



## The Hawk's Eye January 2022 Newsletter

### President's Message, By Doug Korb



This past Thursday my wife and I headed to La Quinta to attend the American Express tournament. If you've never been to a golf tournament it can be quite humbling watching professional golfers hit a ball. It's a game I'm unfamiliar with.

While in the desert I was reminded of how much I love to play out there. I've been going with 3 other guys for a 4-game trip each of the last 10-12 years. The golf, the weather, the food, and the fellowship are awesome.

If you've never played in the Coachella Valley, I would suggest you do so. Grab some buddies, your family, or your spouse and head there, you won't regret it.

### Board Update

It's somewhat of a quiet time for the Board. Our 2022 schedule is complete, the updated By-Laws are finalized, our new Board members are engaged and taking on their roles, and for now all seems calm. All of these updates can be found on our website.

No doubt that as we progress through the year, and approach our summer golf and big championships, our activity will pick up.

In the meantime, please feel free to call on us if there's something you feel we should address.

### Membership Update, By Mike Re



As of January 13<sup>th</sup>, Redhawk Golfers Club has 109 members. We have 2 new members since last month. Please welcome:

**Joe Hunt**  
**Carmen Magazino**

Joe resides in Murrieta and Carmen resides in Temecula. Please extend a warm welcome to our new members at our next Tournament.

### Multi-Member Rebate Program.

Did you know that the SCGA offers a rebate program for golfers who are members of more than one SCGA club? Please see the Membership page of our club website for more information and the link to the rebate form. [Rebate Program](#)

### Handicap Update, By Alan de la Sierra



As we start 2022 year, I thought I would share some scoring data from 2020 & 2021. With the implementation of the new handicap system and some course changes by the management at Redhawk, do you know which hole has been the most difficult for the Redhawk Golfer's Club?

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With 1,993 rounds over the 2-year period, Hole #3 had the highest differential of all the recorded scores versus par, followed by Hole # 10, Hole #13 and Hole #2. For 2016-2019, Holes #2 and #18 were the most difficult, followed by Hole #13 then #3. I understand why #3 would be hard given the lake fronting the green. Hole #10 is somewhat a surprise but it does have that very narrow opening in the front and many of us are hitting a hybrid or more into that green.

Normally, Hole #18 has been one of the harder holes but it came in only the 7<sup>th</sup> most difficult. Probably due to the redesign of the creek area on the right side of the fairway along with more rounds being played from the white tees.

As I continue to tell myself, Holes 1-5 are key to my having a chance at a good scoring day, or they can ruin your round in a hurry. Take a look at the figures below and decide for yourself.

[Difficulty](#)

## Rules Update, By Greg Stoffel



### Local Rule, Coot Fence

If present, coot fences are an “abnormal course condition” and are played as “temporary immovable obstructions (TIO)”. A player may without penalty take one club length relief for stance and swing ONLY if the ball is outside the penalty area (either red or yellow).

If the ball is located in the penalty area, there is no relief from the coot fence. If the ball is inside the penalty area, the player may play the ball as it lies or take relief outside the penalty area under penalty of one stroke. If the ball hits the fence and goes in the water the ball must be played on the far side of the hazard under penalty of one stroke.

## Tournament Update, By Roger Morey



Be sure to check out the year's tournaments on the website. There are some new formats and dates that you should be aware of and can plan ahead to be available for. The club championship is in September on a same week format, Tuesday/Thursday, September 20 and 22, and the President's Cup best ball club championship is in June. [2022 Tournament Schedule](#)

Also, the last week of each month, we will be playing a game of the day instead of low net to change it up a little. For example, next week we are playing low front and back nine. In this game, you have two chances to win as the top three net scores on each side will be paid out. If you have any game suggestions for the game for last week of the month that you would like to play, let me know.

## January Tournament

Congratulations to the team of **Jady Choi** and **Tom Sulzmann** for winning our January tournament, 6-6. Their net 90 bested 2<sup>nd</sup> place by 2 shots. Well played guys.

Our February tournament will be played on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be an individual Stableford event.

## Short Putts

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## Thursday Game

Today there are 8-10 guys playing most Thursdays. I've spoken to **Jeff Sampson** (Pro) and **Geno Ketelsleger**, who organizes the Thursday game, about expanding their game. Both have agreed that if we had enough interest, we could block 4-5 tee times and play a more regular game on Thursdays. If this is something you would be interested in, please let myself or Geno know. If we can get some momentum, we'll shoot to do something in February.

## Slow Play!

Slow play on Tuesdays continues to be an issue. The Board, along with the course management team, will be addressing this again. Look for more to come on Tuesday mornings.

## Choice of Tees

As agreed during our Membership Meeting in December the players we allowed to pick their tee of choice during our game on January 11<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month). We had 40 players, with 28 playing the combo tees, 11 playing white, and 1 played the blue tees.

16 players won money that day. 2 of them played the white tees, 1 the blue tees, and the remaining 13 winners were on the combo tees.

As agreed, we will track this for 3 months and determine a go forward plan in April.

## 2021 Winners

Last year we had 60 Tuesday players share in the winnings of \$24,000+. All of our 'regular' players shared in some winnings along the way.

## Player Profile

This month's Player Profile highlights our Technology Director, **Ken Phipps**. Many thanks to **Don McAuliffe** and Ken for working together on this. You can learn more about Ken by visiting his profile.

### [Ken Phipps Profile](#)

## Sneak Peek Into Next Month's Profile

Most people count sheep to fall asleep but this guy counts golf holes. This San Gabriel Valley transplant only started playing the game in earnest 4 years ago but now it's part of his regular weekly schedule. "I kinda golfed during the years but never seriously," he recalls. His even keel on the links serves him well. "I don't get mad," he said. "I'm not a pro." Coolness helped him when he was in high stress situations as a firefighter and later as a paramedic. And his demeanor didn't hurt in the high stakes Texas Hold'em games he likes to play as well.

Who am I?

## Monthly Video

I know that many of you couldn't open last month's video, so I'll send it again....

In last month's newsletter I mentioned working on your game over the next few months. Keeping that in mind Alan was kind enough to send me a video that he thought might help my wedge game. I'm not sure it will help me, but maybe it will help you. Good luck.

### [Wedge Shots](#)

**Remember, the most important shot in golf is your next shot.**

See you in the short grass,  
**Doug Korb**, President

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Redhawk Golfers Club 2021-2021					
Hole	Par	Average Score	Difference to Par	Rank	Hole Handicap
1	5	6.40	1.40	5	5
2	4	5.43	1.43	4	3
3	4	5.51	1.51	1	7
4	3	3.81	0.81	17	15
5	4	5.35	1.35	6	1
6	4	5.25	1.25	9	9
7	5	6.17	1.17	11	11
8	3	4.11	1.11	13	13
9	4	5.13	1.13	12	17
10	4	5.43	1.43	2	6
11	5	6.31	1.31	8	10
12	3	4.05	1.05	15	14
13	4	5.43	1.43	3	2
14	4	5.02	1.02	16	18
15	4	5.09	1.09	14	16
16	4	5.23	1.23	10	8
17	3	3.77	0.77	18	12
18	5	6.32	1.32	7	4

Average Handicap = 15.4

2020-21 Number of Rounds by Tee	
Blue	502
Combo	1365
White	126
Total	1993