



## *The Hawk's Eye March 2022 Newsletter*

### President's Message, By Doug Korb



In January I mentioned that I had attended the PGA event in La Quinta. Let me go a step further in this newsletter. **Bob Durham** and I will be working as volunteers this week at the LPGA event at Aviara in Carlsbad. There's so much to learn by watching the LPGA. The power game of Koepka and DeChambeau isn't there. What you will experience is watching perfect timing and precision unlike anything we can produce. The ladies are just as magical as the men, but in a different way. If you've never attended an LPGA event I encourage to head to Carlsbad over the weekend. Tickets are less expensive, the crowd is smaller, but the golf is just as great and much more relatable. If you do show up, I'll be on hole #10, stop by.

### Membership Update, By Mike Re



As of March 18<sup>th</sup>, Redhawk Golfers Club has 104 members. We have one new member since last month.

Please welcome: **Michael Mora**

Michael resides in Temecula.

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

### Handicap Update, By Alan de la Sierra



How many rounds did you play/post in 2021? You can find out by opening your GHIN app, clicking on 'Stats', then choose '2021 scores' in the drop-down menu. You'll be able to see the # of scores you posted, your high & low scores for the year, as well as your average score.

For comparison's sake, here are the posting leaders from last year, and YTD 2022. [RoundsPosted](#)



### Rules Update, By Greg Stoffel

More to come next month.



### Tournament Update, By Roger Morey

### March Tournament

Our March tournament was a match play event that started with a qualifier to determine the 16 players that would move on to the match play brackets, 8 in the Gross flight & 8 in the Net flight. Congratulations to the 16 guys that advanced, and to the 8 that won their first match. If you'd like to see the results, and track them going forward, you can find them [here](#).

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Our April tournament will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and will be a two-man best ball competition. Find a partner and sign up with our Tournament Director.

For a look at our upcoming tournaments through year end click [here](#), and scroll down.

## Short Putts

### Course Conditions

Hopefully you've noticed steady improvements in, and around, the course. Great job by our grounds crew as they've repaired damaged greens, cleared overgrown areas (i.e.; between 1 & 18), planted flowers, painted walls, etc., all while doing the day-to-day things needed to get the course ready for spring and summer golf. Great job guys, keep it up.

### Thank You

Earlier this week the following players joined me to spend about 2.5 hours filling divots on our golf course. Your willingness to volunteer for the greater good of our course is much appreciated by all of the players and our course management team.

Thanks to, **Jon Wilkerson, Geno Ketelsleger, Bill Riley, Guy Reneau, Ron Valerio, Greg Stoffel, Ken Koefer, Dan Kelsey, & Don McAuliffe.**

### Slow Play

Our drive to improve the pace of play continues, although slowly. As stated in a letter to the Tuesday players the Board will initiate a slow play penalty beginning with our game on April 5<sup>th</sup>. All Tuesday players should have seen the pace of play conditions set forth by the Board. If not, you can read them here [SlowPlay](#).

### Choice of Tees

The Board has evaluated the results of having players play from different tees on Tuesdays. Bottom line is that, while the sample is small, the difference is also small. Therefore, we have decided to continue the choice of tee options as follows.

We will play '**Choice of Tees**' on the following weeks:

- **1st Tuesday** of every month (\$10 game + \$5 skins)

- **2nd Tuesday** of every month (\$10 game + \$5 skins)
- **5th Tuesday** of the month, when there is one. (\$10 game + \$5 skins)

Each player should indicate the tee they played by printing a 'B', 'C', or 'W' in one of the 2 columns to the far right hand side of the scorecard (HCP or NET column). Another option would be to identify your tees played (B, C, or W) right next to your name.

- **3rd Tuesday** of the month will remain our **monthly tournament** and will be played as defined in our tournament schedule [found here](#). The tournament tees will remain as combo unless otherwise noted. (\$15 game + \$5 skins)
- **4th Tuesday** of the month will remain our newly formed '**Game of the Month**' and will be defined by our Tournament Director (**Roger Morey**). He will document the game, and the associated entry fee, in his weekly email.

## Player Profile

This month's Player Profile highlights, **Jim Schoonmaker**, the Godfather of our Men's Club. Many thanks to **Don McAuliffe** and Jim for working together on this. You can learn more about Jim by visiting his profile.

[Jim's Profile](#)

## Sneak Peek Into Next Month's Profile

Not hard to believe this fella was a hockey player. But also, a cook? And a pottery maker? Born in the "rust belt" in 1950, he has worked at a bunch of companies in different industries. Grew up in Catholic schools, he has degrees from Villanova & Cal State Northridge. He is currently reading a "downstairs book" and an "upstairs book" and hopes to have his own book someday. Seems to think his wife is way smarter than him, but then who doesn't? Who Am I?

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## Monthly Video

Since our last newsletter I had a birthday and can relate to this video.

[Lost Ball](#)

The Masters is right around the corner. Check out some highlights.

[Remember These 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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This month we spotlight the dedicated Tuesday players who have logged the most rounds last year and this year.

A shout out to John Ammann who has played and posted the most rounds for 2021 & 2022.

Honorable mention to Ken Koepfer, Randy Wood and Jon Wilkerson who are in the mix for most rounds.

## **Most Rounds – 01/01/2021 to 12/31/2021**

<b><u>Golfer Name</u></b>	<b><u>Round Count</u></b>
John Ammann	124
Ken Koepfer	110
Jon Wilkerson	107
Eugene Ketelsleger	96
Randy Wood	94

## **Most Rounds 01/01/2022 to 03/21/2022**

<b><u>Golfer Name</u></b>	<b><u>Round Count</u></b>
John Ammann	29
Thomas Sulzmann	29
Randy Wood	27
Tai Kreider	27
Jon Wilkerson	26
Ken Koepfer	26

Alan de la Sierra  
Handicap Chair

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## SLOW PLAY

Over the last few months Redhawk Golfers Club has been trying to address slow play in several different ways and we have made some improvement. However almost every week, there is still a group that is at 5 hours or more. This sets back every group behind them which leads to frustration and in some cases, it has caused players to leave the club.

As a result, the Board has decided to implement a more drastic measure to address slow play. Starting on April 5<sup>th</sup> a 1 stroke penalty will be assessed to each player in the group that finishes their round in more than 4 hours and 45 minutes **AND** finishes more than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them.

### How this will work

- Each group will continue to have a staggered time to leave the cart area. This allows the "A" groups starting farther away to tee off at 8:00.
- Write the time that the first player in your group tees off on your score card.
- Immediately after completing your round, **and before going to your car**, drop off a completed scorecard from your group with the Board member collecting them at Hawks Landing. The Board member will mark the time on the card when it is handed to him.
- Anyone turning in a card after 12:45PM is in danger of the penalty stroke.
- After turning in your card, you can take your clubs to the parking lot and do whatever you need to do.

- When this is complete, a designee from your group needs to come into Hawk's Landing to read off your scores to the entry person.
- The Scoring team will compare the tee off time to the time turned in, to determine if it is greater than 4'45". For each score card that has a play time greater than 4'45", the team will compare it to the group playing in front of them. For each of these that is greater than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them, a 1 stroke penalty will be assessed to each player in that group.

Gentlemen, this has been a topic of conversation since before to our meeting last December. About half of the attendees at the meeting wanted us to implement a penalty at that time, and we decided not to. Now, after numerous unsuccessful attempts to speed up play, we feel it's necessary to implement a penalty program.

As a point of reference, we are much more lenient than the SCGA recommendations. They recommend a 4'15" round, a 14-minute gap, and a 2-stroke penalty. If our plan doesn't get positive results we will implement the SCGA plan. You can read it [here](#).

We started this procedure on 3/15, are evaluating the results, will make any necessary adjustments, and will start assessing penalties on 4/5.

Your Redhawk Golfers Club Board  
March 9, 2022