

Spring is here and that is the start of tournament season! Longer days let you play more golf. We have a very busy schedule of events coming up. We just started the President's Cup match play event. It's our first major tournament of the year. 2024 winner is Roger Pearce and I'm sure he's ready to defend the title against all challengers to hang on to the title and that big beautiful crystal cup for another year. But there are at least a dozen other people that want it too. Watch for updates in the proshop on the results as the matches happen. Let's hope the winner is photogenic because you'll be seeing his picture every time you come up the stairs from the locker room.

Our Masters Pro-Am is coming up on April 12. You will be paired with one of the players that made the cut in the Masters Tournament. This is the second year we had this format. It was certainly a different type of event and everyone had fun with it last year so we are doing it again. Here's how it works: upon check in, you will draw a name from the players that made the cut in the Masters Tournament. This will be your partner for our tournament. We combine your net score and their score for a team score. Watch for the flyer for more details.

Our second major tournament of the year will be on May 17 & 18. It's the Member-Member tournament and it's time to find a partner that will put up with you for two consecutive days of golf. This year we are once again having a derby after the first round. It was one of the best parts of the event last year. Don't miss this event. All Via Verde Members are invited to participate. We will also have a regular monthly event on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our Superbowl tournament was a fun one. The Chiefs team won again this year. It was a pretty decisive victory in our event but it didn't carry over to the actual game the following day. Our MVP was Nan Yu scoring 68 points for the team and shooting a personal best of 76 at Via Verde! He was rewarded handsomely for his performance that day. I have another achievement to share with you. Eddie Guerrero had a Hole in One on March 2. He managed to hole out on #9 for the ace! Great job Eddie and Nan! Next to the scorecards in the proshop, there are little business card size event calendars. Pick one up and you can see the events we have scheduled for the year. There may also be some additional special events that come up throughout the year that aren't listed.

Back in January, we had a tournament and nearly all the scores were unusually high that day. After the scores were posted, the PCC adjustment for that day was +1. What is PCC??? Here is my interpretation in simple terms. It is a “playing conditions calculation”. For any golf course, if enough of the scores posted for a day are unusually higher or lower than normal(or expected), the handicapping system will automatically make an adjustment ranging from -1 to +3, negative being lower and positive being higher. Apparently, courses don’t play much easier than expected, but they can play much more difficult. The more rounds that are posted daily will help assure that any PCC adjustment will be accurate. So please post all of your qualifying scores every time you play.

Have you ever had the misfortune to find your ball in one of the planted or decorative areas on the golf course? Well, you can sometimes consider it to be a fortunate situation. Local rules on the back of the scorecard states that there are “No Play Zones”. In an effort to preserve and respect these areas, we designate them to be “No Play Zones”. These areas are marked by white stakes with green tops or white lines. This gives you a free drop. First find the place, no closer to the hole, that gives you the nearest point of Full relief from the area and then you can drop the ball within 1 club length of that.

As you are out playing, please sand a few divots and repair a couple of ball marks on the greens.