



## ***The Hawk's Eye, September 2021 Newsletter***

### **President's Message,**

**by Doug Korb**



As the days become shorter and the nights become cooler it's time to acknowledge that our summer golf season is coming to an end.

What a great game, built on traditions, ethics, and honor. It's a self-governing game with amateurs and professionals alike refereeing their own games.

To that end part of the integrity of the game is to post all of your adjusted gross scores. Not our Tuesday games, not our Redhawk games, but all games that we play, every day, everywhere. Posting is a core value of the game that allows us to have an even playing field at all times. So, as a reminder, post all scores, every time. It's for the good of the game.

There's more on this in the Handicap section of this newsletter.

### **Board Update, by Doug Korb**

The Board would like to thank everyone that has participated in our results calculations on Tuesday afternoons. Your willingness to help with the data entry helps to speed up the process, helps to get the winnings distributed on the day of the game, and helps you to better understand our process. Thanks to all.

### **Membership Update, by Mike Re**



As of September 14<sup>th</sup>, Redhawk Golfers Club has 115 members. We have 1 new member since last month. Please welcome:

#### **Todd Eckert**

Todd resides in Temecula. Please extend a warm welcome to our new members at our next Tournament.

### **Handicap Update,**

**by Alan de la Sierra**



There are times when a player can pick up their ball (match play, team events, etc.) without putting out. Under these conditions there are "**Most Likely Score**" guidelines that we should follow. Read more about them here. [#MostLikely](#)

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Rules Update,  
by Greg Stoffel



This month Greg has helped us to better understand the elimination of "**Opposite Side Relief**". You can read his explanation here. [#Relief](#)

Greg has done a fantastic job with the rules. If you have any rules questions don't hesitate to reach out to him for an explanation.

## September Tournament Winners

Congratulations to **Mike Re & Don McAuliffe**, who won our September tournament, "Twisted Ball", with a net 75. Well played guys.

## Temecula Valley Golf League

Earlier this week our team beat The Golf Club of Rancho California 11-7, at Temeku. This improved the team record to 4-2-1, finishing the season over the .500 mark. One match remains and it will be next month at Redhawk. Good luck to **Captain Randy Wood** and his team.

## Short Putts

**Player's Card.** Don't forget that your 2021 Players Card will expire at year end. Be sure to use all of your 'free games and range balls' by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Club Championship.** 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. Any Board member can help you with your questions.

**Redhawk Golf Course.** Our 10<sup>th</sup> green appears to be coming along nicely. Hopefully we'll be playing it soon after the staff punches all of the greens on October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Let's hope for mid-October to be back on the green.

**Course Closure.** Redhawk golf course will be closed on **October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** 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 5<sup>th</sup> Reminder.** 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 for 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's in the week before so plan ahead! We will need your response sent to [redhawkscore@yahoo.com](mailto:redhawkscore@yahoo.com) no later than 12PM, Friday, October 1st if you're interested.

**John Welter**, our course superintendent, will be leaving us soon to take a similar position at Canyon Crest CC in Riverside. Thanks for everything you've accomplished John, and best of luck going forward.

## Congratulations

**Jim Schoonmaker** aced the 8<sup>th</sup> hole On Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. This is Jim's 3<sup>rd</sup> hole in one, and we hope there are more in his future.



**Randy Wood** also had a milestone game on the September 14<sup>th</sup>. Randy shot his age, but you'll have to ask him for his score. Well played Randy, and I know there will be more such days in your future.

## Volunteers Needed

The golf course will be closed on **Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**. We are seeking volunteers to help improve our course that day. Depending on the number of volunteers we'll fill divots, work on bunkers, trim shrubs on cart paths, etc. If you're interested in

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joining please reach out to Randy Wood or Doug Korb and let us know. More to come on this as the 4th approaches.

## Player Profile

This month **Don McAuliffe** sat down with **me** to talk about my interests and my love of live sports. You can find my Player Profile here.

<https://redhawkgolfers.org/member-profile>

## Sneak Peek Into Next Month's Profile

Here's a snapshot of who will be featured in October.....

If you have ever listened to Pop Fisher, manager of the New York Knights, a down on its luck baseball team in the movie The Natural, you'll know who next month's profile subject is. *"You know, my mother told me I ought to be a farmer."* In addition to being a dead-on ringer for Wilford Brimley, this guy grew up in Newport Beach, worked at the Reuben E. Lee as a teen and spent the better part of three decades in the construction business. Today he's a gentleman farmer in Aguanga with a couple dozen fruit trees and a veggie garden.

Who am I?

## Monthly Video

If you're looking for a Christmas present for me, this could be it. Thanks to Jeff Okun for passing this along.

[https://www.reddit.com/r/funny/comments/ppj369/i\\_invent\\_unnecessary\\_products\\_and\\_today\\_i\\_created/?utm\\_source=share&utm\\_medium=ios\\_app&utm\\_name=iossmf](https://www.reddit.com/r/funny/comments/ppj369/i_invent_unnecessary_products_and_today_i_created/?utm_source=share&utm_medium=ios_app&utm_name=iossmf)

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

Enjoy the Ryder Cup!

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

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## Opposite Side Relief – Do We Use it at Redhawk?

The USGA eliminated opposite side relief beginning in 2019.

The new rule 17.1d removes the option to take relief on the opposite side of a red penalty area (the new term that includes what was previously called a lateral water hazard).

This means that, when a ball is in a red penalty area, the player has three options for relief (all for a one-stroke penalty) rather than the previous four options:

-Stroke-and-distance relief, in which the player can replay his or her shot from the original spot where the previous stroke was made;

-Back-on-the-line relief, in which the player notes the reference point of where the ball entered the penalty area, goes back on a line that extends straight back from the hole, and drops a ball within two club lengths of that spot; and

-Lateral relief, in which the player identifies the spot where the ball last crossed the penalty area and drops a ball within two club lengths of that spot, no closer to the hole.

The USGA still allows a Committee to adopt a Local Rule allowing opposite side relief on those holes where it believes the other relief options are not viable. Previously, opposite side relief was a local rule at Redhawk for holes #1, #18 (and I'm not sure about any other holes to be honest, e.g.: #2 and #3). We still have some players using an old local rule for selected holes.

Opposite side relief was a complicated option that many players were not familiar with and that was seldom used. The primary purpose behind this relief previously was to give an extra relief option for the unusual cases where neither back-on-the-line relief (Rule 26-1b) nor lateral relief on the side where the ball entered the water hazard (Rule 26-1c(i)) seemed viable and the player's only realistic option was to take relief under penalty of stroke and distance (Rule 26-1a).

In practice, opposite side relief was often taken when a player actually had adequate relief under one or both of the other relief options and thus served only to give an unnecessary extra option that at times could seem too advantageous.

This change also helps avoid any concern that, with the expanded use of red penalty areas, a player might be able to use the opposite side option to drop on the green side of the penalty area, **thereby avoiding the challenge of having to play over the penalty area.**

For these reasons, the Redhawk Committee has reviewed the option of having opposite side relief and decided to not allow it.

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## Most Likely Score and Acceptability of Scores

A reminder that your rounds played during the rest of the week should be posted along with the Tuesday game. The World Handicap System indicates the following rounds should be posted.

- Scores in both match and stroke play; multi-ball or team competitions. This includes any time a player picks up before completing a hole.
- Scores on all courses with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating made during an active season, both at home and away.

When playing your rounds, when a player starts, but does not complete a hole, the score recorded for handicap purposes is the **Most Likely Score** using the following guidelines:

<b>Position of the ball:</b>	<b>Strokes to be added:</b>
On the putting green within 5 feet of the hole	Add <b>1</b> additional stroke
Between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole	Add <b>2 or 3</b> additional strokes, <i>depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player</i>
Beyond 20 yards from the hole	Add <b>3 or 4</b> additional strokes, <i>depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player</i>

Generally, the only scores/rounds that are not acceptable for handicap purposes and should not be posted:

- if a player has been disqualified from a competition for a breach of the *Rules of Golf* that might have provided the player with a *significant advantage*; e.g., using a non-conforming club.
- Foursomes (also known as Alternate Shot)
- Scrambles
- When being coached

Play well and post those scores.

**Alan de la Sierra**  
**Handicap Chair**