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President's Message

Dear Members,

On behalf of the El Prado Men's Club, I would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to the Peniata family. Our member and good friend, Oscar Peniata, passed away on September 3, 2025. Oscar will be truly missed by all of us here at the El Prado Golf Courses.

Our 2025 Club Championship was a great success, with more than 100 members participating in our end-of-season tournament. Congratulations to all the winners in each division. We are especially proud of our Club Champion, **Amaan Patel**, who will represent us in the SCGA Tournament if Club Champions this December. I had the privilege of playing alongside Amaan in the four-man scramble, and he is not only a talented golfer but also a very humble individual. I'm confident he will make us proud.

During the Championship check-in, voting for the Board of Directors also took place. **Gary Abbott** and **Doug Benc** were re-elected, while **J.P. Iriart** and **Troy Slavin** will be joining the team. A special thank you to **Albert Rivera** for putting his name on the ballot and running a strong campaign — he fell just a few votes short. Our masthead above will be updated following our first board meeting, where we will determine the responsibilities of each board member.

Finally, a big thank you goes out to **Danielle Lizarraga** for sponsoring our delicious Korean lunch. Your generosity is truly appreciated by all our members.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you out on the course.

Danny Ortiz, President



UPCOMING DATES

October 14

Online Tournament
Signups Close

October 18

2 Man Better Ball

October 21

Derby

Nov 11

Online Tournament
Signups Close

Nov 15

Individual Low Net

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins

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Tuesday Skins

Tournament News

The 2025 El Prado Men's Club Championship is officially in the books. The event finished with the usual fierce but friendly competitions. The big event held Saturday and Sunday had 101 players competing for the two-day net flight championships. 25 club members also teed it up Friday, Saturday and Sunday competing for low gross championships.



The low gross winner and newly crowned 2025 EPMC Club Champion is Amaan Patel. Amaan fired rounds of 67, 69, 71 that propelled him to victory with 207 total and a -9 under par finish! Great playing and Congratulations Amaan! Amaan will represent EPMC in the annual SCGA Tournament of Champions (TOCC) played December 1st at El Niguel Country Club.



As is customary, the handicap committee reviewed all scores Saturday afternoon and made no adjustments to any golfer's index prior to Sunday's final net competition round.

Sunday's Net results produced the following Flight winners: J.P. Iriart A Flight Even par (144), Eric Verne B Flight -6 under par (138), Cristhian Barcenas C Flight -9 under par, and John Agan D Flight (card off) -3 under par (141).

The Senior Champion is Dave Slingsby who qualifies to represent EPMC in the TOCC Senior Division played December 1st at Calabasas Country Club.

The tournament paid out \$10,512 to 67 players. Our 50/50 raffle winners were Tom Clancy, Tom Clark, and Jose Ortega each collecting \$165 in pot money. Our free round of golf winner was Eduardo Rodriguez.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks again for those that participated in the 2025 Club Championship!

Special thank you to Danielle Lizarraga for donating the awesome Sunday lunch!

Our next tournament is the 2 Man Better Ball team event on October 18th. Look for online signups to open soon. Tournament signups will close Tuesday October 14th.

This tournament is a No foursome request event! Don't panic, you have your playing partner to lean on if the going gets tough. We will again be utilizing Zelle payment when Golf Genius online registration opens. Look for the QR code in the GG invite, and published in our newsletter.

Golf Genius instructions:

It's a TEAM event and only one member needs to signup/register your team in GG.

When Signups open, please follow these steps to register:

Step 1. You or your Playing Partner will need to navigate through the signup confirmation buttons by checking playing.

Step 2. Click on the signup other members link scroll and add your playing partner's name.

Step 3. If you choose - you or your Playing Partner can SEND message to the manager noting your TEAM PAIRING and/or include any special requests in your message. (No foursome request)

Step 4. Hit the SEND button.

The tee sheet link in Golf Genius will populate names for the confirmed list of players. Pairings will not appear until TEAMS are made on the back end in Golf Genius. As always, be assured we will monitor signups closely and communicate with you if there are any issues. Registered players get a Golf Genius automated signup confirmation email.

If you are a single with no partner, please sign up as a single making a note in Golf Genius to the manager and we will try our best to pair you up with another single. Remember that we cap our tournament size and will place players/teams on a waitlist if reached. If you're lost in the signup process, or need any assistance please communicate with us.

Helpful hint: For the October 18th tournament - AB flights will be on Butterfield and CD flights will be on Chino Creek.

Gary Abbott, Golf Competitions
Doug Benc, Golf Competitions

TOP 25 - 2024-2025

***** FINAL YEAR END *****

Rank	Name	Scrip
1	Patel, Amaan	1352
2	Barcenas, Cristhian	1277
3	Ortiz, Danny	1214
4	Furgeson, Anthony	926
5	Montelongo, Cruz	842
6	Verne, Sean	785
7	Nichols, Wayne	775
8	Collins, Nick	760
9	Deshay, Stan	734
10	Verne, Troy	731
11	Kramer, John	728
12	Ostergaard, Chris	724
13	Earhart, Tom	701
14	Verne, Eric	681
15	Alderete, Ralph	674
16	Albany, Ramy	662
17	Law, Brian	631
18	Dufour, Jerry	631
19	Gonzalez, Paul	616
20	Baker, Robert	605
21	Anderson, David	597
22	Verne, Bryon	595
23	Poh, Colby	592
24	Mouw, Billy	582
25	Lopez, Justin	564

Getaway 2026 – Save the Date!

It's time to mark June 4-6, 2026 on your calendar for the El Prado Getaway. We are planning to go to Las Vegas for three days of fun and golf!

We are still finalizing details and will publish more information as we have it.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Vegas!

Scott Harlin, Treasurer
Gary Abbott, Golf Competitions



Handicap – What's a Differential?

When we talk to players about adjusting their handicap, many don't understand what a "differential" is – that number it shows you when you post. They want to talk about what score they shot, but that is dependent on the course.



Take a look at this definition and video from the USGA:

WHAT IS A SCORE DIFFERENTIAL™?

This useful statistic indicates when a higher score might be better than a lower score based on the difficulty of the courses you played.

[WATCH VIDEO ▶](#)

For a local example, an 87 on Chino blues is not the same as an 87 on Butterfield whites. In fact the Chino Creek differential is 4.3 strokes lower than Butterfield. This is why when we review scoring history, we always compare differentials, not scores.

Tim Sleeper, Handicap

Zelle Instructions

We had more players pay for the September tournament with Zelle, and it worked well, so we are continuing to accept Zelle for monthly tournaments.

A few reminders:

- Zelle payments may only be used for the tournament entry fee of \$85.00. Do not include 50/50 raffle tickets, multiple tournament entries, or membership dues
- You may submit payment only after you have signed up in Golf Genius. Paying with Zelle does not sign you up!



- No Zelle payments will be accepted after signups close on the Tuesday before the Tournament at 2 PM.
- If you pay after signups close, your payment will be refunded on the following Monday, and you will need to pay by cash or check at the check-in table.
- No Zelle payments will be accepted at the tournament check-in table.
- Payments may only be made to payment@elpradomensclub.com. You can also select Send Money and use the QR code below.
- Please include your first and last name and "Sept Tournament" in the notes field.
- If you're paying on behalf of another golfer, please do a second separate Zelle payment and include their first and last name and "Sept Tournament"



See you on the green,

Wayne Nichols, Bookkeeper/Treasurer

Derby News

Eight teams teed off on Tuesday afternoon, vying for the \$280 pot in this month's derby.

The team of Danny Ortiz and Mark Rief came in first and split \$140. Second place were Rich Lizarraga



and Matt Hoch with \$90. Third were Eddie Lomasney and Lawrence Renteria with \$50.



The next Derby is October 21, our last of the year with daylight savings coming to an end. We will check in at 4:00, draw partners, and tee off at 4:30. We would love to see you there!

If you're new to this, the derby is a 5-hole horse race on Tuesday afternoon after the monthly tournament. It is alternate shot with a blind draw partner, focused on fun. It's a great opportunity to play with somebody new, from places you may have never played from.



We play the holes together as a group, so if you've never seen 20 carts on the fairway at the same time, you won't want to miss it. And when we reach the green, we putt out closest to farthest. The highest scores on each hole earn the team an early exit, with ties broken by a chip-off. It's only a \$5 buy in, and the club sweetens the pot with an extra \$100-\$200.

Lance Ford, Social/Golf Competitions

Pro's Corner

Hello Members,

September is our aerification month and this means that the greens won't be in the best shape for a few weeks to come. We just experienced the Butterfield course going through the process of having the greens punched and sanded with Chino creek starting next Sunday the 21st. Please be patient with this necessary process and you can expect our greens to be back by early October.



For those that played in our club championship thank you and congratulations to our club champion Amaan Patel. For our club members, I mentioned that we are now doing online bookings for tee times. If you need a time, please call the golf shop direct and mention that you are a club member and we will make your tee times over the phone. We appreciate all of you choosing to play at El Prado on a regular basis.

I want to remind our members that we offer a full-service golf shop to all of you. A full-service golf shop entails club fitting by different manufacturers depending on their scheduling, grip changing, lessons by PGA certified Golf Professionals, a golf shop filled with logoed merchandise, shoes and anything you would find if you were to shop at any of the big named golf stores. Please come in the golf shop and we would love to try and get your business by offering the best pricing we can.

Lastly, please help us in enforcing some club rules that we expect members to follow. The first is the parking of golf carts adjacent to the

green or at the designated areas around the greens. We ask that members please respect the ropes placed around some greens to avoid golf carts from entering these areas. We are constantly reminding the public on these rules and would like our members to already follow these precautions every time they play. Another important reminder is to please park the golf cars at the cart cleaning area after play, we understand that scoring takes place in the bar so we ask that carts are returned as soon as your round is over.

The rules question from last month was answered correctly by Fred Guidera, please see me for your free round certificate. A new rules question will be on the next newsletter.

Art Guevara, PGA
Director of Golf/Tournament Director
El Prado Golf Courses



Club Championship and Annual Meeting – September 7, 2025



A Flight Winner J.P. Iriart



B Flight Winner Eric Verne



C Flight Winner Christian Barcenas



D Flight Winner John Agan



Club Champion Amaan Patel



Club Champion Amaan Patel





Tournament Results – Club Championship – September 5-7, 2025

Member payouts are in El Prado Golf Courses scrip. Guests receive gift cards. Team payouts will be split.
Complete results are always available at <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/epmc>

Low Gross Club Championship

Pos.	Player	To Par Gross	R1	R2	R3	Total Gross	Purse
1	Patel, Amaan (<i>Club Champion</i>)	-9	67	69	71	207	\$350
T2	Fekin, Eric	1	75	72	70	217	
T2	Fekin, Aaron	1	73	69	75	217	
4	Hallam, Thomas	3	72	70	77	219	
5	Bennett, Colin	6	75	68	79	222	
6	Callahan, Ryan	7	74	72	77	223	
T7	Slingsby, Dave (<i>Senior Club Champion</i>)	9	76	77	72	225	
T7	McCance, Eric	9	77	72	76	225	
9	Iriart, J.P.	11	79	72	76	227	
10	Evans, Cary	17	75	81	77	233	
11	Anderson, Nolan	21	78	80	79	237	
12	Mundy, Robert	24	81	79	80	240	
13	Earhart, Tom	26	82	81	79	242	
T14	Rodriguez, Eduardo	27	83	83	77	243	
T14	Abbott, Gary	27	80	81	82	243	
T14	Masanovich, Mark	27	78	82	83	243	
17	Ford, Lance	33	81	79	89	249	
18	Lizarraga, Richard	34	88	82	80	250	
19	Anthony, Michael	36	83	80	89	252	
20	Bermudez, Rolando	50	94	85	87	266	

Individual Low Net (Flight Champions)

A Flight	Player	To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Iriart, J.P.	E	71	73	144	\$350
2	Fekin, Eric	1	74	71	145	\$300
T3	Habermehl, Eric	2	76	70	146	\$200
T3	Callahan, Ryan	2	71	75	146	\$200
T3	McCance, Eric	2	72	74	146	\$200
6	Freeman, Craig	3	75	72	147	\$120
T7	Trujillo, Kobe	4	73	75	148	\$60
T7	Slingsby, Dave	4	77	71	148	\$60
T7	Hallam, Thomas	4	71	77	148	\$60

B Flight	Player	To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Verne, Eric	-6	71	67	138	\$350
2	Furgeson, Anthony	-3	74	67	141	\$300
3	Verne, Sean	-1	72	71	143	\$250
4	Habermehl, Ethan	E	75	69	144	\$200
5	Abbott, Alex	1	72	73	145	\$150
T6	Rodriguez, Eduardo	2	76	70	146	\$105
T6	Lizarraga, Richard	2	74	72	146	\$105
8	Harlin, Jeff	3	78	69	147	\$60
9	Haagsma, Dylan	6	75	75	150	\$30

C Flight	Player	To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
1	Barcenas, Cristhian	-9	67	68	135	\$350
2	Nichols, Wayne	-6	69	69	138	\$300
3	Ortiz, Danny	-1	66	77	143	\$250
T4	Lohman, Shay	1	74	71	145	\$175
T4	Sanchez, Luis	1	73	72	145	\$175
6	Kim, Jacob	2	69	77	146	\$120
T7	Rivera, Albert	3	77	70	147	\$75
T7	Bermudez, Rolando	3	72	75	147	\$75
9	Prisock, Aaron	4	74	74	148	\$30

D Flight	Player	To Par Net	R1	R2	Total Net	Purse
T1	Agan, John	-3	72	69	141	\$300
T1	Ostergaard, Chris	-3	71	70	141	\$300
T1	Green, Scott	-3	70	71	141	\$300
4	Verne, Bryon	-1	70	73	143	\$200
T5	Alderete, Ralph	E	71	73	144	\$120
T5	Jones, Kim	E	71	73	144	\$120
T5	Sanchez, Nick	E	69	75	144	\$120
T8	Avila, Michael	1	77	68	145	\$45
T8	Pacheco, John	1	71	74	145	\$45

Total Purse Allocated: \$6,200.00

Gross Skins - Saturday

A Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Abbott, Gary	1	\$37	Birdie on 8
Patel, Amaan	1	\$37	Eagle on 9
Fekin, Aaron	1	\$37	Eagle on 12
Hallam, Thomas	1	\$37	Birdie on 4
Bennett, Colin	1	\$37	Birdie on 2
Trujillo, Kobe	1	\$37	Birdie on 17
Callahan, Ryan	1	\$37	Birdie on 5

B Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Habermehl, Ethan	2	\$62	Birdie on 11, Eagle on 16
Abbott, Alex	1	\$31	Birdie on 12
Haagsma, Dylan	1	\$31	Birdie on 1
Furgeson, Anthony	1	\$31	Birdie on 10
Saulet, Darrel	1	\$31	Birdie on 5
Anthony, Michael	1	\$31	Eagle on 9
Ignacz, Ken	1	\$31	Birdie on 7

C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Nichols, Wayne	2	\$70	Birdie on 11, Birdie on 15
Tapia, Mike	1	\$35	Birdie on 14
Barcenas, Cristhian	1	\$35	Birdie on 7
Sterling, Rock	1	\$35	Birdie on 8
Becerra, Ralph	1	\$35	Birdie on 5
Ortiz, Danny	1	\$35	Birdie on 4

D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Ostergaard, Chris	2	\$62	Birdie on 13, Birdie on 15
Verne, Bryon	2	\$62	Birdie on 9, Birdie on 17
Avila, Andrew	1	\$31	Birdie on 14
Green, Scott	1	\$31	Birdie on 11
Baker, Robert	1	\$31	Birdie on 4
Hederman, Joseph	1	\$31	Birdie on 6

Total Purse Allocated: \$1,000.00

Closest to the pin - Saturday

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Slingsby, Dave	\$62	#14 18'6"
	Bennett, Colin	\$62	#17 6'10"
	Fekin, Eric	\$62	#2 6'8"
	Fekin, Aaron	\$62	#7 30'5"
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			

B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Furgeson, Anthony	\$62	#14 6'8"
	Abbott, Alex	\$62	#17 14'5"
	Cerda, Mario	\$62	#2 14'10"
	Poh, Colby	\$62	#7 12'1"
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			

C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Tapia, Mike	\$62	#14 11'4"
	Bermudez, Rolando	\$62	#16 15'6"
	Ortiz, Danny	\$62	#4 10'6"
	Becerra, Rafael	\$62	#7 14'4"
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			

D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Ferguson, Lyle	\$62	#14 7'10"
	Sanchez, Nick	\$62	#16 16'4"
	Baker, Robert	\$62	#4 7'7"
	Verne, Bryon	\$62	#7 16'4"
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			

Gross Skins - Sunday

A Flight	Player	Skins	Purse	Details
	Mouw, Billy	1	\$83	Birdie on 15
	Mundy, Robert	1	\$83	Birdie on 3
	McCance, Eric	1	\$83	Birdie on 12

B Flight	Player	Skins	Purse	Details
	Habermehl, Ethan	2	\$120	Birdie on 9, Birdie on 15
	Gonzalez, Paul	1	\$60	Birdie on 2
	Lizarraga, Richard	1	\$60	Birdie on 16

C Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Harlin, Steve	2	\$83	Birdie on 3, Birdie on 17
Barcenas, Cristhian	2	\$83	Birdie on 5, Birdie on 16
Rivera, Albert	1	\$41	Birdie on 1
Kostyk, David	1	\$41	Birdie on 2

D Flight

Player	Skins	Purse	Details
Agan, John	1	\$62	Birdie on 14
Renteria, Lawrence	1	\$62	Birdie on 6
Verne, Bryon	1	\$62	Birdie on 18
Verne, Troy	1	\$62	Eagle on 9

Total Purse Allocated: \$985.00

Closest to the pin - Sunday

A Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Patel, Amaan	\$62	#14 8'9"
	Singh, Kavi	\$62	#16 5'6"
	Bennett, Colin	\$62	#4 8'3"
	Earhart, Tom	\$62	#7 5'11"
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			

B Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Rincon, Julio	\$60	#14 5'8"
	Furgeson, Anthony	\$60	#16 9'2"
	Gonzalez, Paul	\$60	#4 16'1"
	Lindsay, David	\$60	#7 18'4"
Total Purse Allocated: \$240.00			

C Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Lohman, Shay	\$62	#14 4'1"
	Anderson, David	\$62	#17 7'7"
	Briggle, Thomas	\$62	#2 7'7"
	Ortiz, Danny	\$62	#7 27'0"
Total Purse Allocated: \$248.00			

D Flight	Player	Purse	Details
	Avila, Andrew	\$83	#17 7'4"
	Renteria, Lawrence	\$83	#2 2'1"
	Gatti, Ronald	\$83	#7 20'1"
Total Purse Allocated: \$249.00			