

Club News June 2026



President: Randy Gilpin

We are one month into Blind Bogey golf being offered on Wednesday instead of Tuesday. So far it seems to be working with a couple of anticipated situations. At this point we hear from members that previously made appointments and plans set for Wednesday to keep Tuesday open for golf are still being adjusted. In addition, some weeks the switch to Wednesday has created back-to-back golf dates on Blind Bogey Wednesday and tournament Thursday. This was obvious last week when of the approximately 40 golfers entered into the tournament only 14 played both days. We are, of course, the SENIOR Men's Golf Club but I encourage you to test your bodies and at least try playing two days in a row. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will read that I tied for first place last Thursday. This came the day AFTER being so stiff on Wednesday I played well off my normal. Somehow, I loosened up and played better the next day!

Regardless of whether that might work equally well for you (no guarantees implied!) let me emphasize again the reason for the change. On Tuesday we were limited to tee times prior to 8:00 AM. At best that meant space for 36 golfers, and even fewer in the winter months when we couldn't start until as late as 7:00. Already on Wednesdays we have had up to 40 players, and we have room for up to 50. Even when it gets darker we will still be able to accommodate over 40. Therefore, while it may take a while for the change to fully settle in, it was made to increase the opportunity for our members to play in the weekly Blind Bogey event. If you haven't tried it yet, we hope you will soon.

And as always, we look forward to seeing you at our Vista and away tournaments.



Local Tournament Chairman: Risto Salo

Hello Fellow Golfers,

5-29-26

We had beautiful warm weather for our May Low Net event. Congratulations to the winners. Paul Broneer and Craig Robbins- A Flight tied with a net 61, Randy Gilpin and Mel Villasenor- B Flight tied with a net 60 and Greg Herrick- C Flight with a net 59!

Our next home tournament is a 4 Club tournament on June 18. Limit 4 clubs plus a putter. If you are interested in playing, the entry deadline is Monday June 8.

We will be playing 6-inch bump for all tournaments. Refer to Ken Rosso's section for more information.

To enter a tournament:

- Electronic form on the website (under the "More" heading select "Vista Event")

- 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,

Many of you know that I routinely spot check that you are posting Blind Bogey and Club Tournament results faithfully. If I see you missed, I will send a friendly reminder. Please remember that it is a requirement that you post all qualifying scores. If you forget to take a picture of your scorecard, please reach out and I will help you find it as all scorecards end up with me ultimately.

If you are not sure what constitutes a qualifying score, information can be found at this link:

<https://adminhub.scga.org/blog/to-post-or-not-to-post-is-that-a-question>

Finally, all is quiet on the website- let me know if you see any improvements or issues.

See you out there,
Paul
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Away Event Chairman: Bill Westcott

I used to be excited about June. June is the month of my birthday and school was out for the summer. Now I don't want another birthday, and, like all the other months, I have more doctor appointments than golf dates.

Last month's away tournament was played at Sterling Hills. Jorgen Jensen, Cal Leuning and John Capra finished first in the A, B and C flights.

On May 18 we hosted River Ridge for an inter club match. We got our first victory of the year, making our record 1 and 3. If you want to play or have questions about playing in an inter club match, please contact me.

This month's away tournament will be at Tierra Rejada on Thursday, June 11. We will play from the forward (red) tees. Please see Ken Rosso's newsletter for Tierra Rejada's local rules. Please pay particular attention to the instructions Ken gives for balls hit out of bounds. Following his instructions for out of bounds relief greatly improves our rate of play.

If you have any questions regarding the Tierra Rejada tournament (how to enter, local rules, etc.) please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Membership Chairman: Gary Hallden

MAJOR CHANGE IN BLIND BOGEY TUESDAY

Blind Bogey Tuesday has been moved to every Wednesday. We started this on May 6, 2026. This will allow us to field more than 36 players or 9 tee times. For the past several years, I've 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. So far, it appears to be working out very well. Additionally, remember the deadline to sign up for BB Wednesday remains *Saturday night at 8pm. I need to notify Vista Valencia Golf Course of our tee times and player foursomes every Sunday night. Additionally, please get in the habit of reading the sign next to the sign-in sheet on the table. It will normally read "6-inch bump except for sand traps and hazards". This is optional, not mandatory. If you wish, you can always play it "as it lies".

We have 5 new members who join our Club during the months of April and May. We currently have 143 total members assigned to our Golf Club. Most of our members joined our Club just to get an SCGA GHIN number. We normally average 40-45 players who are regular players for Blind Bogey Wednesday as well as the Home and Away tournaments.

Happy Birthday to all our members born during the month of June! The following 10 members will officially become one year older during June: Daryl Buckley 68, Gary Costin 69, Chuck Jackson 68, Steven Much 60, Paul Peres 70, Jim Piccirillo 69, Ken Rosso 70, Jerry Schultz 66, Bill Westcott 75, and Mike Wolf 71. The average age of all these "Senior Birthday Boys" is 68.6 years old.

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. June is no different. We will continue to hope and pray for everyone trying to recover and to manage their pain.

Gary Hallden, Membership/Blind Bogey Chairman



Treasurer: Roger Jackson

We are implementing a new improvement to the tournament payout process.

- Zelle will remain our preferred payment method whenever possible because it is the fastest option and funds are typically delivered immediately.
- For participants who do not use Zelle, payouts will be issued through Bank of America's ("BofA") Bill Pay service. Once a recipient's name, address, email address, and phone number are entered, BofA securely stores that information, making future payments more efficient.
- With Bill Pay, I only need to enter the payout amount and a brief note, and BofA prepares and mails the check.
- The primary drawback is timing: checks sent through Bill Pay generally take about five days to arrive and must be deposited manually by the recipient.
- By comparison, Zelle payments are typically immediate, deposited directly into the recipient's account, and followed by a text notification upon delivery.

If you need assistance setting up Zelle, please contact me at rogerajackson45@gmail.com.



Secretary: Cal Leunig

Update Report on playing with the New Wilson DUO low compression golf ball

Last month I provided in the newsletter that Wilson Golf has advertised they have the lowest compression golf ball available to purchase. So, I ordered a couple of dozen balls and have played two Blind Bogeys and one City course with the new Wilson DUO.

With the lowest compression rate of 30, it is a good flyer off the T box. I am not consistent enough on my drives to have any real comparison to the Callaway Supersoft, but it flies well and some of my best Iron shots were with the DUO. Putting the DUO is a positive experience and consistent on both distance and feel.

My overall impression is DUO is a strong competitor to Supersoft, but with a list price being 25% less, it's a great deal.

I have 6 DUO balls that I want to have players test and report back to me with their evaluations. Come see me if you hit the DUO and give me a short-written report. Keep playing and enjoying the game of golf and encourage your fellow players.

Cal



Rules Chairman: Ken Rosso

Greetings all. A couple of topics came up during our last board meeting that I would like to share.

6 inch bump rule - There has been a lot of confusion regarding the six inch bump rule, which is sometimes allowed for some of our tournaments. Sometimes, it's difficult to determine if your ball is in the fairway or not. Is the fringe right in front of the green considered part of the fairway?

After much discussion the board has decided as follows: The six inch bump rule means you take your club and can move your ball within six inches in any direction, no closer to the hole. You may utilize this rule anywhere on the course, EXCEPT on the green, in a bunker, or in a penalty area. Hopefully, this eliminates some of the confusion as to when you may use this rule. As a reminder, make sure you check at the beginning of all tournaments whether or not this rule will be allowed or not.

Away tournaments local rules - It is the responsibility of every golfer to be aware of the local rules that each golf course may have for our away tournaments. These local rules are typically found on the back of the courses' scorecards. Listed below is a copy of the local rules for our upcoming tournament at Tierra Rejada.

Out of Bounds - Boundary fences and driving range. Left of #1. Right of #13, #15, and #16. Please keep in mind our existing club rules. If you hit a ball out of bounds, you may hit a provisional before you leave the tee box, or you may drop even with where the ball went out of bounds with a two stroke penalty. However, once you leave the tee box area, you may not return to hit a second shot.

Hazards - Red stakes define lateral hazards. Balls hit into hazards on par 3's must be played from drop areas. All red lined water hazards and unmown natural areas are treated as lateral water hazards.

Obstructions - Cart paths and service roads, graveled or paved, and maintenance areas are considered immovable obstructions.

Staked trees - Free relief from staked trees, nearest point of relief plus one club length and drop no nearer the hole and no penalty.

Environmentally Sensitive Areas - Along the left side of #2 and #3 fairways, please do not enter. Drop at point of entry with one shot penalty, no nearer the hole.

I'll do my best to highlight each course's local rules every month for our away tournaments. However, I recommend you keep a scorecard in your cart so you can refer to it when necessary.

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