



The Hawk's Eye, August 2021 Newsletter

**President's
Message,
by Doug Korb**



Well, it's hard to believe but this month marks the beginning of the second year of our newsletter. I hope you get something out of it, if not monthly, then occasionally. Some read it and speak to me about a topic. Others ask me questions that are often already answered here (hmm, do they read it?). In either case the Board tries to incorporate information and topics that we think you'll find useful regarding our Club and our Golf Course. As always, let me know if there's something you think should be addressed in this forum.

Board Update By Doug Korb

If you're not aware, our Board meets at the golf course on the second Tuesday of the month, one week prior to our monthly tournament. An agenda is set prior to our meeting with topics and items that include our upcoming tournament (the following week), a membership update, a financial update, and items that are pertinent at the time of our meeting. By the way, members are always welcome to join. If there's a topic you'd like us to discuss just give one of us a heads up and we'll allot some time for you.

We remain in search of a new Board member. Our Board is a team, and any new member will be brought up to speed over time. There are no

expectations of instant understanding. The current members are more than willing to acquaint you with the proceedings. All we ask is a few hours a week to make our Men's Club more interesting and successful. Please join us in this mission.

**Membership
Update, by Mike Re**



As of August 14th, Redhawk Golfers Club has 123 members. We have 4 new members since last month.

Mas Yokota / Logan Crow / Jacob Fabozzi / Jim Ford

All four new members reside in Temecula. Please extend a warm welcome to our new members at our next Tournament.

**Handicap Update,
by Alan de la Sierra**



How are handicap allowances applied by the USGA? This was a common question during our recent 2 Man Scramble. For a better understanding of the USGA's formulas please see Alan's article in the attached file. Alan's article should help you understand how the handicaps were calculated for the 2 Man Scramble, as well as other tournaments that we play. [Check it out.](#)

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Rules Update,
by Greg Stoffel



During the course of our games, Tuesday, or others, there are some common rules questions that come up. In the attached file Greg has provided us clarification on some basic rules that we should all know. [Review the rules!](#)

August Tournament Winners

Congratulations to **Randy Wood & Roger Morey**, who won our August tournament, "Team Scramble", with a net 63. Well played guys.

Temecula Valley Golf League

Last week our team beat Soboba, on their home course, to improve our record to 3-2-1, and going over the .500 mark for the first time this year. 1 match remains before the playoffs begin. Good luck to **Captain Randy Wood** and his team.

Short Putts

No Free Lunch? Wrong, just ask **Ron Valerio** who won the free lunch contest for our website search that was announced in last month's newsletter. There were 19 entries from members that searched through our new website to find the contest details. Congratulations Ron, enjoy.

September Tournament. Our next monthly tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 21st. It will be a "Twisted Best Ball", with the players picking their own team.

Tuesday Tee Times. For the last 4 weeks **Alan de la Sierra** has been scheduling our Tuesday groups. Thank you, Alan we all appreciate your efforts. That responsibility has now moved on to another Board member for the upcoming four weeks. Since no one

has volunteered to join our Board, or volunteered to accept the task of setting our Tuesday groups, **the Board has begun conversations with the Pro Shop about having them set our Tuesday groups.** If we go this route, it will be a significant change to how groups have been created in the past.

Upcoming Major Tournaments. Our Club Championship (October) has qualifications for entry. If you're planning to play in the Championship, be sure to check out the Standing Rules (#4) on our website.

Redhawk Golf Course. As many of you are aware our 10th green has been removed and is being renovated with new soil and new sod (last week of August). Once the sod is in place it will require a few weeks to root properly. In the meantime a temporary green is currently in play. Look for the new green to be ready in late September or early October.

Course Closure. Redhawk golf course will be closed on **October 5th** while the maintenance staff punches the greens. While this process is a temporary inconvenience it is vital to strong and healthy greens.

Away Game, October 5th. The Board has made arrangements for our Tuesday game to be played at **Twin Oaks Golf Course**, in San Marcos. Green fees will be \$55, plus a \$10 game and \$5 optional skins. It will be sequential tee times starting at 8:00. We have 8 tee times so there should be enough room most of our regular group. We will fill all available slots on a first come, first serve basis. We will follow our regular process asking who is in the week before so plan ahead! We will need your response sent to redhawkscoring@yahoo.com no later than 12PM, Friday, October 1st if you're interested.

Your Master's Opportunity Awaits

Have you ever wanted to attend the Master's in Augusta? Is it on your bucket list? Well, now you can. **Josh Marris**, one of our members, has a variety of packages available for sale. If you're

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interested in more details, you can email Josh at joshmarris@me.com. A flyer with details will also be posted on our bulletin board soon.

Player Profile

This month **Don McAuliffe** sat down with **Bob Durham** to talk about Bob's path that led him to Redhawk. You can find Bob's Player Profile here. <https://redhawkgolfers.org/member-profile>

Sneak Peek Into Next Month's Profile

Don is also adding a new feature, giving us a sneak peek into next month's Player Profile. Here's a snapshot of who will be featured in September.....

To say that I am a sports fan is the biggest understatement of all time. Not only did I caddy in the same foursome with Billy Casper and Hubie Green, but I've attended four US Opens, three Master's, three PGAs, and one Ryder Cup event. I attended two National Championship college football games, one Super Bowl, the Olympics, and I have a signed ticket from Kobe Bryant's 81-point game. I have yet to get a hole in one and would like to spend quality time in Kentucky, attending the Derby and getting lost on the Bourbon Trail. Who am I?

Monthly Video

Although **John Lopez** has a 70° wedge for playing from the bunker, I like this guy's approach better.

Copy and paste the following link to your browser:

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See you in the short grass,
Doug Korb, President

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Two Man Scramble - Handicap Allowances

Recently, we had a two-man scramble. I heard quite a bit of comments about the handicaps established for each team along with some wondering about the application of the 35%/15% course handicap for the tournament.

Handicap allowances are designed to provide equity for players of all levels of ability in each format of play over 18 holes. When playing in a scramble, it can be difficult to properly handicap the field. Not all teams are created equal, and every team is different.

However, the USGA offers a table (Appendix C) to help determine the proper scramble team handicap ratios. This table includes multiple formats and number of players. These allowances may be adjusted based on field size and the board does discuss this prior to most team tournaments.

Here is a copy of the Appendix C table from the Rules of Handicapping.

Format of Play	Type of Round	Recommended Handicap Allowance
Stroke play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
	Match Play	Individual
	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Pinehurst/Chapman	60% low handicap + 40% high handicap
	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% - from lowest to highest handicap
	Scramble (2 players)	35% low/15% high
		Total score of 2 match play
	Best 1 of 4 Par/Bogey	75%
	Best 2 of 4 Par/Bogey	80%
	Best 3 of 4 Par/Bogey	90%
	4 of 4 Par/Bogey	100%

As shown in the highlighted text, the recommended allowance for a two-player scramble is to use 35% of the low handicap player and 15% of the high handicap player.

As the Handicap Chair, I do not know the rationale leads them to recommend certain ratios, but the USGA has much more data, experience and history in managing USGA tournaments therefore, we normally default to their

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recommendation. When you participate in Four-Ball Net Championship (e.g. President's Cup) the handicaps in 2021 are reduced to 85% of the players "course handicap". For the Tournament of Club Champions, the handicap is reduced to 95% of players course handicap.

There can be and are exceptions... As you know, for our regular Tuesday tournaments we play at 100% handicaps which keeps it easy for all of us. Hopefully, this sheds some light on why not all tournaments are played at your full course handicap, specifically some of our monthly two-man type events.

Alan de la Sierra
Handicap Chair

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General Rules Questions

Based upon questions I am asked from time to time, I pulled the following from the USGA website:

- **Fairways and Rough (General Area)**
 - If you hit your ball out of bounds or lose it (you have three minutes to search for your ball before it becomes lost), your only option is to go back to the spot of your previous stroke to play under stroke and distance. The only exceptions to this are if your ball is lost in a penalty area (when you can use any of the penalty area relief options) or lost in an abnormal ground condition or in an obstruction.
 - If you think that your ball might be out bounds or that you might not find it, you can play a provisional ball to save time. You must announce that you are playing a provisional ball before doing so. If you are then unable to find your original ball, or you find it out of bounds, your provisional ball is your ball in play under stroke and distance, and you don't have to take the time to walk all the way back to the spot of your previous stroke.
- **Lost Ball**
 - Q. I can't find my ball after searching for three minutes – what are my options?
 - If you can't find your ball within three minutes, it is lost. Because it is lost, you must return to the spot of your previous stroke and play another ball from there for one penalty stroke (see Rule 18.2b).
- **Interference from Boundary Objects**
 - Q. I have interference from an out of bounds fence, stake or wall – what are my options?
 - You do not get free relief from objects that define or mark the course boundary. You may not move objects marking course boundaries or take free relief from them like you would from other artificial objects, like a cart path, a building, or a stake marking a penalty area. Your options are to play your ball as it lies, proceed under penalty of stroke and distance by playing again from the spot of your last stroke (see Rule 18.1), or decide your ball is unplayable (see Rule 19.1).

Greg Stoffel
Rules Chairman