

## Club News March 2021



### **President: Paul Long**

Fellow Members,

February was a great month for our club. The Los Robles and Vista low net events were successful and enjoyed by all participants. Although turnout was good we want to encourage those members who have sheltered from the virus to come out and play some golf. Recently I sent a revised 2021 Event Schedule to all members. There are a lot of events remaining for your participation and enjoyment. Mark your calendars and send in your registrations.

For everyone's protection, social distancing and other Covid protocols are required on the course and around the clubhouse.

The board of directors continue to meet on a monthly basis. We have adapted to Covid protocols by holding our meetings by teleconferences.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the course.

Paul Long

President



### **Secretary: Kevin La Sota**

Thanks to Max Homa, the winner of the 2021 Genesis Invitational, our little golf course got it's 15 minutes of fame last weekend. It was mentioned on national TV and in the print media how he got his start playing golf at Vista Valencia. He would play 18 holes on Vista and then go play 18 holes on Chica, eventually working his way to the PGA Tour and winning the Genesis. So next time I'm out on the course and silently grumbling about course conditions, I'm going to have to take a step back and tell myself if the course is good enough for a Tour winner, it's good enough for me.

Congratulations to the winners of February's home and away events and a thank you to Bill Westcott and John Capra for organizing the events. A lot of work goes into putting these events together and they do a good job making sure it all goes smoothly.

I was getting a little tired of not winning in our event's, so I decided to take a few lessons. During my first lesson the instructor had me tee it up and take a swing so he could evaluate my swing. After I hit the ball the instructor scratched his head and said, "with that swing you look like a scratch golfer to me". "Really?" I replied, beaming. "Yeah" he said, "I have to scratch my head and wonder why you play."

Have a good round and may the fore be with you.



## **Handicap Chairman & Web Master: Curtis Bates**

Entering your score into the handicap system after a round is critical to maintaining an accurate handicap. Here are a few common errors that I see our member's making:

1. **Not entering your Away and Home tournaments (at Vista Valencia) as Competitions** (we are only playing Competition rounds at this time due to Covid restrictions). When you enter your score as a Competition it is easier for me to correct entry mistakes (see below).
2. **Not entering your score on the correct date.** This usually happens when you don't enter your score on the day you played. When your score is not entered on the correct date you can miss out on the Playing Conditions (PCC) adjustment for that day (we have had couple adjustments lately due to winds during the round). Or worse yet you might get an email from me saying that you did not enter your score.
3. **Not entering the correct course name.** The course name can usually be found by entering just a portion of the course name and then the system will look up the full course name and information (i.e., enter Los Robles to get Los Robles Greens Golf Course). When the course is not entered correctly you can miss out on PCC adjustments or worse, yet your score gets entered for the wrong course resulting in a ultra-fantastic score on a very difficult course giving you a much lower handicap.
4. **Making duplicate round entries.** If you think you might have entered your round twice let me know I can correct it. Since I was not playing with you, I do not know that you did not play the course twice that day with the identical low scores.
5. **Not taking advantage of hole-by-hole score entry.** When you just entry your total score or your front and back nine scores as a single number the handicap system cannot make any hole adjustments for an accurate handicap.

Having any problems accessing or posting your scores in the GHIN system, please contact me.