

Club News April 2026



President: Randy Gilpin

Last month I explained why we had limited tee time availability on Tuesday mornings.

Well, this month I am happy to announce (again – you should have gotten an email about it recently) that we have added tee times for Blind Bogey.....by changing the day we play! Beginning in May (specifically May 6) Blind Bogey golf will be played on WEDNESDAY.

The other Vista Valencia Men's Club plays on Wednesdays, but they start later than do the Ladies on Tuesday. We should be able to use an additional five tee times on Wednesdays compared to Tuesdays. At most that means we can have as many as 56 golfers during the months when we can start at 6:30. Even when it is dark until 7:00 we will be able to have over 40 golfers, compared to fewer than 30 at times the last few years.

The Board is aware that changing the day may inconvenience some members who have always reserved Tuesday for golf. It will also inevitably create some weeks when we play two days in a row. Nevertheless, the advantage of enabling more members to play regularly on a weekly basis was persuasive and the vote was unanimous.

The other big news is that on a trial basis for the rest of 2026 we will be using three flights for all tournaments, paying through fifth place in each flight. Hopefully this will encourage more members to participate in tournaments.

So, additional opportunity and motivation to get out and golf in club events. We want to see you at the course!



Local Tournament Chairman: Risto Salo

Hello Fellow Golfers,

We had a hot March tournament this month. A great turnout with 52 players competing. Congratulations to Gary Rohr- A flight with a net 57, Paul Broneer- B flight with a net of 59 and Paul Collins C-flight with a net of 61.

Currently, when we have more than 49 players signed up, we can split into three flights. The board has approved moving to three flights regardless on the number of players. This will allow players with similar handicaps to compete with each other. The club will pay out 5 places in each flight.

Our next home tournament is a 4-man Scramble event on April 16th. Note that the scramble foursomes are created by the players index numbers. I do not have any influence on the groupings. If you are interested in joining this fun event, the entry

deadline is Friday April 3rd. I will be collecting any late entries through Tuesday the 7th.

To enter a tournament:

- Electronic form on the website. Note- the “Sign-up” tab has been moved to the home screen.
- Manual entry form (under the “Events” heading and scroll to the bottom of the tournament schedule page), print and fill out. Place it in the box at the course or mail to my address.

To pay for a tournament:

- Checks should be placed in the box at the course or mailed to my address.
- Zelle payments go to VVSMGC@gmail.com

Thank you

See you at the course,

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Handicap Chairman & Web Master: Paul Collins

Gentlemen,

I am so glad that Spring has arrived, so that the weather will finally cool down. Thanks for your attention to properly posting ALL rounds that you play. I will be spot checking and sending out friendly reminders, but again, it is to your benefit to post on the actual day you play the round so that any adjustments for playing conditions will be applied.

I continue to look for ways to improve the website and any ideas are welcomed. Last month we moved the ‘Events’ tab, although you may not notice if you only view on your phone as the menu is compressed based on your screen size. We are looking to get photos for those that are not included already in the membership section of the website. If you know that you need a photo taken, please see a Board member and ask them to take one and send it to me. Otherwise, we will be seeking you out soon.

See you out there,
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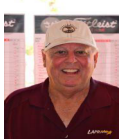
Away Event Chairman: Bill Westcott

As we enter the first full month of Spring our monthly away tournaments will move towards the coast. The April 23 away tournament will be played at Los

Robles in Thousand Oaks. The most efficient way to enter this and all tournaments, is to enter online using the website entry form and to pay the entry fee via Zelle.

The March away tournament was played at Sand Canyon. Craig Robbins took first place honors for the A flight. Cal Leuning took first place in the B flight. Congratulations Cal and thank you for overing my away tournament duties in my absence.

Our first inter club match of the year will be played at DeBell on April 23. I have the team assembled for this match, but there are nine more matches to be played. Inter Club is open to all Club members regardless of your playing ability. Each match consists of an A, B and C flight. The matches are shown on our tournament Schedule. If you have not done so, let me know if you want to play in one of the matches.



Membership Chairman: Gary Hallden

MAJOR CHANGE IN BLIND BOGEY TUESDAY

Blind Bogey Tuesday will be moved to every Wednesday beginning on the first Wednesday in May, May 6, 2026. This will allow us to field more than 36 players or 9 tee times. Every Tuesday, for the past several years, I have had to turn away players who want to play in our Tuesday Blind Bogey Event. I anticipate by moving to Wednesdays, I will not have to turn any players away. Vista golf course will block out (reserve) more than just 9 tee times for our use.

We begin the month of April with a total of 142 members. He had no new members join our Club during the month of March.

Happy Birthday to all our members born during the month of April! The following 11 members will officially become one year older: Arthur Anderson (75), Chris Bello (60), Gene Bensinger (84), Allen Bueltel (73), John Capra (78), Ed Hobelman (70), Arnie Jackmond (90), Joe Medina (77), John Raich (58), Craig Stone (66), and Mel Villasenor (79). Gentlemen, we hope all of you can continue to enjoy playing many more rounds of this great game of ours.

Every month, many of our members are struggling with various medical issues, including various bone surgeries (knees, backs, and hips), as well as various forms of cancer. This month is no different. We will continue to hope and pray for everyone trying to recover and to manage their pain.

BLIND BOGEY COMPUTATION PROBLEMS: I continue to see scorecards with 1 or 2 errors on them every Tuesday, usually due to computing and deducting the 4 Blind Bogey Holes. Simply count how many over par you are for those 4 Blind Bogey Holes. Then multiply that total times 3. That will be your handicap for that day and deduct that total from your total gross score. (Example: assume you're 1 over par for those 4 holes- $4 \times 3 = 12$. Subtract 12 from your gross score). Each member of each and every foursome has a duty to review their foursome's score cards to ensure that they are correct. Please don't just rush to your car and drive away, which is a common occurrence. Always post your score hole-by-hole and post as an H (Home Tournament)

Gary Hallden, Membership/Blind Bogey Chairman



Treasurer: Roger Jackson

When you're writing checks or sending Zelles to enter tournaments, **please** put the name and date of the tournament in the description area. Otherwise, I'm left playing forensic accountant, trying to guess whether "Golf thing" means the Home Tournament, the Away Tournament, or you accidentally paid me instead of your gardener.

And for those of you who don't use Zelle and receive your winnings by check, **please deposit the checks promptly**. When they sit around too long, I start wondering if you're either

- A. Waiting for them to mature like a fine wine, or
- B. Hoping I'll forget and send you another one.

Help your treasurer sleep at night — label your payments and cash your winnings.



Secretary: Cal Leunig

We are starting to play golf in warmer weather, and for me it can have a strong negative effect physically. For me it's dehydration and later with leg cramps. Here are some action steps on how to play golf in the heat and feel good and staying cool. Try and incorporate some of the points below, especially Hydration and Light snacks.

Hydrate Smartly

- Start drinking water before you play.
- Rotate water and electrolytes every few holes.

Wear Cooling Gear

- Lightweight, moisture-wicking, light-colored shirts.

Light Snacks That Help

- High-water fruits like watermelon or oranges.
- Small snacks (nuts, granola) to keep energy steady.

Sun Protection

- Reapply sunscreen every 6–9 holes.
- Use SPF lip balm and polarized sunglasses.

Watch for Heat Stress

Dizziness, nausea, chills, sudden fatigue, or headache mean it's time to stop, cool down, and hydrate.

Helpful Extras

- Clip-on cart fan.
- Insulated bottle that keeps ice all round.

- UV arm sleeves for sun + heat protection.

Trust these suggestions were helpful, and you have a fun Summer playing golf and staying hydrated and cool,

Cal



Rules Chairman: Ken Rosso

Greetings all. At both home and away tournaments each month, Bill or Risto may decide to implement a “six-inch bump rule” and/or “lift, clean, and place rule”. It is the responsibility of every golfer to check to see if either of these rules will be implemented for that particular tournament.

To clarify, the “six-inch bump rule” means you can use your club to move your ball within six inches of where your ball came to rest, no closer to the pin. Your original lie **MUST** be in the fairway. No “bumps” allowed in the rough, bunker, or on the green.

The “lift, clean, and place rule” means you can pick up your ball to clean it and then place it back **EXACTLY** where you lift it from. Use a tee or ball marker to indicate the original lie before you pick up your ball to clean it. Again, your original lie **MUST** be in the fairway.

Sometimes, on some courses, it’s difficult to determine if your ball is in the fairway or just out. In these circumstances, get the consensus of your playing partners and play accordingly.

Finally, please remember to post your scores the same day you play. If you play in one of our tournaments, you should post the score as “Competition” and you should enter your scores “hole by hole” and not by “total score”.

If you have any questions or need a rule clarification, feel free to contact me at kjrosso618@gmail.com.