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President's Corner (Bob Holston) : Greetings to fellow Greenhorn Creek Men's Club members. On behalf of the Men's Club Board I would like to thank all for the support we have received so far this year. We have sincerely attempted to be responsive to the interests of the membership. Hopefully we have been successful. We continue to solicit suggestions for making the club even better. Please feel free to bring ideas to the attention of any of the Board members or contact me if you wish to bring a specific item(s) before the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting. Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month unless last minute conflicts arise.

I would like to bring a recent change in Board policy to your attention. Future NCGA qualifier events will use individual tee times rather than shotgun starts. We do lose some of the enjoyment of finishing together and reliving the round with our buddies over a cold beer, but we can now level the playing field by all starting on the same hole. Additionally, we will be able institute a "pace of play" provision for these tournaments. Our regularly scheduled Club tournaments will continue to have shotgun starts.

Vice President (Jim Pisula) : Have You Had a Hole-In-One Lately? I recently took over the responsibility of maintaining the Men's Club Hole-In-One records from Bob Yohr. It's amazing to me, that as difficult as our course is, our members have excelled in achieving the ultimate in golf, a Hole-In-One! Listed below are the members who had one during the term of the last two boards.

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| Bert Elings | Hole #3 | December 13, 2002 with an 8 iron |
| John Maurer | Hole #8 | March 31, 2003 with a 4 iron. |
| Jim Russell | Hole #3 | July 23, 2003 with an 8 iron. |
| Dude Gaultney | Hole #3 | July 25, 2003 with a 7 iron. |
| Bob Bowser | Hole #3 | Aug. 27, 2003 with a 9 iron. |
| Angelo Archini | Hole #3 | Aug. 27, 2003 with a 7 iron. |
| Jim Russell | Hole #15 | Sept, 1, 2003 with a 6 iron. |
| Jim Greed | Hole #3 | Sept. 8, 2003 with a pitching wedge. |
| Jim Brown | Hole #13 | Oct. 20, 2003 with a 7 iron. |
| Tom DeGregori | Hole #13 | April 19, 2004 with a 7 iron. |
| Roger Neuman | Hole #6 | May 5, 2004 with a 7 iron. |

It's ironic that Jim Russell had two (2) last year. Most golfers have never had one. Another astonishing feat was that on August 27th, 2003. Two of our members had back to back aces on our 3rd hole during our Wednesday sweeps! Congratulations to all of the above members. Your names will be put on a new Hole-In-One trophy that our

Board will be purchasing. The existing trophy does not have enough name plates to accommodate all of the above aces.

The above Hole-In-One list is, to the best of our knowledge, accurate. In the event I've missed someone, please accept my apologies and be sure to contact me as soon as possible to assure that you can be recognized and your name included on the new Hole-In-One trophy.

Secretary (Bert Elings) : "Gold Rush" is back again!!!. After an absence of one year, gold fever came roaring back again to Greenhorn Creek June 3-5. It was a great success. Everyone associated with the event was in great spirits and displayed good camaraderie throughout the three day event. There was nothing but praise about the food, the service and the way the tournament was organized.

52 men's and women's teams were divided into 9 six team flights (7 men/2 women). Each team participated in six nine hole matches. The first round was a modified scramble warm-up. The other five rounds were match play rounds between teams in their respective flights. At the end of play on Thursday and Friday 12 teams qualified for horse races (a four hole sudden death elimination). Saturday, after all matches were completed, the winners of each flight qualified for a final horserace to determine an overall champion. Flight winners were Rick Downey/James Carroll; Lloyd & Shawn Hennessy; Jim Blanchard/Greg Dougherty; Bud Harrison/Tom Upchurch; Rick Parker/Jim Wagner; Bob Bowser/John Meese; Ken Thomas/Don Gates; Helen Hiebert/Suzanne Topliff; and Elvie Blanchard/Terri Dougherty. The 2004 champion is Rick Downey and his guest James Carroll. They beat Rick Parker and Jim Wagner in a sudden death chip off. Finishing third was Jim Blanchard and Greg Dougherty.

Those of us who participated would like to extend a big "thank you" to Del Smith and the tournament committee for making this event happen, to Dave Camden and his crew for their hard work in having the course ready, to Sherri Smith and the Camps staff for the great food and service, to Mike White, Darryl Pief and their staff for setting up the tournament pairings and keeping confusion to a minimum, and to the many non participating members who acted as spotters and measured closest to the pin on par 3s. Everyone working together made this an event something special. Something that makes us proud to have guests here to witness our great community in action.

The event can accommodate 72 teams, so start thinking about next June now so you are ready when invitations are sent out. Don't be surprised if there is a waiting list for the 2005 event.

Tournament Director (Bob Henning) : NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier (Medal Play, Low Net) Tournament – On May 16th Greenhorn Creek held a joint tournament. The NCGA qualifier had a field of 23 players in a "Blue" flight, and 7 players in a non-qualifying "White" flight. It was an excellent event with some very good scores. The top three players in the Blue flight qualified for the NCGA Regional tournament which is held in September.

| Blue Flight Winners | | | White Flight Winners | | |
|---------------------|------------------|----|----------------------|----------------|----|
| 1 st | Fred Russell | 64 | 1 st | Don Atkinson | 56 |
| 2 nd | Darryl Mailander | 66 | 2 nd | Daryl Stretars | 62 |
| 3 rd | Joe Panto | 68 | 3 rd | Ken Ferris | 70 |

Congratulations to all of the winners and good luck to the 3 players who will represent Greenhorn Creek at the NCGA regional tourney. A special thank you to Darryl Pief for

his handling of the tournament and the Tournament Rules Committee: John Renati, Bert Sobon and Mickey Zavack.

Final 12 Man Team members : The qualifying rounds for this year's 12-man team have been completed with the following results: Bob Timko, Bert Sobon, Jim Blanchard, Harry Phillips, Rick Parker, Bob Kolakowski, Bob Henning, Dan Parker, Steve Chaviel, Clarence Hartley*, Dave Courtney, Bob Trincherro, Bob Holston, Steve Difu, Bob McGill, and Joe Panto, Team Captain. Congratulations to all, and good luck this year. Competing teams in our league include Mountain Springs, Pine Mountain Lake, and Sequoia Woods. Our thanks to Joe Panto for organizing and running the qualifying competition. (*Denotes first time team member)

Coming Tournaments :

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| June 12/13 | Men's Club Medal Play Championship (Individual Low Net) |
| July 17 | NCGA Senior Four Ball Net Qualifier (Two Man, Best Ball Net) |
| August 15 | Men's Club Tournament |

A list of all tournaments for the year is available on our golf association website at <http://home.goldrush.com/ghgolf/>. The schedule is also available in the calendar section of the Greenhorn Creek Membership Roster and on the men's club bulletin board. The web site is regularly updated with changes or corrections. Detailed information about each tournament is sent out by e-mail and posted on the bulletin board about a month before each event.

Handicap/Rules Chairman (Rick Parker) : T-score reductions - In my portion of the last newsletter I observed that handicaps were generally increasing during the winter months for a variety of reasons. As a result, some player's have seen an "R" showing up on their index. The question that is frequently asked is what is the "R" and why is showing up now? The "R" is a type of handicap reduction which is applied as a result of exceptional tournament performance (Section 11-6 of the NCGA Handicap Manual). This adjustment is automatically applied GHIN. (GHIN is a computational service run by the USGA).

The player's best 10 scores of their last 20 rounds are calculated to determine the player's potential ability. This calculation is compared to their best two tournament scores recorded during the last 12 months. As the player's handicap increases the gap may widen between these two calculations if the player has posted two very good tournament scores. If the best two tournament scores are three strokes less than the current 10 of 20 calculation then GHIN automatically calculates a reduction to reflect the player's potential ability (Section 10-3 of the NCGA Handicap Manual). So a tournament score posted any time during the past 12 months could be factored with the most recent 10 of 20 index calculation. The T-Score Reduction Process is used the same way to compute every single handicap in the country. If you visit the NCGA's web site at NCGA.org, you can see your own handicap indexes in graph form along with your two best tournament scores.

Local Rules - Bob Holston, Fred Hoover, Bob Henning, and I worked with Head Pro Mike White to survey the course last month. We concentrated on course boundaries and hazards. Significant changes were made in the marking of hazards on holes nine and fifteen following the guidelines of the Rules of Golf. Another task was to establish a list of local rules which will eventually be printed on the score cards. To assure that we have a set of local rules which are consistent for both men and women, we consulted

with the Women's Club. We wish to thank Elaine Martin, Valerie Kolakowski, and June Russell for their valuable input. Mike White also attended our meetings and we took advantage of his professional advice. He has approved the local rules provided as an attachment to this newsletter. Until new score cards are available, keep this copy with you for quick reference.

Equitable Stroke Control - Some members have asked questions about Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) and how it is used. ESC is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. It establishes a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's course Handicap. The following table is to be used when determining ESC for posting and is displayed on the wall next to the GHIN terminal:

| <u>Course Handicap</u> | <u>Max Number on Any Hole</u> |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 9 or less | Double Bogey |
| 10 through 19 | 7 |
| 20 through 29 | 8 |
| 30 through 39 | 9 |
| 40 or more | 10 |

The maximum Handicap Index for men is 36.4 and 40.4 for women. Equitable Stroke Control is required on all posting for NCGA/USGA Handicap Indexes. The Handicap System is unique to golf and if used according to principle it provides a "level playing field" for all golfers to compete.

The course is in great shape and I look forward to playing with you all during summer months. If you have any question regarding these issues please call me. If I don't know the answer I'll ask Tom DeGregori or Bob Bowser who just completed the Handicap Certification Seminar.

Member at Large (Chuck Tolerton) : The Men's Club would like to welcome new members, Dave Giglotti, Jim Dalton, Joe Stafford and Fred Romer.

Dave and his wife Chris have recently moved into their new home at 306 Mary Belle Way. They have two grown children. Both retired from teaching positions in the San Jose area and are looking forward to new friendships in the Greenhorn Creek community.

Jim is a San Andreas resident living at 6005 Dogtown Road and expects to be a frequent participant in the Wednesday sweeps.

Joe, his wife Yvonne and teenage daughter Lydia recently relocated from the Arnold area to 466 Fiddlers Court. Joe is still busy making a living so Wednesday sweeps are not yet part of his weekly schedule.

Fred and his wife Sue have actually been members for a while but recently relocated from San Ramon to temporary housing in the Angels Camp area until their new Greenhorn Creek home is completed. Fred will now be able to be a regular participant in our men's club events.

When you have the opportunity, please introduce yourself and extend a warm welcome to these members.

In Remembrance : On Monday May 17th, Dr. James D Russell died at his Angel Oaks home. A memorial service was held at the Fireside Room on May 22nd.

Jim and his wife June moved to Angels Camp in 1996 and were one of the original Greenhorn Creek members. Jim very much enjoyed playing an honest game of golf and bridge, characteristics that enabled him to quickly develop a long list of people who were proud to call him their friend. His enthusiasm and perseverance played a significant role in formation of the Greenhorn Creek Men's Golf Club and a members work day effort that evolved into the current adopt-a-hole program. As our first president, he was instrumental in establishing the excellent organization we all enjoy today. He will be missed.

**LOCAL RULES OF
GREENHORN CREEK GOLF COURSE**

1. Historical rock wall and Well on #4, the Chinese Oven on #5, the Tree Well on #17 and all staked trees are immovable obstructions: Refer to USGA Rules, Rule 24-2.
2. Relief MUST be taken from environmentally sensitive trees in lateral hazards which are marked with blue stakes on holes #4, #5, and #9. Refer to USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I, Part B.1.b.III(b).
3. A ball coming to rest on or across a community road is out-of-bounds. Refer to USGA Rules of Golf, Rule 27-1.
4. OB on the right side of cart paths: holes #3 (to cart path "Y"), #4 (past rock wall), #7, #8, #11, #16 (beyond cart path "Y"), and #17 (to lateral hazard marker).
5. OB on the left side of cart paths: holes #12 (to lateral hazard marker at dog leg) and #14.
6. Lateral Hazard on right side of cart paths: holes #4 (to rock wall), #5 (beyond red tee), #9 (past OB stakes), #15, and #17 (past OB stakes). NOTE: Relief MUST be taken from inside the fence on hole #5 (1stroke penalty).
7. Lateral Hazard on left side of cart paths: hole #12 (beyond OB stake at dog leg).
8. Relief MUST be taken from right side of fence on hole #5. (1 stroke penalty).
9. Embedded Ball Rule is in effect through the green. Refer to USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I, Part B.3.a.