



Late check-in for playdays or tournaments—**CALL A FRIEND!**

Making up teams can be difficult under the best circumstances. But late players don't help! If you are en route and are going to be late for a Saturday, Tuesday, or Thursday playday, **call the pro shop or call any member you know is present at the course** to secure a place for that day's play. That way, the teams can be made up and will include you.

If we are playing a tournament with cards pre-printed with the players' names, you still must check in and pay the hole-in-one fee by whatever time is sent to you with the tournament instructions. Failure to do so, or failure to notify someone you will be late, will result in disqualification.

Call a friend! We want you to play!!

On June 17th one of our regular golfers, Frank Moschiano, drove hole #1 while playing at our club. This would not be that unusual as others have done it in the past. However, Frank is one of our newer members and is a 6 in our system of golfers with 1 being the best and 6 being our last category.



So, this is a very noteworthy accomplishment. Frank has shown steady improvement lately, and we predict he will be a 4 or 3 in our system within the next few months.

Frank had just won the driver used a few days earlier, and this was the first time he used it in playing our club. He won the driver at an open house at Golf Galaxy store (previously the Golfsmith store in Pleasant Hill). The club is a Cobra F-7 driver. Frank joined the club in May 2016 and had not played in 20 years before that. Many thanks to Bob Anderson who introduced him to the club.

Thursday team play—**CHECK-IN TIME CHANGE!**

Thursday players will be required to check in by **9:15am**, rather than the current **9:30am** time.

Making up teams that can compete fairly in our regular weekly play formats is always a challenge, but lately it has been difficult to manage. To make the process more manageable and assure that fairness is maintained, we must allow more time for team make-up. All players must arrive and check in 1/2 hour prior to the first tee time.

Thursday players should check in by 9:15am. **Anyone who arrives after that time will not be allowed to participate in team play.** As we state above, if you are en route and know you may be a few minutes late, call the pro shop or call any member you know is present at the course to secure a place for that day's play.



Opportunity knocks!

Fellow BFGCers, your club has some officer openings for 2018. The offices of President, Vice President and Treasurer will be open. Each position is important to the functioning of the club, but each is also a maximum of amount of fun and satisfaction for a minimum amount of work.

If you are interested in learning more or in running for one of these positions, please inform any officer or board member. Also, if you take one of the vacant positions, you will not be on your own. You will be mentored by the current officer to ensure a smooth transition.

—George Vignolo, President



...George Hall, for your continuing support of our club and members

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Upcoming Buchanan tournaments

—Tournament Chair Dennis Donaghu

We are entering the fall/winter portion of our tournament year, and the next tournament will be the 18-hole Fall Championship, the third and final tournament that will determine the club champions in each of three flights. The winners will be determined by the best two out of three combined scores. The Fall Championship will be on Saturday, September 16, and will be a shotgun start. It will be an 8:45am starting time, so please be checked in by no later than 8:15am. **If you are not there by 8:15am, you will not be allowed to play.**

Wednesday, October 18 will be the 4-person scramble at Diablo Creek with picnic to follow at Rodgers-Smith Park in Pleasant Hill. Since this is an away tournament, you must prepay the club by Wednesday, October 11. The cost is \$45.00 payable to BFGC and includes the cost of the BBQ. You may place your check in an envelope and put it in the slot under the computer. If there are players you want to team up with (this is a team event), please note it on the signup sheet. This is the last tournament that requires payment in advance.

The two remaining tournaments are play your own ball 9-hole events—the November 11 Turkey Shoot, and the December 9 Reindeer Roundup, a three person team event with antlers provided to all teams and cake to follow. Cost for these two tournaments is the standard Saturday rate. In all cases, if you need a power cart, please note it when you sign up.

For all of you who played in the April and August special tournaments, please be sure to thank George Hall for the support that he has given our club. He has already confirmed that the special tournaments are a go for next year as well. We hoped everyone enjoyed the putting contest at the last tournament. For next year, we will hold the putting contest again during one of the tournaments, and a new chipping contest during the other. As an added contest, we will be taking the scores from each contest to determine an overall winner, to be known as the “Short Game Champion.”



As a further reminder, please be on time for all tournament events, and also make sure your score cards match and are legible before turning them in. The more time it takes for the official scorers to record scores, the longer we all have to sit around. It is very simple to confirm scores after each hole so you minimize the chance of errors.

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TOURNAMENTS ON THE ROAD!

Fall Classic 2017:

Look out, Monterey Peninsula!

Our Fall Classic in the Monterey area will be held from September 24–26. We have recruited 47 golfers for this event which will allow us to have a shotgun start for both the Pacific Grove course (Sept 25th) and Monterey Pines course (Sept 26th). Both days start at 8:00am and golfers need to be there 30 minutes early. We are paying out over \$1,000 in prize money, plus we have some very nice donations to give out at our reception on September 24 (you do not have to be present to win).

We are staying at the Olympia Lodge. As a reminder, the Olympia Lodge is located at: 1140 Lighthouse Ave, Pacific Grove, Ca 93950. Their telephone is 831-373-2777.

I wanted to thank the committee, the real brains of this event: George Vignolo, Stan Lindberg, and Terry Estrada and my lovely wife, Kathy. Special thanks to Carl Thoreson who provided historical information we used. A big thanks to Pat Brown, Barbara Bassett and Lee Russ for their assistance with the appetizers.

—Fred Arras

RENO 2017

Played as Members “Fore” a Day; this year's tournament provided the Country Club Member experience. Two rounds at RedHawk Resort where we had “Member Money” for food or merchandise and left our clubs overnight. Even Rodney Dangerfield joined us on the Driving Range. Not only was 2017 another anniversary of our Invitational, we also celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary at our awards banquet for two celebrities of our own, David and Cheri Wallace. Other 50 celebrations were for Joe Attinello who won the Chipping Contest by holing the 50-foot chip shot and Richard Morgan who made a 50-yard putt to win the Putting Contest. 4,333,120 yards won Long Drive for David Wallace, all the way from Macon, GA and a drive of 918,720 yards by Buzz Kiley from Palm Desert, won second place. Overall Champion for the Women was Carolyn Weishahn who also won the Accuracy Drive, and Dennis Donaghu was Men's Champion. Everyone else won a raffle prize and a Warrior T-shirt.

We had two guests from another club who will tell you to be sure to invite family and friends next year. There's less than two hundred and 50 days until Reno 2018, so be sure to circle your calendar!





Member Spotlight
Our Man Stan!

“I LOVE this game!” If you hear that shout coming from an adjacent hole, or maybe one clear across the course, you know you're sharing the course with Stan Lindberg.

When he is golfing he wears his heart on his sleeve. There is no doubt about the progress of his round, for good or ill. He is as likely to call out, “I hate this bleeping game,” though not quite so vigorously. That enthusiasm and openness is typical of Stan in real life, as well as on the golf course.

Stan was born in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 21, 1947. His family moved to Pacific Grove, California, in 1954. He has one brother, Doug, who lives in Germany. Doug visits periodically, and has made stops with the club. Stan's father died in 1957, but the family stayed on in Pacific Grove. After high school, Stan attended Monterey Peninsula College and the University of California at Santa Barbara.

As Stan was finishing his teaching credential at UCSB he met his future wife, Jan Vela. Stan proposed in 1973, and the couple was married. They remain happily married, despite the fact that Jan is a Giants fan and Stan remains a Dodger fan. They have two children, Jenny and Kate, as well as three grandchildren. Jenny lives with her family in New Jersey, and Kate lives in San Diego.

Stan's professional career began with a 3-year stint as a teacher at Compton Sr. High in Compton, California. Following that job, he moved to Walnut Creek and began a 32-year career teaching math at Monte Vista High School in Danville. He enjoyed it thoroughly—“a great job at a wonderful school.”

While at Monte Vista, Stan also coached basketball for 10 years, freshmen through varsity. He recalls it as “...some of the most fun I had teaching. But it also produced some of the lowest lows.” Those lows included a four-overtime loss against arch rival San Ramon in a memorable JV game.

Stan took up golf in the early 1990s and joined BFGC in '1993. Among his most memorable moments is his hole in one on hole number three on November 6, 2006. It was a rainy day, and only 9 players were present—including three non-drinkers. He was able to pocket most of the hole in one insurance money.

He has also seen his handicap drop from 35.1 one year ago to 24 today. He attributes this surge to “clean living and a gym membership.” He plays piano “to keep my brain going, and golf to keep my body and brain going.” What does he like most about golf? “I love the idea that it's a game of honor.”

Stan served the club ably as treasurer for 8 years. He takes pride in the fact that he and then-president Ed Baldwinson returned the club's finances to the black and helped to restore financial stability. He currently sits as a director on the club's board.

He also organizes Monday golf outings each week at area courses. Most Monday players are club members, though membership is not required to join the Monday group. He began the Monday event to allow himself to play more area courses and add another day of golf to his schedule. If you're interested in Monday golf, feel free to contact Stan for more info.

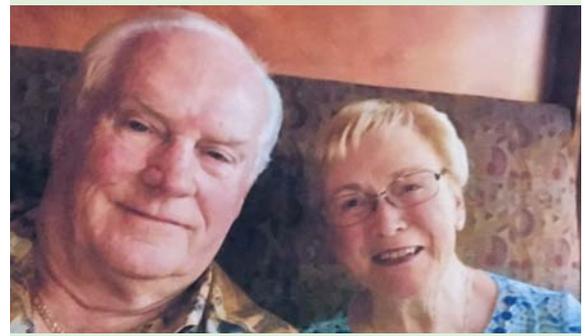
Stan has been one of the people who have make Buchanan Fields Golf Club the experience that it is today. His contributions have helped to shape our rules and traditions, as well as the spirit of camaraderie that makes the club a success.

Member updates

Goodbye, Jim Mullins

Jim Mullins, one of regular players at BFGC has moved to Seattle, WA. He and his wife put in a bid for a house which was accepted and had to move fast. Jim was our recruitment coordinator and will need to be replaced. Jim's game improved very much over the last few months and he will be missed.

Remembering Mary Skiles



Mary passed away recently during a golf tournament trip to Banff, Canada. Mary was passionate about golf, playing, spectating, or watching on TV. She has played St. Andrews while it was awake (meaning the weather was *awake* as in rain, wind, etc!).

So passionate, she went online to find a “male golfer.” She advertised “looking for golfer” and she found Michael Foote. In March 2010 they met for the first time to play golf at Rancho Solano, where after the round, she decided Michael was the guy.

She has played over 50 Bay Area courses, even walked Lake Chabot for many years. Mary loved Buchanan Fields and San Ramon golf course and all the wonderful people she met.

We will all miss her!



*In loving memory of Mary Skiles
July 28, 1943—September 6, 2017*

Equitable Stroke Control...and YOU!

Yes, it involves you, particularly if you are a Thursday session player at Buchanan. And it involves you if you play anywhere else and afterwards post a score (as you are required to do).

What is Equitable Stroke Control (ESC)?

It is the DOWNWARD adjustment of your score—per round of golf, before you post it for handicap purposes—in order to make your INDEX more meaningful.

ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on your COURSE HANDICAP. To make this work, you will have to be aware of your index, (which could change twice a month) and your course handicap, which could be different from course to course.

By knowing your index (*and you should know your index!*), you can easily find your course handicap from a chart that is by the computer in the pro shop of the course you are playing. These charts are in every pro shop within the Northern Californian Golf Association area.

The table below shows the maximum you can post.

When you play 9 holes...

If your course handicap is...	The maximum score you can post on any hole is...
4 or less	Double bogey
5 thru 9	7
10 thru 14	8
15 thru 19	9
20 or more	10

When you play 18 holes

If your course handicap is...	The maximum score you can post on any hole is...
9 or less	Double bogey
10 thru 19	7
20 thru 29	8
30 thru 39	9
40 or more	10

Of course, our Tuesday and Saturday sessions are "scramble" format so ESC has no role to play. But starting on Thursday, September 28, you will be required to use ESC when posting your scores. Your handicap committee and members of the board will be around to assist and answer any questions.

—Ed Baldwinson, Handicap Committee



Who doesn't love a good golf joke?

Captains' responsibilities for scrambles

At the last BFGC Board meeting, it was determined that a list of responsibilities for team captains should be created and distributed to all members. Also, enlarged laminated copies will be placed in the starter's binder and on the Club's bulletin board in the Café.

Please take the time to read this new document. It should help eliminate any issues or misunderstandings that come up at the end of play on Tuesdays and Saturdays. This is especially important as far as side betting is concerned.

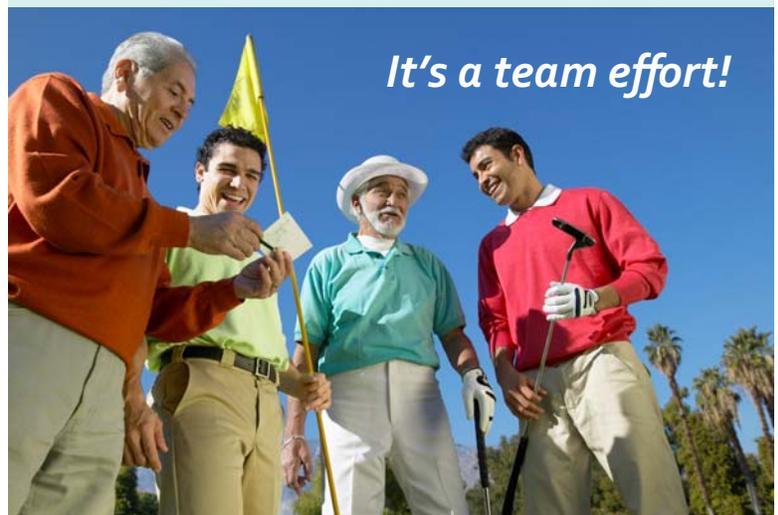
If you have any questions, please see any Board member.

—Stan Lindberg, BFGC Director

Buchanan Fields Golf Club Saturday and Tuesday Scrambles

Responsibilities of the Captain (or his designee)

- Keep a legible scorecard (see page 5). This includes marking greenies won. (For *Thursday only* birdies should also be recorded.)
- Inform team members that side bets are optional.
- Inform at least one other captain and/or the starter if any team member is opting out of the side bets (players opting out of betting should be designated on the pairings list with **NB.**)
- Handle the collection and payout of prize money and side bets. Keep these two kinds of money separate if any of your team members opt out of the side bet.



The ball retriever is not long enough to get my putter out of the tree. —Tom Weiskopf

Making up teams is not for the weak!

Making up teams for play on our sessions on Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays is not an enviable task. BUT, it is an essential one.

The problem that the club has—and by "the club" we mean everyone who is reading this news letter—is that nobody really wants to do it, with the exception of Joaquin that is. WHY? Because if a member has a bad day on the course, it is far easier to blame the team make up than anything else.

Again, we are going to offer a short 30-minute training class for two weeks after golf on Saturday morning to all members. You will be required to attend on both Saturdays. No exam or questionnaire. Just a get-together to give you some guidelines.

The dates, September 23 and 30, were announced at the general meeting in September. If you didn't attend our general

meeting on the first Saturday in September but you are a regular player at Buchanan, then please let us know if you would like to attend. Also, if you already know how to make up the teams, please let us know your availability to do it.

It is our intention to also cover, the duties of a team captain and completion of scorecards. Both of these subjects are issues that are raised during our "normal sessions" at Buchanan.

Scorecards!

The subject of keeping a correct scorecard will be covered at the team makeup training session. **BUT** the board felt it beneficial to give some examples here of a good card and a BAD scramble card! Thursday cards and tournament cards will be covered later, but they also should be correct and legible and match!

This card is incorrect in SO many ways!

ARRGH!!

Final score and all greenie holes are not listed in upper right box (hole 2 is missing).

Greenies are not designated properly ("G" and diamond).

Score is not correct, does not reflect last birdie (this score can not be changed once card is handed in).



Printing is messy and inconsistent (too large or too small)

This is a correctly scored card!

WAY TO GO!

Date and team number are on date line. Final team score and greenie holes are listed beneath that.

Greenie holes are designated by "G" and a diamond

Running score (over or under par) is kept on each hole



Printing is neat, clean and legible.

CALENDAR of Events

Sep 16	18-hole Fall Championship tournament
Oct 18	Diablo Creek 4-person scramble, picnic at Rodgers Smith Park
Nov 11	Turkey Shoot
Dec 9	Reindeer Roundup
Dec 2	Holiday Party at the Moose Club in Concord (5:30pm). \$10 for members or \$15 for guests.



Who doesn't love a good golf joke?
A bit long, but worth it!

"Hello, Señor Bob? This is Ernesto, the caretaker at your country house."

"Ah yes, Ernesto. What can I do for you? Is there a problem?"

"Um, I am just calling to advise you, Señor Bob, that your parrot, he is dead".

"My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International competition?"

"Si, Señor, that's the one."

"Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. What did he die from?"

"From eating the rotten meat, Señor Bob."

"Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat?"

"Nobody, Señor. He ate the meat of the dead horse."

"Dead horse? What dead horse?"

"The thoroughbred, Señor Bob .."

"My prize thoroughbred is dead?"

"Yes, Señor Bob, he died from all that work pulling the water cart."

"Are you insane? What water cart?"

"The one we used to put out the fire, Señor."

"Good Lord! What fire are you talking about, man?"

"The one at your house, Señor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire."

"What the hell? Are you saying that my mansion is destroyed because of a candle?!"

"Yes, Señor Bob."

"But there's electricity at the house! What was the candle for?"

"For the funeral, Señor Bob .."

"WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL??!!"

"Your wife's, Señor Bob. She showed up very late one night and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Ping G15 204g titanium head golf club with the TFC 149D graphite shaft."

SILENCE...LONG SILENCE...VERY LONG SILENCE...

"Ernesto, if you broke that driver, you're in deep shit!"

BFGC PICNIC (10-18-17)

Don't forget our picnic on Wednesday Oct 18 at Roger Smith Park. This is a free event for our members and volunteers.

You may invite your significant other for \$5.00 but please let us know in advance so we may have proper quantities of food and drink on hand. We are making Burger, Hot dogs, potato salad, chili beans plus serving up wine and beer plus soft drinks. All is included so take advantage of this even if you are not playing in the tournament the same day. Advise Fred Arras of additional guest.

CHRISTMAS PARTY IS RELOCATING!

Our Christmas party will be held on December 2 at the Moose Lodge in Concord, not the Martinez Lodge! Again, this event is heavily subsidized by the club and the price for our members is only \$10.00 and \$15.00 for your guest if paid a week or more in advance. We have negotiated the same menu as we have had previously, Steak or chicken, pasta, veggies and salad. In addition, we will be supplying cake. The address for the Moose is 1805 Broadway St; Concord, California 94520

Parking is limited so try and carpool or you may park a short walk away on the other side.

