

# PSGA GOLF NEWS

*"Enjoy the Better Things in Life"*

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## EXECUTIVE MANAGER'S MESSAGE



2017 was a successful year for our club although our membership continues to shrink. We are always looking for new ways to bring in new members as well as keep existing members. During 2017 we welcomed many new members from Green Valley CC. I had visited the club in 2016 as a guest of Tim Grace and met with many of the new members. If you think that a visit from me to your club may help in a recruiting campaign, contact me and we will arrange a visit.

We also received feedback from you that for the senior seniors the courses we play are too long. Other feedback was that we prefer to not be as strict with the rules. Therefore we are experimenting with new options. Please see later in the newsletter for more details.

I am looking forward to the 2018 season and the three tournaments that we have established for you.

## March 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tucson, AZ

When we last visited Tucson in 2009, it was the week after the gem show, a very large event that takes over the city. Our hotel had numerous issues that members still remind me of. I would like to assure you that we will have no recurrence. We are staying at a 4 star resort and spa, the Westward Look, that is spectacular. The golf also promises to be spectacular, playing at El Conquistador Resort and both courses at Tucson National. Team Play is at Quarry Pines, the course we played in 2009. After golf, there are many local attractions including the Pima Air Museum, which houses one of the world's largest aircraft collections, Saguaro National Park, with one of the most breath taking drives to the top of Mt. Lemmon, or the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Temperatures at this time of the year average mid 70's.

## June 24<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, Boise, ID

Many members have asked for a return to Boise. We will be staying close to downtown at the Riverside Hotel. As the name implies this is situated on the Boise River. We will be playing golf at Falcon Crest, Red Hawk, and Banbury GC. Team Play is at Quail Hollow. With average temperatures in the low 80's when you are not golfing you could just sit in the bar and watch the river flow, stroll along the Boise River Greenbelt or you could visit the many attractions in the area which include the World Center For Birds of Prey and many historical sites.

## September 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, Medford, OR

We will be staying at the Homewood Suites in Medford. This was very popular with our members in 2009, probably because of the free breakfast and its complimentary Welcome Home reception featuring a light meal and beverages (Monday through Thursday). We will be playing Rogue Valley CC, Eagle Point GC and Centennial GC. We will play team play on TUESDAY at StoneRidge GC. When not golfing, the Medford area has many local wineries. Nearby Ashland is home of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. If you plan on attending, please be advised to make reservations well in advance. Note that we will play team play on TUESDAY. Crater Lake National Park is 65 miles away ( 1 hour 30 min, to 2 hours).

### **New Participation Options**

I have had a lot of feedback over these winter months about members getting to the stage where our tournaments are too tough for the more senior seniors. Therefore, at our first tournament of the year in Tucson, we will be experimenting with two new ways that you may participate in our events. If these prove to be workable, then we will continue them at future tournaments, potentially with modifications.

#### **Play for Fun.**

This new option is for members who wish to just play golf and not strictly follow the rules of golf. They will be paired in the same foursome(s), and may play from any tee, pick-up whenever they want, and of course use gimme's. This group will not be eligible for any prizes or skins. It is estimated that the cost of the golf will be \$20 less than the cost of full participation. You may create your own foursome, men and women can be paired together. The golfer also does not need an official handicap. As always we ask that you keep up with the group in front.

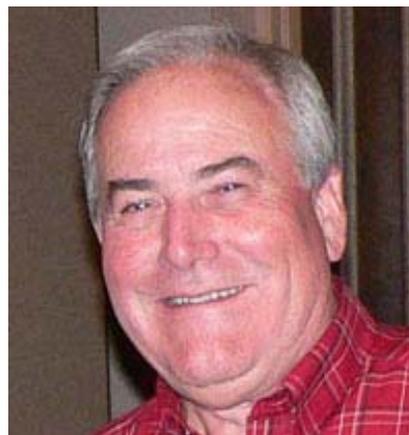
#### **Forward Tees for men.**

The second option will be to allow the men to play from the forward tees. Again this group will be paired together and play as their own flight. There will be flight prizes, but they will not be eligible for overall prizes, skins, KP

prizes or hole in one Prize. We will review participation in this flight prior to the tournament, and discuss with those concerned whether the numbers justify this separate flight. Ladies usually play from the most forward tees, therefore, I do not believe this could be an option for them.

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### **2018 Board Members**



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Please contact any of the above people if you wish to have issues addressed, or you have suggestions to improve your organization.

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### **Guests**

Guests are now allowed to enter a tournament at the same time as our members. A golfing guest can only attend one tournament as a guest, must meet our age requirement (50 or over), and have a current GHIN handicap (except for play for fun participants). Guests will have all the same privileges as members during the tournament. A member may bring as many guests as he or she wishes that meet the above requirements.

*Alan Hargreaves*  
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