



EL PRADO MEN'S GOLF CLUB

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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 **Nomura** and **DeLay** families. We lost our beloved brother, **Vino Nomura**, on August 1st, 2025. Vino will truly be missed by all of us, and our thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.



This month, four of our nine board positions are up for election. Unfortunately, two of our current board members, **Mark Rief** and **Gil Vicario**, have chosen not to run for re-election. Mark and Gil, your time, effort, and expertise have been invaluable, and you will be greatly missed.

We are grateful to have members stepping up to serve: **J.P. Iriart**, **Albert Rivera**, and **Troy Slavin** have all put their names forward. In addition, **Gary Abbott** and **Doug Benc** will be seeking re-election. Ballots will be handed out at the check in table at the **Club Championship on Saturday, September 6th, 2025**. Please take part—your vote matters, so vote wisely.

The club championship this month is two days for net flights, and three days if you want to compete for low gross club champion or senior club champion. Following the final round of golf on **Sunday, September 7th, 2025**, we will host our **annual meeting, raffle, and lunch**. At that time, we will announce our new board members and give general reports on the club. Even if you don't play in the tournament, you are welcome to attend the annual meeting.

Thank you once again for your support and commitment to our club. I look forward to seeing you all on the course.

Sincerely,
 Danny Ortiz, President

UPCOMING DATES

Sep 2
 Online Tournament
 Signups Close

Sep 5-7
 Club Championship
 Gross, Senior Gross

Sep 6-7
 Club Championship
 Net Flights

Sep 9
 Derby

October 14
 Online Tournament
 Signups Close

October 18
 2 Man Better Ball

October 21
 Derby

SIGNUPS

Saturday Skins
 (772) 408-2421
dbenc@ap.org

[Tuesday Skins](#)

Tournament News

The August 2025 4 Man Scramble ABCD Blind Draw tournament had 19 teams that competed on both Chino Creek and Butterfield courses in what turned out to be a fun event from the positive feedback we received. Our total purse was \$3468, which paid out to 49 players (13 teams). There were complications in pairings and payouts because of some withdrawals, so thanks for your patience while we sorted everything out.



Our 50/50 drawing winners were: Al Marquez, Wayne Nichols, and Ron Gatti - each receiving \$105 in pot money. Our free round of golf winner was Albert Armijo. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all who played in making another memorable EPMC event.

Next month is the Club Championship! Please read carefully:

September 5th through the 7th is for those members wishing to compete in the Low Gross and Senior Low Gross, and September 6th and 7th will be our Net Flights competition. In addition to our tournament, 2-4 players may be eligible to represent our club in some of the SCGA Tournaments of Club Champions (TOCC) this fall.

Net Flights – 4 flights playing Saturday and Sunday only. The flight winner with the lowest net score may play in the Net SCGA TOCC.

Club Champion – Low gross score playing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; blue tees only. May play in the Championship TOCC if index is 2.4 or less, otherwise may play in the Net TOCC.

Senior Club Champion – Low gross score playing Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; blue tees only; age 55 & above. May play in the Senior TOCC if index is 5.4 or less.

To be eligible for our Club Championship, you must be an active member as of June 30th, played in 3 tournaments and/or 9 skins games, or be a former club champion from the last 5 years.

Entry fee of \$170 includes Saturday and Sunday golf, lunch on Sunday, skins and closest to pins. Those playing Friday in the gross divisions will pay for that round of golf separately.

After golf on Sunday, we will have our annual meeting, including a raffle with thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise. Don't forget, all the 50/50 tickets for the year that were sold before tournaments will be in the barrel, so you still have a chance to win! We will also sell extra raffle tickets that day to increase your chances of winning. Even if you don't play in the tournament, please come out for the meeting and raffle!

Club Championship signups will be opening soon so look for the usual Golf Genius tournament signup email and signup early to guarantee a spot. We will confirm the roster of players in email on Wednesday before the tournament, and release tee times and pairings Thursday September 4th for those playing Friday September 5th (Low Gross competitors), and release pairings and tee times Friday September 5th for all Net Flight competitors playing September 6th and 7th. After 1st rounds are completed, pairings and tee times will be adjusted for final round of play.

When signups open, please follow these steps to register:

Step 1. You will need to navigate through the signup confirmation buttons by checking Playing or Not Playing.

Step 2. If you choose - you can also SEND message to the manager with any special request. Please note that pairings for final round of play will be determined by the tournament committee.

Step 3. Hit the SEND button.

The tee sheet link in Golf Genius will populate names for the confirmed list of players. As always, be assured we will monitor signups closely and communicate with you if there are any issues. Registered players should get a Golf Genius automated signup confirmation email.

Good luck to all in our final event of the year!
Gary Abbott, Golf Competitions

Tournaments and Skins

El Prado Men's Club runs one of the most active schedules in Southern California clubs, if not the most active.

I was talking to a non-member in the bar after a round recently and he mentioned how amazed he was on our participation numbers.



If you look at our weekend skin games and tournaments, we are regularly averaging 80+ and 110+ respectively. As a tournament coordinator and skins game coordinator, I am proud of the effort that Gary Abbott, Mark Rief and others make to be sure our games run about as seamless as can be on a weekly and monthly basis.

We want everyone to know that we are always looking to improve our competitions. But all of you who participate are the reason we do what we do. We appreciate all of you that regularly show up whether it's hot, cold, windy or with the threat of rain.

There are some members that have played in the club regularly for over 40 years and some members that have been in here for just a couple of years.

All of you help make our competitions better. But our club is not only about the competitions, but the social aspect of our members as well. We have all made some good friends and some truly lifelong friends. That has meant more to me than the golf we play!

To help make all our experiences better moving forward, keep in mind the following.

Tournaments:

- Sign up online as early as it opens
- Pay up front via Zelle for easier check-in
- Be very specific and brief in your request
- Be early at the check-in table. Those that work the table would like to spend some time warming up as well

Skin Games:

- For Tuesday, sign up online and be brief and concise on your requests
- For Saturday email/text Doug as early in the week as possible and ID yourself. (dbenc@ap.org or 772-408-2421)

All members benefit from other members, so please be sure and fill sand divots, fix pitch marks and keep a good pace in all rounds.

Thank you all and keep up the good work!

Doug Benc, Golf Competitions

TOP 25 - 2024-2025

Rank	Name	Scrip
1	Patel, Amaan	903
2	Montelongo, Cruz	842
3	Barcenas, Cristhian	809
4	Ortiz, Danny	805
5	Collins, Nick	760
6	Deshay, Stan	734
7	Kramer, John	728
8	Verne, Troy	669
9	Albany, Ramy	662
10	Earhart, Tom	639
11	Law, Brian	631
12	Dufour, Jerry	631
13	Lopez, Justin	564
14	Lorenz, Dave	556
15	Alderete, Ralph	554
16	Bruder, Thomas	552
17	Verne, Sean	535
18	Anderson, David	535
19	Dancses, Brian	533
20	Poh, Colby	530
21	Rief, Mark	525
22	Baker, Robert	512
23	Moir, Justin	512
24	Lovell, Ron	510
25	Bates, Patrick	506

Who's the Movie Star?

At the August tournament, one of you paid your tournament fee with a counterfeit \$10 bill.



Hopefully this was not intentional. Please try to use real money next time – or better yet - Zelle!

Let's try Zelle Again!

We had a few players pay for the August tournament with Zelle, and it worked well, so we'll try it again for the Club Championship.

For those who prefer the convenience of digital payments, please review the guidelines below carefully to ensure smooth processing.



1. Tournament Fee Only

- Zelle payments may only be used for the tournament entry fee of \$170.00
- **Do not include:**
 - Friday gross extra round
 - 50/50 raffle tickets
 - Multiple tournament entries
 - Membership dues

2. Payment Timing

- 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.

4. Payment Notes

- 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"



To keep everything organized, we kindly ask that you follow the above policies.

We appreciate your cooperation as we explore new ways to improve the tournament experience. Let's make this trial a success! As always, your suggestions and feedback are welcome.

See you on the green,

Wayne Nichols, Bookkeeper/Treasurer

This is Not the Cart Return



Once again, some bad habits have returned to some of our members. For those of you that return your cart to the cart barn – THANK YOU! For those of you who have grown lazy, please return your carts to the **cart return area by the cart barn** when completing your round. If you are unaware, it looks like this:



We know it's an uphill walk back to the bar, but you can do it!

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 in the process of negotiating details and prices now, and will have more information at the annual meeting in September. Signups will start after the first of the year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Vegas!

Scott Harlin, Treasurer
Gary Abbott, Golf Competitions



Derby News

Eight teams teed off on Tuesday afternoon, vying for the \$180 pot in this month's derby.



The team of Eric Habermehl and Mark Comparone were the first team ousted after taking a double bogey on hole #2 of Butterfield. Hole #3 had 4 teams post bogey, leading to a chip off with only 1 team being eliminated. Jp Iriart chipped last and rolled it just off the back of the green to take himself and his partner Ralph Alderete out of the competition. Tom Clark and Matt Hoch were next to go, with a triple bogey on hole 4. Pat (derby king) Bates and Andrew Ferrer made it to the money hole by besting Tim Sleeger and Tom Clancy in a chip off. The team of Rich Lizarraga & John Agan were eliminated from the money after a double bogey on the final hole, while the other 3 teams ended up with par and headed to a chip off to decide the outcome.

Amaan Patel, Lance Ford and Pat Bates headed to the sand trap. Amaan hit a great chip to about 3 feet to secure 1st place with his teammate, Dillon Haagsma. Lance Ford and Danny Ortiz took 2nd as Pat finally did something wrong in a derby and sent his ball flying over the green to settle for 3rd with his partner Andrew.



The next Derby is September 9 – the Tuesday after the club championship and annual

meeting. 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.

Lance Ford, Social/Golf Competitions

Pro's Corner

Hello Members, please be on the lookout for some new golf carts that we just acquired. We are proud to inform our memberships that we just purchased ten new carts that will be used exclusively for our members. The new carts have built in GPS and GEO fencing that makes sure the carts remain 30 feet from all the greens. We are constantly having to police non-members and some members to please keep the carts the correct distance from the greens. I would like to take this opportunity to ask our membership to help us get the sensitive areas clear of cart traffic. A handicap flag allows a player to get to at least 20 ft from the greens but not any closer. I hope we can count on our memberships to adhere to this long-standing policy.



The golf shop has a lot of new items for sale to our members, we just received a shipment of golf shoes and golf shirts. We would like to make sure you ask for your 10% discount on all merchandise when shopping in the pro shop. For the next month we are offering all our golf shoes and apparel at a 20% discount. This will be good for the month of September.

We continue to offer a short game school for our members only, if we can get 6 or more members to sign up for these classes, we will conduct them every Saturday for five weeks in a row starting on September 13, 2025. The cost will be \$150 per person and that covers the series, the times for the classes will be at 1:00 pm. Please sign up through our website starting on Monday (September 1 or call me in the golf shop).

Lastly, our rules segments in our monthly newsletter has received a great response from our members. Thank you for your support, the rules question this month has to do with playing hole #7 on chino creek. Please explain what the correct procedure will be when your tee shot goes right and you can't find your ball. You and your group did not see the tee shot land but only saw the ball flight of the golf ball going over the trees on the right of the lake on #7 Chino. I look forward to your responses, the winner chosen will receive a free round of golf on their next member outing. If there is a penalty, I need to know the exact rule number and the correct penalty that needs to be taken by the golfer in question

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



Tournament Results – ABCD Scramble – August 16, 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>

Scramble

	To Par	Total	Purse
Butterfield Stage	Net	Net	
1 Deshay, Stan + Verne, Sean + Green, Scott + Skoglund, Bradley	-16	56	\$440
T2 Montelongo, Cruz + Baker, Robert + Rodriguez, David A	-15.5	56.5	\$290
T2 Abbott, Gary + Kim, Jacob + Avila, Andrew	-15.5	56.5	\$290
Total Purse Allocated: \$1,020.00			

	To Par	Total	Purse
Chino Creek	Net	Net	
1 Anthony, Michael + Kostyk, David + Travis, Brian + Alderete, Ralph	-17.5	54.5	\$440
2 Patel, Amaan + Bretado, Henry + Ortiz, Danny + Avila, Michael	-17	55	\$340
T3 Mundy, Robert + Harlin, Steve + Verne, Troy + Pacheco, John	-16.5	55.5	\$120
T3 Ford, Lance + Barcenas, Cristhian + Albany, Ramy + Armijo, Albert J	-16.5	55.5	\$120
Total Purse Allocated: \$1,020.00			

Gross Skins

Butterfield Stage	Skins	Purse	Details
Gonzalez, Paul + Furgeson, Anthony + Potts, Dean	1	\$104	Birdie on 14
Montelongo, Cruz + Baker, Robert + Rodriguez, David A	1	\$104	Birdie on 7
Lindsay, David + Rincon, Julio + Turpin, Jeffrey + Bruder, Thomas	1	\$104	Birdie on 17
Total Purse Allocated: \$312.00			

Chino Creek	Skins	Purse	Details
Anderson, Nolan + Prisock, Aaron + Anderson, David + Agan, John	1	\$132	Birdie on 8
Ford, Lance + Barcenas, Cristhian + Albany, Ramy + Armijo, Albert J	1	\$132	Birdie on 7
Patel, Amaan + Bretado, Henry + Ortiz, Danny + Avila, Michael	1	\$132	Eagle on 9
Total Purse Allocated: \$396.00			

Closest to the pin

Butterfield Stage	Purse	Details
Montelongo, Cruz + Baker, Robert + Rodriguez, David A	\$160	#2 3'4" #7 7'1"
Gonzalez, Paul + Furgeson, Anthony + Potts, Dean	\$80	#14 10'9"
Sleeger, Tim + Lovell, Ron + Sterling, Rock + Jensen, Paul	\$80	#17 10'8"
Total Purse Allocated: \$320.00		

Chino Creek	Purse	Details
Harlin, Troy + Lohman, Shay + Barrow, Boone + Ferguson, Lyle	\$200	#7 28'5" #4 5'8"
Anderson, Nolan + Prisock, Aaron + Anderson, David + Agan, John	\$100	#14 9'3"
Earhart, Tom + Nichols, Wayne + Briggie, Thomas + Cabezas, Alberto	\$100	#16 4'2"
Total Purse Allocated: \$400.00		