January 6-6-6 Tournament was won by the team of **Alan de la Sierra & Greg Stoffel** who beat 2nd place by 4 strokes. A commanding victory, well done guys.

FEBRUARY 2024 TOURNAMENT

Jim Sobek beat **Scott Wild** in a cardoff to win our Stableford Tournament in February. Way to stay focused Jim.

MARCH 2024 TOURNAMENT

In March we held the qualifier for our Match Play Tournament. 16 players qualified, with 8 winning their first match and heading into their second match on April 2nd. Here's the bracket.

[Bracket](#)

APRIL TOURNAMENT

Our April tournament, 2 Man Best Ball, has been moved from April 16th to **April 23rd**, in order to avoid a conflict with the finals for our Match Play. You get to pick your partner, find someone soon.

Short Putts

CPR CLASS

We have arranged for a CPR class on April 17th from 9-11:30am. If you're interested, please send me an email. Cost is \$30 per person. Class will be held in Temecula at the corner of Rancho California Rd & Jefferson.

PACE of PLAY

During our December Player Meeting it was decided that we would enforce our 'slow play' penalty, as defined on our website.

We've also started a new program to put the players that are committed to play in less than 4:30 in the early groups off of holes 1A, 1B, and 18A.

Player Profile

As I've mentioned before, our club is always looking for members to step forward and volunteer to assist the Board, or the golf course. We're still in search of someone to



carry on our 'Player Profile' section of the newsletter.

It's a role that will require less than an hour a month, and will give all of us insight into our fellow players lives beyond golf.

Please let any Board member know if you can help us here.

Monthly Cartoon – Video

If you're not aware there's a **Masters App** that you might enjoy. You can load it via the Android Play Store or Apple Store. Enjoy.

There are lots of Masters videos on YouTube, here's an example from last year.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/1Zixcp-zy2M>

Remember, the most important shot in golf is your next shot.

See you in the short grass,
Doug Korb, President

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Golf and Health, not mutually exclusive.

A number of our members have suffered setbacks in their health recently as the warranty on some of our physical bodies and minds reach their expiration date: physically (*knee replacements, hip pain, back pain, heart issues, macular degeneration, cataracts, basically everything hurts*); and mentally (*including forgetfulness. Dementia (don't say that word), and even irrationally stupid decisions on the golf course (yes, not your fault)*). Sometimes it's our spouses suffering the same calamities and that affects us as well. Golf is a tool that can help us to meet these challenges.

Bradley Turner, Keiser University College of Golf Director of Online Golf Instruction, MBA, PGA lists the following ten benefits of playing golf.

#1 Physical Exercise

#2 Potentially Help with Weight Loss

#3 Good Source of Vitamin D

#4 Exercise for Your Brain

#5 Improves Your Sleep

#6 You Get Stronger

#7 Make New Friends

#8 Improves Self Discipline

#9 Can Improve Your Mental Health

#10 Helps Overcome Sadness and Can Lead to a Long, Happy Life

Think about that next time you are playing so bad that you want to quit. Golf is hard, so don't give in, because personal challenge and goal achievement is what makes us thrive. You are up to the challenge if you apply yourself, maybe even some practice. I recorded the Golf Academy videos of Mark Calcavecchia and watch them over and over. Actually, better than watching golf on TV, except the women, of course.

Bob Antol is recently revived by playing the red tees. He doesn't have that long approach to the green and can play golf shots again. Find out what works for you. Next month is our two-man best ball tournament. I find that it is something that I really enjoy because of the team aspect and relying on your partner. It reminds you that golf is a game to be enjoyed, and not an impossibly difficult skill.

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8 Ways To Use The Rules To Your Advantage!

BY JEREMY ELLWOOD

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Eight scenarios where knowing the Rules of Golf could just save you a shot or two on the course

It can sometimes seem that the Rules of Golf are out to get you and are not devised to be fair or work at all in your favor ([ball in a divot](#), anyone?). But there are some scenarios where the way the rules are applied can actually be a blessing and not only get you out of trouble, but assist your strategy and chances of hitting a better shot. Below, we outline eight golf course situations where knowing the various intricacies of the Rules of Golf can really help you out. These differ from [rules golfers often break](#) in that, typically, golfers are unaware of situations where knowing the rules can help!

1. Using a different make or model of golf ball depending on the hole or conditions

At club level, as long as the optional One Ball Local Rule is not in force (it usually only applies at elite level), between holes you can always change your [golf ball](#) to a different one even if it isn't damaged. So, if there was a par 5 with cross bunkers you normally struggle to carry, you could switch to a firmer ball like a [Titleist Velocity](#) to carry it further, and then switch to a softer, more spinny ball on the next tee if you need more control. Under Rule 6.3a, any ball you choose must be on the conforming list and you can't change balls during the play of a hole unless it has become cut or cracked.

2. Practicing in a bunker

From 2019 onwards, the restrictions on touching sand in a bunker only apply to the bunker where your ball is lying, and there is no penalty for making a practice swing (without a ball, of course) and hitting the sand in another bunker – so long as it does not unreasonably delay play.

3. Practicing during a round

You can practice putting or [chipping](#) (but not bunker shots) on or around the putting green you've just played or the next teeing area as long as you don't unreasonably hold up play under Rule 5.5 in both [stroke play and match play](#). But you are obviously not allowed to practice during the play of a hole!

4. Dropping into fairway/fringe from the rough when taking relief

Clarification on Rule 16.1/1 confirms that taking relief from an [abnormal course condition](#) can sometimes result in better or worse conditions, and the former is just your good fortune. An example of better conditions might be when taking relief from a sprinkler head ([immovable obstruction](#)) in the rough (general area), and the reference point for your [nearest point of complete relief](#) may allow part of your relief area to be located in the fairway. If this results in you being able to drop in the fairway, or perhaps even fringe, this is allowed, but you couldn't drop onto the putting green.

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5. Partner goes first in fourballs

In [fourball better ball](#), it is the side that has the honor rather than the one player furthest from the hole, and that side can choose to play in either order – e.g., if it's your side's honor, the partner nearer the hole could putt first if it might help the other partner with line or pace, or could play first into the green if they have a straightforward shot so the partner further away knows whether or not to take a riskier shot on.

6. Looking in another player's bag to see what club they've hit

There is nothing in the Rules to stop you doing this if the player's bag is not covered in some way. What Rule 10.2a on 'advice' states is that you can't touch another player's equipment to gain such information, so you couldn't move a bag cover or towel to check – that would be two strokes in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. But if you don't touch or move anything, that's fine. And if you, the player, don't want another player looking in your bag, simply cover the top after pulling your club.

7. Re-teeing the ball in teeing area

Under Rule 6.2b you can always tee the ball up whenever it's in the [teeing area](#). Obvious for the first shot, but occasionally it can be useful beyond that if, for example, your foursomes partner virtually whiffs it but it stays within the teeing area or it ricochets back off a tree or wall. However, remember it's the 'teeing area' as defined in the Rules, not the whole tee block or mown area.

8. Stroke and distance is an option after a putt

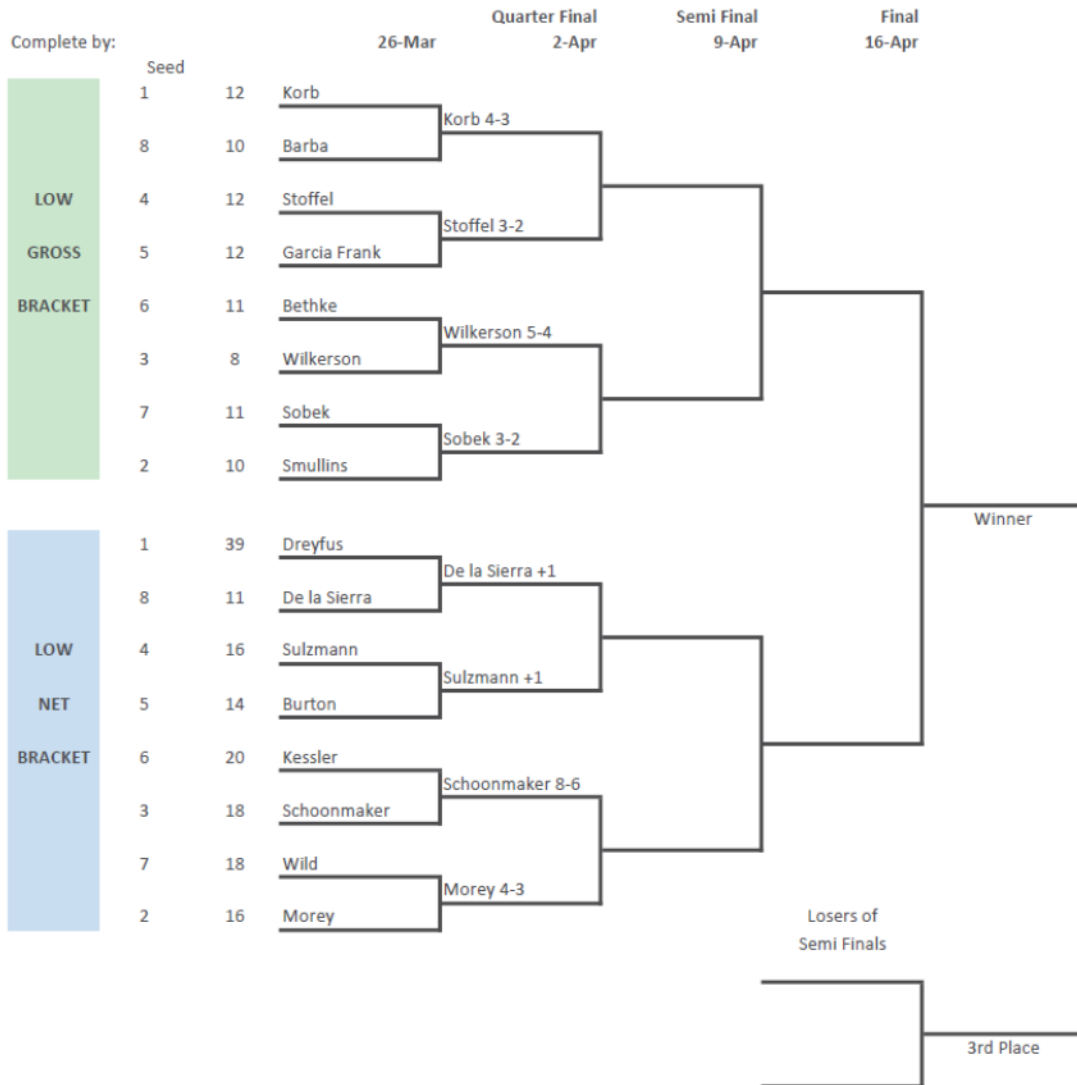
Just occasionally it might be worth knowing that you can take [stroke and distance](#) after putting off the green miles back down the fairway on certain holes, into a bad spot in a bunker or, perhaps most of all, into a pond or lake (penalty area). Okay, you got the putt wrong first time, but are confident you can do better next time and fancy your chances more than a really tricky pitch or a near-impossible [bunker shot](#). This is a particularly appealing choice if your ball rolls into a [penalty area](#) where you will be incurring a penalty shot anyway for dropping back out. Even if it's a four-footer you misjudged badly and your ball is now 40 yards away, you can still take stroke and distance if you think it's your best chance of making the lowest score.

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MATCH PLAY BRACKET

MARCH 30, 2024 (Next Round, April 2nd)

2024 Redhawk Golfers Club Match Play Tournament



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WHS™ 2024 Treatment of Hole(s) Not Played

March Madness, NCAA Basketball with the Sweet 16, Elite 8, Final Four. The Redhawk Men's Club has our own version of this with our March Match Play event. The top 16 qualifiers play a match event to produce a single winner. With match play, you have most rounds are completed with a winner before the entire 18 holes are played. Other reasons to play less than 18 holes are as noted below.

So how do you properly post your score given that beginning in 2024, net par was replaced with the use of expected score for holes not played. What is changing about the way 10–17-hole scores are treated in 2024?

Last year, when 10 to 13 holes were played, scores made on holes 10 through 13 were disregarded and a 9-hole score was posted. When 14-17 holes were played, net par was used for the remaining holes to allow an 18-hole score to be posted.

Beginning in 2024, when a player with a Handicap Index plays 10-17 holes, a Score Differential will be created based on the holes played, and the player's expected Score Differential for the number of remaining holes not played will be added to that value to produce an 18-hole Score Differential.

To facilitate this change, when a player plays between 10-17 holes, **they will be required to post their scores hole-by-hole** so the appropriate Score Differential can be calculated from the holes that were played to combine with the expected score for the holes not played.

What are the benefits of this change?

Although 10–17-hole rounds are uncommon for most players and are typically a result of circumstances such as darkness, inclement weather, or **match play**, this change will result in a premium being placed on the holes played, more flexibility in terms of posting scores, and more accurate Score Differentials.

Here's why:

Today, scores made on holes 10-13 are disregarded if fewer than 14 holes are played. The change adds flexibility by allowing scores made on those holes to be used to create an 18-hole Score Differential.

Currently, when 14-17 holes are played, net par is used on any remaining holes not played. By replacing net par with the use of expected score to produce an 18-hole Score Differential, players will see more equity and consistency – since the expected score is not course-specific or reliant upon the course's stroke index allocation.

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Note: Net par will still be available for limited use where practical, and at the discretion of the Handicap or Competition Committee, however, the **expected score** will be used as the default position for holes not played.

A player with a Handicap Index of 10.0 plays 14 holes after winning his match play event against his opponent. Through 14 holes, the player had a gross score of 68 and an adjusted gross score of 66. The player would post his 14-hole score hole-by-hole leaving the remaining holes blank.

Edit Score
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Date Played *

Score Type

Home

Away

Competition

Holes

18

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Choose Course/Tee Lookup Method:

Home Courses/Tees
 Course/Tee Search

Course/Tee Played

Hole Not Completed: Enter X + Most Likely Score (ex: X5)

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Yards	452	345	335	125	366	364	482	139	371	2979
Par	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	36
Stroke Index	5	3	7	15	1	9	11	13	17	
Score	6	5	4	3	5	5	4	4	5	41
Adj. Score	6	5	4	3	5	5	4	4	5	41

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Yards	381	491	140	383	309	340	372	165	435	3016	5995
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	36	72
Stroke Index	6	10	14	2	18	16	8	12	4		
Score					5	4	4	4	10	27	68
Adj. Score					5	4	4	4	8	25	66

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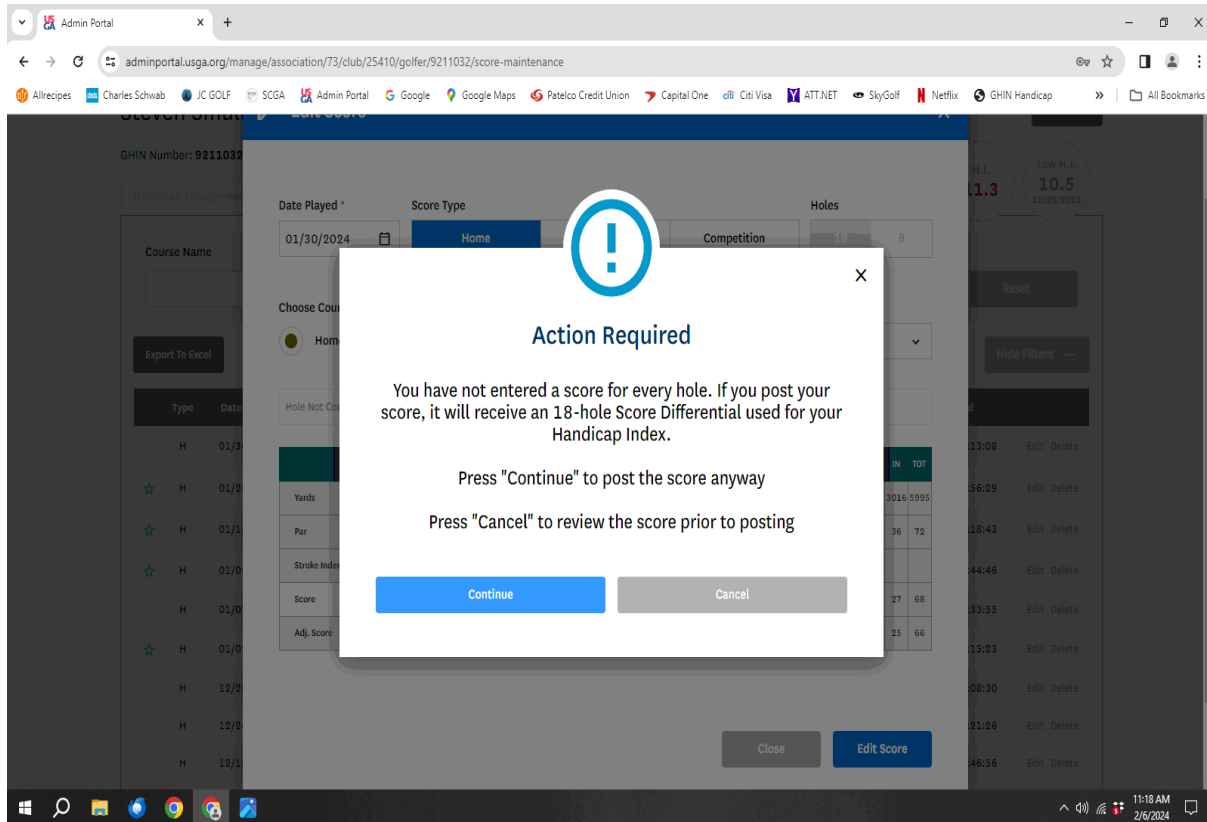
Edit Score

Note that **score posting products (e.g. GHIN)** will require a minimum of 9 individual hole scores that correspond to a 9-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating for a score to be posted.

In the case above, the front 9 score satisfies this criterion. You cannot post a partial score consisting only of Holes 5-16 for example. The GHIN system will not accept this. It states “You must enter a score for at least 9 holes on the same side in order to post your score”

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When posting a score with less than 18 holes entered, the GHIN system will provide a warning to ensure the player wants to enter a partial score. Press continue and the partial hole score will be posted.



How will a player's score be displayed in their scoring record when a 10–17-hole score is posted?

When 10-17 holes are played and a score is posted, the total number of strokes taken will be displayed, with the number of holes played also denoted. Display of the number of holes played could vary depending on the score posting product used. For example, if the player plays 14 holes and takes 66 total strokes, their score may be displayed as 66(14). Players will also see the 18-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating for the tees played, along with the 18-hole Score Differential that was created using the player's expected score for the holes not played.

Type	Date Played	Score	C.R./Slope	PCC	Diff.	ESR	Adj.	Course Name / Tee
H	01/30/2024	66 (14)	69.4 / 125	-	14.3	-	-	Redhawk Golf Course / Blue/White

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Please note when someone plays 10-17 holes, it will not count as 18 holes for the purposes of establishing a Handicap Index?

When establishing a Handicap Index, or building up to 54 holes played and posted, if a player plays between 10 and 17 holes, the score made on the 9 holes with a 9-hole Course Rating and Slope Rating would be posted for handicap purposes. Any remaining holes would be disregarded.

If you have questions regarding the scoring requirements for match play or other questions, please contact me as needed. You may feel this is March Madness but really it is pretty straight forward once you have posted a partial round!!