

Club News November 2025



President: Randy Gilpin

Our annual November scramble tournament and Thanksgiving luncheon are almost here! If you have not already done so please submit your entries for one or both NOW! The **deadline is November 7** for the event on November 20. Remember, you must enter each part of the day separately. Of course, you may also participate in just the tournament or luncheon and not do both. But the message is the same – let us know NOW.

The original invitation omitted one fairly important bit of information. While the luncheon is free to all members, the scramble tournament requires the usual entry fee - \$65 or \$70 for Super Seniors. Be sure to indicate how you will be paying the entry fee (mailed check, check in the box at Vista, Zelle) when you submit your tournament entry to Risto.

Once you enter you can look forward to a great day of golf, food and camaraderie. Literally thousands of dollars of cash awards will be presented at the luncheon. Our club champions will be recognized and Senior Cup winners announced. Scramble awards include not only top teams but the usual closest to the pin plus a higher paying bonus hole. Drives within a certain radius of the pin will all be winners on hole #6 and there will be five shootout winners on hole #17.

Nealie's Skillet will be catering a full Thanksgiving dinner with turkey, ham, and all the traditional side dishes. No one will go home hungry! But many of you will go home with door prizes!

This is also the annual club business meeting, at which the new Board of Directors will be confirmed. The business meeting is a brief but very important part of the day as we satisfy the bylaws requirement, meet the officers who will keep the club running in 2026 and get to recognize and hear from Mike Nix, managing director of Vista Valencia.

We look forward to seeing you on November 20. Don't be left out – RSVP today!



Away Event Chairman: Bill Westcott

I have decided to take this month off. There will be no away tournament this month. Hopefully you have gotten word that the November away tournament at Sterling Hills has been moved to December 4th. The December 11th away tournament at El Cariso has been cancelled. The 2025 Tournament Schedule on the website has been updated with these changes.

The October 23rd away tournament was held at Soule Park. In first place for the tournament was Mike Wolf in the A flight and Paul Peres in the B flight.

If you will be entering to play in the Sterling Hills away tournament on December 4th, please enter now. Remember, if you are depositing your entry and payment in our box at Vista or using US Mail, you need to do so early, as there will be a delay in my receiving them. Please use the entry form on our website at vvsmsgc.com/away-event to tell me how you will be making your entry and payment. If you have any questions on how to enter this tournament, please contact me.



Event Chairman: Risto Salo

52 golfers enjoyed our October 16th Low Net tournament. Congratulations to the A Flight winners Craig Robbins and Tony Shields (Net 60), B Flight winner Paul Broneer (Net 59) and C Flight winner John Capra (Net 60).

The Club Championship results will be revealed during the November Luncheon

Our next home tournament is a Scramble event on November 20th. The team handicaps will be determined using the Leaderboard.com Scramble handicap calculator. There will be one A Flight, one B Flight, one C Flight and one D Flight player per foursome based on the handicaps for that week.

Don't forget to sign up for the Luncheon. There were two different entry forms on the invitation. Entering one does not automatically entry you for the other. I sent out a list of signups. Please check to make sure that you are entered correctly.

The deadline is November 7th. Don't miss out. Signup using either of the methods below.

IMPORTANT: I will need an entry form for each player to be included on the Tee Sheet. Phone calls, text messages and emails will need to be followed up with an entry form of some type. The club needs to pay the course and provide a Tee sheet 8 days in advance of the tournament date.

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.

IMPORTANT: All checks and Zelle payments need to be received before the tournament date. If you have an issue, please contact me to make other arrangements.

All checks should be placed in the box at the course or mailed to my address.

Zelle payments go to VVSMGC@gmail.com

Thank you



Membership Chairman: Gary Hallden

We begin the month of November with 145 total members. During the month of October, we gained 4 new members (Curt Chase, Oscar Flores, Ed Hobelman, and Tom Lee). Gentlemen, Welcome to our Club! I hope all of you enjoy many more years of golf!

Happy Birthday to all our golf babies born during the month of November! The following members will officially become one year older: David Barragan (71), Rick Boggs (59), Craig Cape (74), Gene Fretheim (80), Mike Montoyo (73), Cal Naulls (68), Scott Pedrick (62), Paul Schirmer (72), Michael Steiner (69), Steve Van Houten (73), and Scott Weber (61). It's no fun getting older, however, the good news is, as we get older, we become closer and closer to being able to "shoot our age" matching our "gross" handicap.

Unfortunately, we continue to have many members struggling with and battling various medical issues, including cancer. Some are preparing for surgeries and

others are recovering from surgeries. We continue to hope and pray for all our members!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on 11/2/25 at 2am (Sunday). Thankfully, we now can go back to our 6:30am first tee time, allowing us to have 9 tee times (36 players), without begging tee times from the Women's Club. We now will be officially in the Fall/Winter months of 2025, so I plan on continuing to use a 6" bump (if you wish, however it is not mandatory).

Our Board Members and the majority of our Club Members discourage "slow" play. Please follow and enforce the "3-minute rule" when looking for a lost ball. Also, everyone in each foursome should attempt to watch each other's shot, which will make it easier and faster to locate a lost ball.

*See you all on the Links!-Hit them "long and straight" (easier said than done)!



Handicap Chairman & Web Master: Curtis Bates

Be aware of the group in front of you. If they are a hole or more ahead of you pick up the pace as you are behind.

Zelle is the way to go! No more paper checks to drop off or mail, so you can save on gas or postage.

Keep posting all your scores! If, you are having problems entering you scores into the handicap system, contact me (curtisdbates@gmail.com).



Secretary: Lee Goldberg

The Championship rounds are over. And the winners are... I'll let Risto tell you.

The November luncheon is just 20 days away. Have you sent in your RSVP yet? This is the highlight of year. The 4 Man Scramble starts at 7am. Check-in is at 6:30 am. Be on time. After the scramble it's lunch time. Turkey, ham, and all the Thanksgiving trimmings will be available.

The Board of Directors will be presented. Two new members will be joining the Board, pending approval. Welcome to Cal Leuning and Paul Collins.

Not only is it lunch time, it's award time. Trophies will be given out, and money will be given to the winners of the 4 Man Scramble. The first place team will win \$100 each. Second place \$75 each. Third place \$50 each. Fourth place \$40 each. Fifth place \$25 each. All CTP holes will be worth \$25, except hole 12. That is worth \$50. Everyone coming within 25 feet of the pin on #6 wins \$10. Everyone that lands on the green on hole 17, and has entered the shootout drawing, five of you will win \$20. If a hole in one is made, \$100 plus free entry in the December tournament, goes to that person. RSVP for the luncheon and scramble by November 6. I hope to see you for this exciting event.

Have a great November!



Treasurer: Roger Jackson

VVSMGC Accounting Update

Zelle offers faster, encrypted transactions but carries higher fraud risk if misused; checks are slower but offer traceability and some recourse if lost or stolen.

Here's a breakdown to help you weigh the risks and benefits:

Zelle: Digital Convenience with Fraud Caveats

Pros:

- **Encrypted and bank-backed**
- **No account details shared**
- **Instant transfers**

Cons:

- **No cancellation or buyer protection**
 - **High scam exposure**
 - **Device vulnerability**
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Paper Checks: Slower but Traceable

Pros:

- **Physical trail**
- **Bank recourse**
- **No digital exposure**

Cons:

- **Mail theft risk**
 - **Slow processing**
 - **Cost and logistics**
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Club Use Case: Which Is Safer?

For **routine, low-dollar payouts to known recipients**, Zelle is secure if used carefully—with verified contacts and strong device security. For **larger sums, unfamiliar recipients, or members who prefer physical documentation**, checks offer more control and recourse.

83% of the October Vista's Tournament's entries and payouts were done with Zelle. Thank You!



Rules Chairman: Ken Rosso

Greetings all. For those of you who played in the October 16 Club Championship second half event, you will recall the difficult pin placement on hole 13 (the grounds crew must have been mad at us lol). I personally saw two putts come within an inch of going in the hole and then rolling out five or six feet. It was brutal. I also heard of one golfer who had his ball roll down the slope as he was addressing the ball ready to putt.

This brought up what the ruling on this would be. USGA rule 13.1d, which states if natural forces cause your ball on the putting green to move, where you play from next depends on whether your ball has already been lifted and replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated). If the ball has already been lifted and replaced, it must be replaced on its original spot. If the ball has not yet been lifted and replaced, the ball must be played from its new spot. In both situations, there is no penalty incurred.

When I watch the pros on tv, I've often wondered why they go up and mark their ball even on an obvious tap in putt. This might be why? It might be a good habit to follow, especially on windy days or when we have a difficult pin position like hole 13. That's it for now.

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