



### President's Message

By Doug Korb



It's hard to believe another year has come to an end. With that brings a golf course that's dormant and resting itself for a great spring, summer, and fall. Those seasons will be here before you know it. Be patient.

There's a lot of information in this letter. If you can't read it all you should focus on a few things:

- 2023 USGA Rules Changes
- 2023 Redhawk Changes
- Notes of our recent Members Mtg.
- 2023 Tournament Schedule
- Our newly created Hole-In-One Fund

The next time you play at the course please stop by and look at our updated bulletin board. There you can link your phone to our Local Rules, Tournament Schedule, and our Slow Play Guidelines.

While the course is dormant, we play 'winter rules' on Tuesdays. It's up to your foursome to do the same but it sure makes the game more fun while the grass is thin. However you choose to play, do your best to keep it in

the short grass and enjoy your time outdoors with friends.

### Membership Message

By Mike Re



As of December 28<sup>th</sup>, Redhawk Golfers Club has 117 members. We have eight new members since the last Newsletter.

Please welcome:

- Bob Valko**, *from Murrieta*
- Manuel Adame**, *from Temecula*
- Michael Galante**, *from Fallbrook*
- Andrevic Bernardez**, *from Temecula*
- Ed Reynoso**, *from Temecula*
- Jim Sobek**, *from Menifee*
- Wayne Christensen**, *from Temecula*
- Cory Berg**, *from Temecula*

We welcomed 22 new members in 2022, great to have you join us.

### Handicap Message

By Alan de la Sierra



As your handicap chairman part of my responsibility is to review the weekly scores



posted after our Tuesday tournaments. Since we have added many new members in the last year, a couple of observations and reminders are in order along with a simple recommendation.

When playing on our Tuesday rounds along with any rounds you play outside the club, each member is responsible for posting their own score.

Many of the discrepancies I see from the Tuesday game is players not posting the correct "Net Double Bogey Adjustment". They are not considering any holes which may have exceeded net double bogey for handicap purposes.

The easiest way to handle this is to utilize the **GHIN** app and post your score "**hole-by-hole**". You enter your gross score for each hole, the app will automatically advance to the next hole where you enter your score for that hole. Also, it will adjust for any hole where you exceed "Net Double Bogey". You do not have to figure it out yourself.

Try it once and I think you will agree how easy this method is and the most accurate way to post. Of course, you always have the option to adjust manually and post your total score. Quite honestly, most of the Tuesday gang has found that posting hole by hole is really easy. If you have questions

about posting hole by hole or understanding how net double bogey works, please contact me or any board member. We will be happy to explain and show you how it works.

Click [here](#) if you'd like to see **whose handicaps improved** the most throughout 2022, as well as an article to calibrate yourself with regards to **your driving distance**.

### Rules Message

By Greg Stoffel



There are some new USGA rules that go into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. You can check them out here, [USGARules](#).

### Tournament Message

By Roger Morey



Congratulations to our recent tournament winners.

**October's Two Man Scramble**  
**Ken Phipps & Marlon Perry**

**November's Charity Event**  
**Active Military Personnel**  
**The Club donated \$1000 to charity.**



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### December's Two Man Blind Draw Ron Bethke & Alan de la Sierra

Weekly groups and order of play, I would like to discuss this for the coming year. For groups, I honestly don't believe that there are any bad pairings. Having played with almost all of you, I know that we have a great group of members that have interesting backgrounds and are enjoyable to play with. It's a social game and it is never too late to make new friends. That is why I like to mix it up and have you play with new people on occasion. I think that it makes us a stronger club, and more enjoyable when you come to the course and know more people to look forward to seeing. When pairing you in new groups, I usually assign you in pairs, that is with someone that you usually play with. On the other hand, I know many of you enjoy playing in the same group the majority of the time for good reasons. It is your club. You can let me know your preferences for who to play with confidentially. It helps me and you can do it at the course, or by responding to the weekly email.

For order of play, we don't all play at the same pace. The required maximum is 4 hours and 45 minutes, but some of us play in a much faster time. Playing in the last groups unfortunately increases the odds of being behind a slower group. The priority of

play is as follows: the two members assigned for scoring duty get priority in the first two groups. This is because we need to count the money, get ready to enter scores, and be ready to pay winners as soon as possible after the last scorecard is entered. Second priority is groups with members that tend to play more quickly. This helps increase the odds that the latter groups are not held up. I still try to move you within the order of play, so that you are not always starting on the same hole, but those are the priorities.

I do put a lot of thought and effort into making the groups and order of play. If I am not doing a good enough job for you, let me know. The more information that I have enables me to do the best for everybody. Thanks for all of your communication, attention to pace of play, and support.

### Monthly Tournaments

Our **2023 Tournament Schedule** can be found on our website, or by clicking on this link.

<https://redhawkgolfers.org/monthly-tournaments>

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## Short Putts

- **Geno Ketelsleger** (44<sup>th</sup> place) & **Marlon Perry** (T13<sup>th</sup> place) represented our club in the recent SCGA Club Champions Tournament. Good job guys, you were up against some tough competition. The tournament results can be seen on the SCGA website at <https://scga-2022scgatournamentofclubchampions2.golfgenius.com/pages/3900750>
- **Members Meeting**, our annual Members Meeting was held at the club on December 13<sup>th</sup>, and attended by 24 members. The notes of our meeting can be found on our website [here](#).
- **Hole in One Fund**
  - One of the takeaways from our Members Meeting was the request to have a Hole-In-One Club. The Board agreed and details can be found here, [HoleInOne](#).
- Our **website has been updated** with our 2023 Tournament Schedule, 2022 Club Champions, and other photos of our players and golf course. Check it out.
- **New Payout Schedule for Tuesday.**
  - Another takeaway from our Members Meeting was the desire to have more winning places during our Tuesday game. A tiered approach was agreed to and put into place on December 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Redhawk Golf Course News**
  - With 2023 will come a rate increase, to \$45, for Redhawk

Golfers Association Members on Tuesdays.

- The course will be closed on March 13 & 14 for green aerification
- New carts, with GPS, will be coming to Redhawk in 2023. Planned arrival is around mid-year.
- Here are the details for the course's **2023 Players Card**, along with the greens for next year. Details are also in the Pro Shop.



## Player Profile

This month's profile is focused on our long-time member, **Guy Reneau**. The man that chooses laughter over crying. Check it out.

<https://redhawkgolfers.org/member-profile>

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## Monthly Video / Cartoon

Have you ever had these feelings on the golf course? I have.....frequently.



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

See you in the short grass,  
**Doug Korb**, President

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## New USGA Rules for 2023

### 2023 RULES OF GOLF: 5 KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released the most recent edition of the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

#### HERE ARE 5 KEY CHANGES

#### New Rule — Modifications for Players with Disabilities

These modifications are now part of the Rules and are in effect for all competitions and all players who fall under the categories covered in new Rule 25.



#### Replacing Damaged Clubs

If your club is damaged during a round (except in cases of abuse) you may replace it, repair it or continue to use it.



#### Ball Moved by Natural Forces

When your ball is at rest after taking relief and then rolls into another area of the course due to natural causes, there is no penalty, and you must replace it.



#### Handicap on Scorecard (Stroke Play Only)

You are not required to put your handicap on your scorecard and there is no penalty if you return your scorecard in a competition with an incorrect handicap, as this is now the Committee's responsibility.



This change is consistent with other penalty reductions, such as reducing the penalty for playing an incorrectly substituted ball from the general penalty to one stroke.

#### Simplified Back-on-the-Line Relief

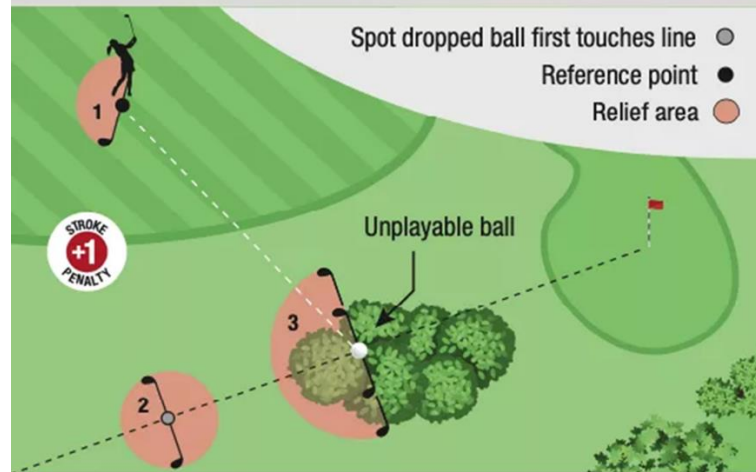
When using this relief option, you are required to drop your ball on the line, and it may roll up to one club-length in any direction.



For more information on the Rules of Golf, please visit [usga.org](http://usga.org) or [randa.org](http://randa.org).



### DIAGRAM 19.2: RELIEF OPTIONS FOR BALL UNPLAYABLE IN GENERAL AREA



A player decides that their ball in a bush is unplayable. The player has **three** options, in each case adding one penalty stroke. The player may:

- (1) Take stroke-and-distance relief by playing a ball from a relief area based on where the previous stroke was made.
- (2) Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball behind the spot of the original ball, keeping the spot of the original ball between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.
- (3) Take lateral relief. The reference point for taking relief is the spot of the original ball and a ball must be dropped in and played from the two club-length relief area, which is no nearer the hole than the reference point.

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## Redhawk Golfers Club Hole-in One Club

All Redhawk Golfers Club members are invited to participate in the "Hole-in-One" Fund.

Members contribute \$5.00 each to the Fund. When a hole-in-one is scored, that member receives the collected monies. The Fund acts as insurance to help the lucky winner with the purchase of the customary round of drinks related to making a hole-in-one.

### Here are the guidelines:

Participation in the Hole-in-One Fund is optional and is in addition to the weekly tournament fees.

The Hole-in-One Fund starts in January 2023. If no hole-in-ones occur in 2023, we will start a new Fund in January 2024 with the 2023 Fund monies added to the total. Only 2024 members will be eligible to win the combined Fund during 2024.

A roster will be kept of the current members of the Hole-in-One Fund. You are not officially a member of the Fund until your contribution has been received.

Any golfer that makes a hole-in-one and is not part of the Fund will still be obligated to pay for a round drinks after golf. The Redhawk Golfers Club will no longer pay for drinks after a hole-in-one but will provide a special Hole-in-One head cover.

A player making a hole-in-one must be a member in good standing with the Redhawk Golfers Club and a member of the Hole-in-One Fund.

A complete 18-hole round must be played from the regulation tees at Redhawk Golf Course during a tournament or in an official Redhawk Golfers Club outing at another course. The Fund only applies to the Redhawk Golfers Club tournaments here at Redhawk or official Redhawk Golfers Club tournaments held at other courses.

The shot must be witnessed by at least two other players who are playing in the same group.

The player will receive cash and or a check for an amount equal to what is in the Fund.

Once someone wins the Hole-in-One Fund, all interested members must then contribute an additional \$5.00 to stay in the Hole-in-One Fund.

Once the \$5.00 contribution is paid, there are no refunds from the Fund for someone that wants to drop out.

If more than one hole-in-one is scored on the same day or same tournament, all hole-in-ones shall share the applicable Fund total as of that date.

Any disputes will be resolved by the administrator of the Fund.

The Fund monies will be maintained by the administrator of the Fund and will be managed separate from the Redhawk Golfers Club.

If you would like to participate, please contact **Greg Stoffel** – Fund Administrator (for the time being).

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## 2022 HANDICAP IMPROVEMENT

As we come to the close of 2022, we should acknowledge the golfers who showed the most improvement in their handicaps over the year. This report shows the top 5 players out of the entire Redhawk membership. A minimum of 50 rounds for the year were required.

Here are the results:

Rank	Golfer Name	Handicap Index 01-01/2022	Handicap Index 12/17/2022	Index Change
1	Doug Korb	14.7	12.2	2.5
2	Marty Candiotta	6.9	5.3	1.6
3	Joe Wood	10.6	9.1	1.5
4	Gregory Stoffel	13.4	12.1	1.3
5	Ken Koepfer	9.6	8.6	1.0

Congratulations to Doug Korb, our Club President, who had the greatest improvement in 2022. 2.5 strokes which is great. Kudos to the remaining 4 golfers as well. It is great to see consistent improvements in one's game.

## EXPECTED DRIVING DISTANCE

As we get older, most of us complain about our driving and iron distances decreasing and/or wondering why we do not hit the ball farther. Your handicap chair is guilty of this particularly since I have reached my seventh decade on this planet. Are you much different than the rest of the golfers? Here are two articles I found during my travels on the internet from golfwrx.com. Turns out for me, I am slightly ahead of the curve. I should start whistling a tune and be happy when I find I have hit a 210 yard drive. How about you? Take a look.

## The average driving distance for male amateur golfers by age

Published 2 years ago on Oct 16, 2020

By [Gianni Magliocco](#)

Earlier this week we took a look at the [average driving distance for male amateur golfers in each handicap range](#), and it got many of our members curious as to how the average driving distance would look if it were broken down by age.

Well, thanks to Arccos Golf, we can take a look at that. Arccos Golf conducted an annual study culminating in the company's distance report published in February, which included the average driving distance of amateur golfers in different age categories.

The data is based on the average taken from over 26 million shots hit from golfers from scratch level to a 25 index. Here are the findings for 2019:

### Average Driving Distance By Age in 2019:

- **10-19:** 234.2 yards
- **20-29:** 239.7 yards
- **30-39:** 233.7 yards
- **40-49:** 225.9 yards
- **50-59:** 215.4 yards
- **60-69:** 204.5 yards
- **70+:** 190.4 yards

For clarification purposes, the yardages above are based on total roll-out numbers, not just carry.

Here is the link for the article:

<https://www.golfwrx.com/638134/the-average-driving-distance-for-male-amateur-golfers-by-age/>



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## The average driving distance for male amateur golfers in **each handicap range**

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By [Gianni Magliocco](#)

How far does the average male amateur golfer really hit the ball with their driver? It's been a topic of hot debate for years, but thanks to statistician [Lou Stagner of Decade Sports](#) the question has been answered for 2020 at least.

Using data taken directly from the [USGA Distance Insight Report](#), Stagner calculated the driving distance for male amateur golfers in the following handicap ranges: Less than 6, 6-12, 13-20 and 21+, with the average yardage of all golfers coming in at 217 yards.

Check out the full results below.

### Male Amateur Driving Distance with Driver:

- Handicap 6 or less           245 yards
- Handicap 6 to 12           223 yards
- Handicap 13 to 20       207 yards
- Handicap 21+           190 yards
- All Golfers               217 yards

Here is the link for the article:

<https://www.golfwrx.com/637222/the-average-driving-distance-for-male-amateur-golfers-in-each-handicap-range/>