
TORREY PINES MUNICIPAL GOLF CLUB

AMERICA'S FINEST MUNICIPAL GOLF CLUB

Fall 2011



President's Corner

By: John Hoffman, Club President

The City of San Diego is in the process of determining rates and policies for the foreseeable future and the public is welcome to participate in the discussions. The times and locations will be displayed on the website as well as meeting agendas. If your schedule permits please attend and participate.

We are entering the time of year where are our Club Champions will be determined and all members will have a chance to win a food gift cert in our Turkey Shoots. Please visit the corresponding sections on the website for sign up information and be mindful of deadline dates to enter and cancel.

The schedules for 2012 are in the process of being determined and should be posted mid-month. Thanks for all of your interest in our events and we look forward to full schedules again next year!

Newsletter Editor

Sorry for the delay in getting this edition out. There was some confusion in communication. The next Newsletter will be out at the end of the year.

If you have anything you would like to see added to the newsletter, please email me: pyossem@yahoo.com

Membership Renewal

For the first time in club history, you will be able to renew your membership online using your PayPal account or credit card. No more snail mail, simply go online, click a few buttons and your membership will be renewed. A very loud shout out to Peter Born for making this happen.

This renewal is online now, so please try and use this method when possible.

Remember, the SCGA membership is based on the calendar year; however our renewal process begins in the fall.

Prize Account

By Brian Cincotta, Prize Chairman

Due to inquiries about tournament winnings and members prize account use, we have put together the following short summary. Before tournament prize fund winnings are deposited into members accounts each of the Torrey Pines Municipal Golf Club's tournament results are first posted on our website at www.tpmgc.org under "Schedule and Results". This serves the purpose of letting all members view the results and to contact the Tournament Chairman with any errors and omissions that may be found. This process usually takes about 7-10 days. Once any changes have been made to the results, funds are then deposited into the winning member's accounts for use with our approved vendors which are also posted on our website under "Members Prize Account". Remember to view this list occasionally as we are always adding new vendors that would like to participate with our members.

Currently we have 13 great vendors approved with more on the way. Your Prize Fund Certificate requests are sent through our website under your prize account information to prizefund@tpmgc.org. Remember to add you GHIN number, full name, amount requested and the specific shop you are requesting a certificate to be sent to (there is more than one Golf Mart). Certificates emailed to the vendor and confirmations to the member that the certificate has been sent as well as the specific certificate number are usually sent within 24 hours of the request.

Requests for Prize Certificates to be sent to a vendor should only be made if you are ready to use them as vendors will not keep them on file for more than a few months (if that long) after they receive them. Please work with our vendors as they are not responsible for keeping them indefinitely. Once certificates are requested and issued the monies are removed from the member's accounts and cannot be reinstated. Some vendors if requested may give our members a credit at the shop for monies not used but that will need to be requested from the specific shop before the time limit is up. Vendors will not be responsible for certificates left unused so again do not request one if you are not ready to use it. Please remember that Prize Account monies cannot be redeemed for cash, used for tournament entry or for annual membership dues. They are only for use in certificate form with one of our approved vendors.

Should you ever detect an error in the tournament results or your prize fund account please immediately contact the specific Tournament Chairman of the event or the Price Fund Chairman whose email addresses are found on the website.

IN THE WORKS:

September and October are heavy maintenance months at Torrey Pines, please be sure to pay close attention to course conditions. This is an especially crucial time to be sure you are refilling your divots in the fairways and fixing your pitch marks on the greens. Heck, you are there and you love Torrey, so fix an extra divot while waiting on your playing partners to putt out!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THURSDAY TOURNAMENTS UPCOMING

AT TORREY PINES

OCTOBER 13TH AND 20TH

NOVEMBER 10TH (TURKEY SHOOT) AND 17TH

DECEMBER 8TH (HOLIDAY SCRAMBLE) AND 15TH

WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS UPCOMING

AT TORREY PINES

OCTOBER 29TH (START OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS)

NOVEMBER 19TH (TURKEY SHOOT)

DECEMBER 18TH (HOLIDAY EVENT/LUNCHEON)

OCTOBER IS 29TH AND 30TH - THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP -

Replacing Fairway Divots

From the web: golf.about.com

Most good swings on well-struck iron shots produce a divot in the fairway. The word "divot" actually refers to two different things: the top layer of turf that is sliced off and sent flying as your iron enters the ground; and the resulting scar, or patch of bare earth, that is left in the fairway.

If you look closely, in the photo above, just to the left and forward of the golfer you can see part of the divot flying away.

Repairing divots is an important duty of golfers who create them. According to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, a repaired divot can speed up the healing process (meaning: the grass will cover over the scar in the fairway) by a couple weeks, as opposed to an unrepaired divot.

Did You Know – Spotlight on the Club and A little Golf Etiquette

By: Paul Yossem

Membership is up

Final count for 2011, we have 1191 members in our club.

We have 32 players in the club who are listed with an index of 0.0 or better.

We have 595 players in the club who are listed as a single digit index at some point during 2011.

Golf Etiquette (from the web – golf.about.com)

Repairing a Pitch Mark or Divot on the Green

Ball marks - also called pitch marks - are the bane of smooth-putting and healthy greens on golf courses all over the world. They're the little depressions, or craters, sometimes made when a golf ball descends from the sky and impacts the putting surface.

Repairing those little depressions is very important. Equally important is doing it the right way. Because while many golfers fail to repair ball marks - and shame on you if you are one of them - there are also many well-meaning golfers who *do* "repair" the pitch marks, only to do so incorrectly.

A ball mark can cause the grass in the depression to die, leaving not just a scar but also a pit in the putting surface that can knock well-struck putts offline. Repairing a ball mark restores a smooth surface and helps keep the grass healthy. But "repairing" a ball mark incorrectly can actually cause more damage than not attempting to repair it at all, according to a study done at Kansas State University.

The KSU researchers, whose conclusions were reported on Cybergolf.com, found that incorrectly "repaired" ball marks take up to twice as long to heal as those that are properly repaired.

So golfers, lets all start fixing our ball marks, and doing it the right way. And if you have a moment - if there isn't another group of golfers behind you waiting for you to clear the green - fix one or two other ball marks, too, if you find more of them on the green.

Repairing ball marks isn't just important for the health of the greens, and for smooth-rolling putts. It isn't just a matter of golf etiquette. It is our obligation to help take care of the golf courses we play. And repairing ball marks is a big part of that obligation to the game.