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*Member at Large*  
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# THE NUGGET DECEMBER 2008

The quarterly newsletter of the Greenhorn Creek Men's Golf Club

President's Corner (Dave Gigliotti):

I want to thank the members who voted and elected me as President of the Men's Club for 2009. The past Presidents, and especially our current past President Bob Henning, have set a high standard of performance and dedication. I will do my best to meet those standards, and continue to provide the members with a Men's Club that they can be proud of.

The new elected board for 2009 is as follows:

Steve Armknecht-Vice President: Steve served as the Handicap and Rules Chairman in 2008.

Ron Rivera-returns as your Secretary (has served in that capacity for the past 4 years)

Noel Schween-Returns as your Treasurer: this is Noel's second term as Treasurer.

Bob Hussmann-is our new Tournament Director

Tim Miller-is our new Handicap and Rules Chairman

Ken Helmbacher-is our new Member-At-Large

I would like to thank Bob Henning for his dedicated service as our President the past two years. I would also like to thank Tom DeGregori for his dedication and service as our Tournament Chairman the past two years. And finally I would like to thank Ray Walker for his dedicated service as Member-At-Large the past two years.

I am very excited about our new board this year. They are very dedicated in making our Men's Club one that you will enjoy as a participating member. They are creative in their thinking and co-operative in their work effort-to bring you new, innovative ways of providing our members with fun, yet competitive membership activities.

Remember that we represent you-so we encourage your feedback and participation in our decision making. Our board meetings are once a month and we meet on the second Wednesday of the month. Our meetings are always open to our membership, so we encourage you to attend whenever possible. We will post the meeting agenda on the bulletin board about a week prior to our meeting date. This year we will be e-mailing a copy of our meeting agenda to each member. Some of the items we will be working on this year are:

1. Instituting new formats for our Club Championship, Medal, and Senior Medal play Championships.
2. Make changes in our Wednesday play day formats-to encourage participation of all members and levels of handicaps.
3. Continually evaluating and make possible changes in our current tournament formats.
4. Continuing to improve upon our communication to our members.
5. Offering rules information and education and on course rules seminars to our members.
6. Encourage improvements in our pace of play for all our events.
7. Maintain a program that will offer fun and competition to all are members.

Good Luck to all members in 2009.

Vice-President (Steve Armknecht):

Back by popular demand: On-Course Rules Seminar

We are pleased to announce that once again, we will be conducting an on-course seminar explaining the rules of golf. The Greenhorn Creek Men's Club and Women's Club are fortunate to have 10 members who are experienced volunteer rules officials for the NCGA and WGANC. Assisted by our resident and staff PGA Professionals, we will staff 6 to 8 "interesting" locations around the course to review the rules of golf and how they apply to various situations. The seminar is open, and free, to all members of Greenhorn Creek. The date will be the 16<sup>th</sup> of March. The course will be closed that day for maintenance. Save the date and sign up early. We will have a registration form in the pro shop in February. Also, if you have a specific rules situation you would like us to cover, please email your question to Ron Rivera (ronaldwr8@aol.com), at the GHC Men's Club.

Tournament Director (Bob Hussmann):

We are now into the winter play at Greenhorn Creek. This means for us, a different type of play when we must use more than our normal swing. As such, the tournament Committee has been busy in structuring the Wednesday Men's Club games that will fit both the diversity of our members, but also make the games fun during the colder months. For instance, you will notice we are playing from both tee boxes, and in most cases, you may pick your tees at sign-in. If you have not played in the Wednesday play, give it a try we welcome all to our group.

Additionally, there are changes to the GHC tournament schedule. The final print of the schedule will be released soon. However, we have changed the format of our Club Champion Tournament to include Medal play during the first rounds of play and Match play in the final rounds of play. Our Medalist Champion will be determined by the outcome of the first days of stroke play.

The dates for the first stroke play elimination rounds are October 17 and 18, with the finalists playing in a series of matches on the week-end of October 24 and 25, 2009. The Club Champion will be the survivor of both types of golf games and successfully defeating his rivals.

Also, the Senior Medal play will also be a two day event. The format will be an elimination process, with the finalists playing on the second day. The dates for the Senior Men's Club Medalist Championship are September 16 and 17, 2009. Mark your calendars now!

Note also, that our qualifiers for both championships must have played in at least two Men's Club tournaments during the year. Qualification for tournaments is a new approach for the club. However, the Board agreed the tournament schedule this year provides flexibility for all of our members to participate whenever possible.

We believe that the changes to our championship play will breathe excitement into these events, as well as enhance the championship status, as it should showcase the best of field in both brackets within our Club.

The tournament Committee is working for the members to bring new items to the members to make our play at GHC challenging, fun and open to all levels of play. We encourage you to give our club a chance by playing in any or all of the games supported by the Men's Club.

**Treasurer (Noel Schween):**

Our club's financial picture is stable. For the fiscal year 2008, we will be approximately \$1,000 over budget. The majority of that was caused by a high number of holes-in-one and the subsequent bar bills. For 2009 we are taking that into account and plan on a break even status. It appears we will be short around 10 members compared to 2008. This will cause some shortfall, but we have enough discretionary items that can be adjusted as the year progresses.

**Handicap and Rules Chairman (Tim Miller):**

**EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL**

Equitable Stroke Equitable Stroke Control sets a maximum that a player can post on any hole depending on the players **Course Handicap**. Each player's **Index** is used to determine what his **Course Handicap** will be depending on the **course's slope**. As a general rule a player's **Course Handicap** will always be higher than his **index** unless the slope for the course is 113 or less. For Handicap purposes, you are required to adjust your hole scores (actual or probable) when they are higher than your maximum number you can post. There is **no limit** to the number of holes on which you can adjust your score. As an example if a golfer has a course handicap of 20 he can take no more than 8 on any hole for posting purposes. If a player fails to complete a hole the score recorded for that hole for handicap purposes must be **par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole** or the most likely score as long as it does not exceed what he is allowed on any given hole. (A player with a course handicap of 20 could not record more than an 8) When the score is recorded it should be preceded with a X.

| 18 Hole Course Handicap | Maximum Score on any hole |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 9 or less               | Double Bogey              |
| 10 through 19           | 7                         |
| 20 through 29           | 8                         |
| 30 through 39           | 9                         |
| 40 and above            | 10                        |

**Member at Large (Ken Helmbacher):**

The member at large is the Greenhorn Creek Men's Club public relations officer, responsible for welcoming new members, giving them information on the club's sponsored events. He also notifies the local papers regarding the results of men's club tournaments. He keeps the men's club trophies/plaques updated with current winners and makers of holes in 1.

He also contacts any ailing member with a good cheer card. Contact me if you know of anyone that may be ill. He also will maintain open communication with the head pro and greens superintendent and inform the board of any conditions that may affect tournament play.

**Secretary's Notes (Ron Rivera):**

As usual I am putting this reminder in the Nugget asking our members to make sure they keep their e-mails up to date in the Men's Club Roster. I maintain a roster of all members with all their address information. We send out weekly notices about the Wednesday Men's Club tournaments. In addition we send out notices of the monthly Men's Club tournaments. If we don't have your correct e-mail address you won't get the information. We do post this information on the bulletin board in the club house but it is probably easier for you to get an e-mail update. The major reason for keeping your e-mail's current is because we send out our annual membership renewal notices by e-mail for those that have e-mails. This saves the Men's Club the cost of mailing out the renewal notices.

I was told by several people that they didn't get their renewal notices. If you currently feel you are not getting the weekly and monthly notices please let me know by sending me an e-mail or calling me to let me know. When I send out notices I sometimes get a notification that the e-mail couldn't be delivered. In these cases I try to send the notice again to those who may have been rejected. Just remember it is extremely important to keep your e-mail and other address information current. Please send any changes to: [ronaldwr8@aol.com](mailto:ronaldwr8@aol.com) or call me at 209-736-0069 and leave a message if I don't answer.

Here are the motions that the Board members have approved since the last Nugget was published. The May 21<sup>st</sup> motion was missed in the last Nugget.

#### **Board meeting May 21, 2008**

A motion was made to buy a new hole in one plaque and the motion was seconded. The vote was 5 to 0 in favor of buying the trophy. We had budgeted for additional plaques for 2008.

#### **Board meeting October 8, 2008**

A motion was brought up stating: The name to go on the NCGA qualifying trophies would be the winner of the event at Greenhorn Creek even if that person couldn't attend the NCGA qualifier. The motion passed with a vote of 6 to 0.

#### **Board meeting December 11, 2008**

A motion was made to donate \$400 to the Calaveras Food Bank from the Men's Club. The donation would be made up of the \$254 that Bob Hussmann had collected at the Jokers Wild tournament and \$146 from the Men's Club budget.