



## Presidents Message

By Alan de la Sierra



Is it already March, 2025. As in a previous newsletter, how times flies. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter has been a busy with my taking the President responsibilities while transferring my previous treasurer and handicap responsibilities to our two newest board members, Vince McLoughlin, Treasurer and Alan Paynter, Handicaps. We are thankful they stepped up and joined the board. Roger Morey, Mike Re and Ken Phipps continue their current roles and Jim Schoonmaker will add Rules Director to his current role as Vice President. See our [Board Members](#).

We have invited players to join our monthly Board Meetings to let them understand how our club operates. If you have an interest in attending a board meeting, let me or another board member know.

We continue to solicit and search for additional volunteers. We need help with scoring duties especially those members that have computer skills (e.g. excel). We are asking for your help only 4-6 times per year. Thanks to those currently assisting and hope to see some additional members helping out in the future.

Looking forward into spring, March will start with our annual Match Play tournament. April brings the 2-Man Best Ball as well as our first BBQ/Lunch for the year. May is the 2-man Pinehurst competition. Our winter weather was mild and hopefully spring will bring continued good conditions both on the course and from the skies above.

## Tournament Message

By Roger Morey



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## Membership Message

By Mike Re



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[See our new members here:](#)



### Rules Message

By Jim Schoonmaker



#### Correct Way to Move Your Marked Ball

Yes, golfers there **IS** a correct way to move your ball when requested by a fellow golfer. So here it is:

First, mark your ball. DO NOT measure from the ball. Place the marker in the proper spot behind the ball. Measure from the marker, moving 1 or more putter widths as requested. Note the direction that the marker is being moved, either in relation to another object or simply right angles to a line towards the hole. Place the marker at that new spot. When appropriate but before you putt move your marker back to the original spot then place the ball using the marker which should be back in its original location.

I hope to add something to each issue of the Newsletter regarding Rules. If you have a Rule you would like addressed please advise any club officer.

### Finance Message

By Vince McLoughlin



The club is in good financial position. As we will be hosting post round lunches and beer. Our first event will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Watch for Roger's weekly tournament mailings for details soon.

### Handicap Message

By Alan Paynter



So you want to be successful at golf? Check out what NOT to do here

[7-ways-to-be-wildly-unsuccessful-at-golf](#)

### Monthly Tournament Results

**January 2-man Team 6-6-6**

Jim Hammond & Earl Oakes – Net 60

**February 2-man 3-club (+ putter) Scramble**

Steve McIver & Howard Dreyfus – Net 66

### Upcoming Monthly Tournaments

**March: Match Play**

**April: 2-man Best Ball**

**May: 2-man Pinehurst**



## The Hawk's Eye, March 2025

### Short Putts

#### **Eliminate Slow Play, help do your part.**

##### **Not being ready to hit:**

Failing to have the club selected and being positioned to hit when it's your turn to play.

##### **Excessive practice swings:**

Taking multiple practice swings before each shot, wasting time and slowing down the pace of play.

##### **Taking too long to putt:**

Spending excessive time lining up putts, especially on shorter putts.

##### **Not playing "ready golf":**

Waiting for others in the group to finish before taking your own shot, even when they are not ready.

##### **Not being aware of the group ahead and/or behind:**

Failing to acknowledge the pace of the group ahead or behind and adjust your play accordingly.

### Interesting Golf Fact

#### **68.01 - Scottie Scheffler's**

**"Non-adjusted PGA Tour scoring average in 2024, the lowest of all time and better than Tiger Woods' 2000 scoring average by 0.16 strokes"**

**"\$64,228,357 – Official and unofficial worldwide winnings for Schelffler in 2024..."**

**Courtesy of GOLF.COM**

**See you on the course or at Hawks Landing relaxing with a beer with other Redhawk Members.**



**"Th-Th... That's all folks !!"**

**Alan de la Sierra, President**

# The Hawk's Eye, March 2025

## Pairings Process at Redhawk

"Hi, I would like to book my usual tee time for myself and 51 friends."

That's about it at Redhawk, every Tuesday. This article will help you understand the process of making the pairings each week. I am not sure how it compares to what other clubs do. We have been doing it this way since I joined, and it seems to be fair and work well. I don't get many complaints except about slow play.

I try to play with every member to get to know you, how fast you play, and your game. I ask and make notes about your playing preferences, who you do or do not want to play with, and your preferred pace of play. I try to make the groups so that the pace of play is consistent with no bottlenecks. However, we also have a penalty for slow play in the event that it takes over 4 hours 45 minutes, so there is that.

Some members want to always be in the same group or to play with the same person. Maintaining a friendship and making new ones is a big advantage of golf and being in a club. Having a consistent playing partner is good, and it helps with the pairings. However, I do believe that we are a stronger club when we occasionally mix up the groups. We simply have a great group of guys that you should have the opportunity to play with. I have some blind draw tournaments on the schedule to help this along.

Who goes first?

Ah, it feels so good to be first. Well, not necessarily, there is some pressure that goes with it, like when the group behind is waiting impatiently every hole. We have members that can routinely finish in close to four hours given an open field. I give early pairing priority to the members that have agreed to complete their round in 4.5 hours, or I know are capable of doing so. Members that have to finish earlier, e.g. doctor appointment, and the scoring volunteers for the day also get priority. Otherwise, I try to give every member a mix of starting hole positions so you're not always on the same hole.

I think that being in the last two groups is also desirable. While you can get stuck if there is a slow group ahead, you also get some running room because I only put single groups on the last few holes. Take it easy, enjoy the day, and know that you are closer to the clubhouse on your last hole, helping you finish earlier.

Who am I paired with?

The majority of members want to play with someone that is equal or better than they are. For some, it helps with their rhythm and mental focus. Golfers can be finicky when trying to play to their expectations. Other members are more concerned with the pace of play. If you play fast and have good golf etiquette, such as looking for lost balls, that means a lot.

So, who do I get paired with?

1) your stated preferences, who you want to regularly play with or not; 2) your handicap: not always, but I usually try to pair comparable handicap players together; 3) your pace of play: fast or slow, I can't place a lot of slower players in the same group. It works best when we have some faster players that are paying attention that the group is falling behind and needs to catch up; 4) mixing it up: who haven't you met in the club that I think would be a good fit, playing with board members, or playing with someone that asked to play with you.

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All of this makes a sort of mental matrix that goes into the making of the pairings each week. I do value your feedback and what you tell me will stay confidential. This is your club. Trying to please everyone is impossible, but trying to be fair to everyone is the goal.



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## Membership Message:

As of March 22nd, Redhawk Golfers Club has 241 members. We have 54 new members since the last Newsletter.

Please welcome:

Julianna Rodriguez  
William Harden  
Kerstin VanZanten  
Eric Walker  
Peter Torres  
Luis Suarez  
Aaron Doyle  
Edward Ramirez  
Scott Donth  
Tim Jakell  
Steven Grant  
Kaila Higgins  
Tami Krempec  
Jeremy Hanson  
Alex Preciado  
Mau Nguyen  
Trenton Matthews  
Matt Stepnes  
Ken Huffman  
Zachary Nowak  
James Boese  
Michael Osorio  
Jeff Lawrence  
Arnold Berger  
David Wedding  
Tommy Flores  
Matthew F Garcia

Javier Acosta  
Roy Perez  
Russ Wood  
Samuel Sim  
Gregory Mann  
Scott Mayfield  
Gabriel Zumberge  
Mark Ziobro  
Steve McIver  
Knut Jackson  
John Hannaman  
John Romero  
Sean Dillon  
Santiago Francisco  
Alexander Affolter  
Omar Mendez  
Murray Dolhaniuk  
Steve Wilcox  
James Wright  
Billy Monahan  
Wayne Speckmann  
Victor Tolentino  
James Justice  
Arlen Nercessian  
Pete Johnson  
Shane Ryan  
Bryan Dirkes

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