



# NIBLICK NEWS

**SEPULVEDA SENIORS' GOLF CLUB MARCH 2024**

## LEADERS OF THE PACK

**First February Monthly--Team Scramble--February 12**

**Rained out.**



**Second February Monthly--Stableford--February 26**

### **A-Flight**

**Player High Point--Frederick (Eryc) Tolentino--(-4)--\$60**

**Player High Net Point--Phillip Butch--6--\$60**

**Player Low Net--Frederick (Eryc) Tolentino--71--\$44**

### **B-Flight**

**Player High Point--Michael Camp--(-13)--\$60**

**Player High Net--Mark Berkowitz--9--\$60**

**Player Low Net--Michael Camp--70--\$42**

### **C-Flight**

**Player High Point--Gilbert Acedo--(-24)--\$60**

**Players High Net--Miles Lee and Midge McChristy--0--\$52**

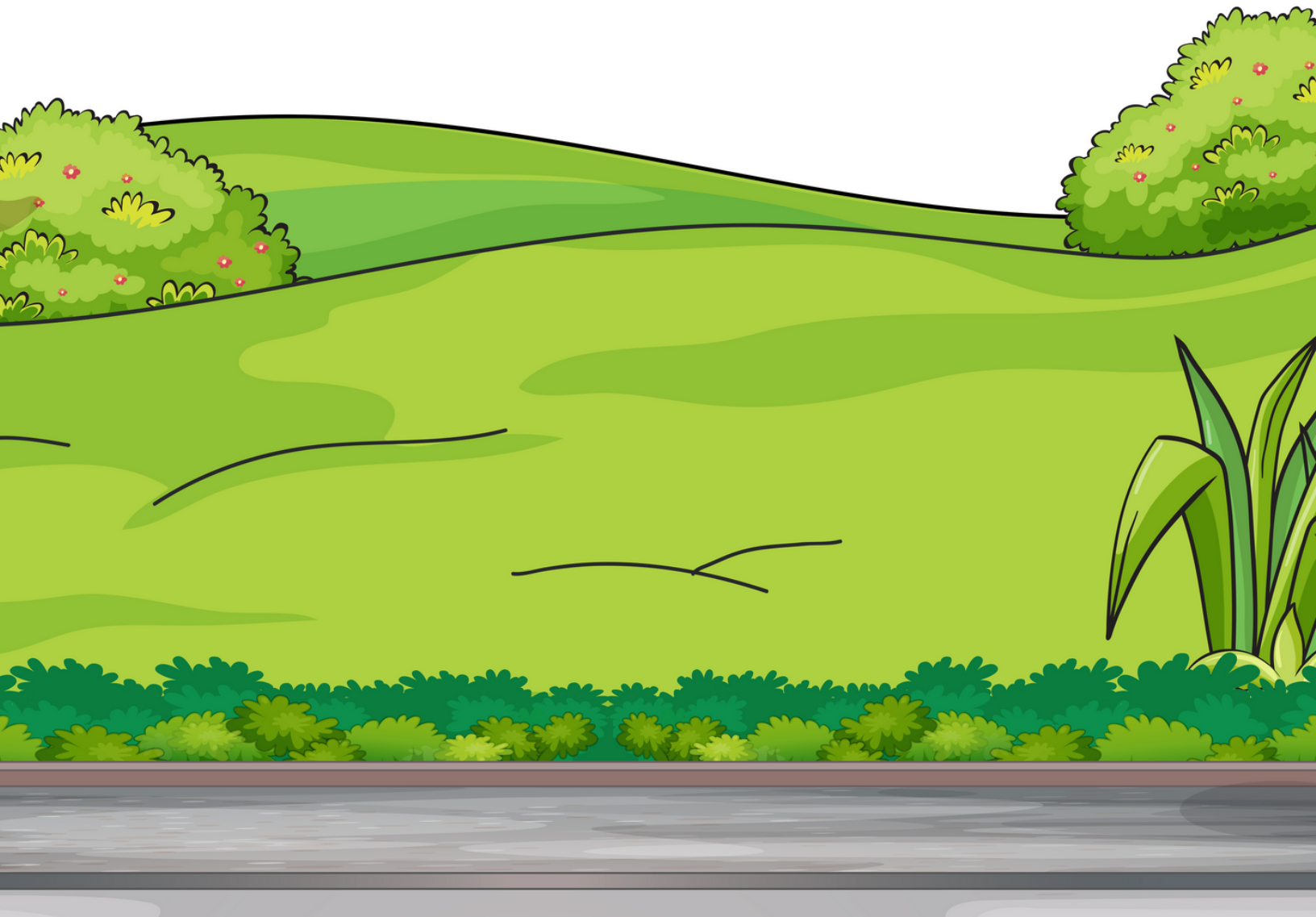
**Players Low Net--Miles Lee and Midge McChristy--75--\$37**

## DEEP POCKETS

**A-Flight--Phillip Butcher--\$147; B-Flight--Mark Berkowitz--\$138; C-Flight--Midge McChristy--\$117**

**THE CLUB GIVES ITS CONDOLENCES AND SUPPORT  
TO MARVIN BROWN ON THE PASSING OF HIS STEP-  
DAUGHTER, SARAH EMILY KNOFF.**

**MAY SARAH'S MEMORY BE FOR A BLESSING**



# PRESIDENT'S CUP

## "A" FLIGHT

### ROUND 1

Valdes 8 v. Tolent

Benaneti Bye

Puno 10 v. Camp 14

Kritzberg 14 v. Gonong 10

Schwartz Bye

Rudnicki 12 v. Cornner 14

Elledge 5 v. Zoida 8

Jones 14 v. Lanza 14

Picolomini Bye

Butch Bye

Coats 4 v. Kadin 6

Nazarian 10 v. Ozuna 12

Cameron 7 v. Young 11

Friedman 13 v. Zambito 13

Seaberg Bye

Nations 15 v. Shamban 14

## "B" FLIGHT

### ROUND 1

Cowan 16 v. Bernard 19

Martinez Bye

Tash 16 v. Hudson 19

Berkowitz 15 v. Lieb 17

Schonfeld Bye

Miller 15 v. Fernandez 15

Wong 17 Bye

Abramson 29 v. Lee, Lynnne 36

Abston 15 v. Russo 17

Cote 23 v. Lee, Miles 25

Kihara Bye

Nguyen 16 v. Acedo 18

Greenbaum Bye

Goldstein 18 v. Radford 24

Bochenek 22 v. Diner 26

Duenas 21 v. Goldsmith 24



## Golfer of the Year--11/1/23- 3/1//24

Skinner 43.00  
 Loomis 42.50  
 McChristy 40.00  
 Esquelo 39.50  
 Tatco 39.50  
 Goldsmith 39.00  
 Martinez 37.50  
 Valdes 36.75  
 Keene 36.50  
 Page 36.50  
 Zoida 36.50  
 Schwartz 34.50  
 Nguyen 34.25  
 Kihara 32.50  
 Diner 31.50  
 Lee, M. 31.50  
 Nations 31.00  
 Puno 30.50  
 Lanza 30.00  
 Berkowitz 29.50

## Most Improved--11/1/23-3/1//24

Rodel Esquejo 25.8 20.2  
 Richard Shamban 22.6 18.0  
 Carla Loomis 14.3 11.9  
 Ramoncito Tateo 26.1 23.2  
 Skip Keene 19.0 17.3  
 John Lanza 19.7 18.2  
 Jose Valdes 13.2 12.1  
 Joebe Aguilar 12.4 11.4  
 Arthur Schonfeld 20.3 19.2  
 Jesus Fernandez 19.7 18.9  
 Raul Morales 31.2 30.2  
 John Lara 6.4 6.0  
 Randy Miller 19.5 18.9  
 Taira Kato 25.8 25.1  
 Marco Zoida 14.8 14.3  
 Joe Ozuna 16.3 15.8  
 Barry Shusterman 22.6 22.2  
 Paula Nguyen 17.2 16.9  
 Ernest Wong 21.2 20.9 1  
 James Lundstrom 1.2 1.1

# GET READY!

March						
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March 4--President's Cup--Round 1--Balboa  
 March 11--First Monthly--Team Better Ball--Wilson  
 March 18--Board Meeting



# MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY

**The Club has 233 members--179 Full and 54 Associate\***

**\*An Associate Member pays reduced dues, is entitled to a handicap, can play in six Club tournaments--excluding the three majors--but is ineligible to be Golfer of the Year and Most Improved**

## A HEARTY WELCOME

**Full Member: Michael Brown**

**Associate Member: Philip Gentile**

**Refer a potential member to Dean Abston--[DeanAbston@bhhscal.com](mailto:DeanAbston@bhhscal.com)--(818) 439-4490 for membership applications--and receive one free green fee at an SSGC event at a City course upon that person's joining--(entry fee, prize money, golf cart excluded).**



**Dean Abston--Membership**





## **AND NOW, A WORD FROM OUR MEMBERS**

**This section is for golf-related memories, creativity, humor, inspiration, tips:  
something that is not on our website**



**Mike Cornner, (right), with Bob Gale and son, Scott, before the flight**

### **Fantasy Golf Trip--Scotland 2018--Part One**

When I agreed to go on the trip to the home of golf, I didn't really understand what was involved. Fortunately, Haversham and Baker [see below], who arranged our tour, was invaluable. Of course, for those of us who ride in a cart when we play, it was necessary to get in good shape because riding is not an option—unless you have a doctor's note.

Another big difference was having caddies carry your clubs. If you are thinking of a trip and thinking you will save some money by carrying your own clubs, think again. The caddies are a big part of the experience. Not only do they know the course and the putting greens, but they have wonderful stories to tell. I don't regret the money spent on caddies in Scotland.

Here are the luggage tips: check with your airline about carry-on and checked luggage plus any EU rules that might apply; a soft cover golf travel bag is better than the hard plastic alternative; and pack travel documents and medications in your carry-on bag.

As far as golf gear is concerned, you should consider taking two pairs of waterproof golf shoes, a high quality rainsuit, a sturdy umbrella, waterproof golf gloves, a supply of golf balls (they are expensive across the Pond), layers of clothing so you can adjust to changing weather conditions and your handicap card (some clubs may ask you to verify your handicap credentials).

And a big recommendation is to have a lightweight golf bag. There is an ancient maxim that says, "the lighter the bag, the better the caddie."

When we played on Muirfield, we were invited to have lunch in the clubhouse dining room. This required a change of clothes. So, we played a round and retired to the locker room to change and join the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers for lunch. Our plan then had us playing an afternoon round, so we changed back into golf clothes for a round of alternate shots.

Over here we do lots of stroke-play golf, but in Scotland, the preferred format is match-play or anything other than medal-play. That afternoon round was the first round where the caddies were really involved in the outcome. In Scotland, golf is a game that is about player vs. player with each hole being a separate match. With variations in the weather, a player with a 14 handicap might shoot in the low 80's one day and then in the mid-90's the next because of the weather. But if each golfer is playing under the same conditions the concern isn't how low a score you shot but whether you beat your opponent.

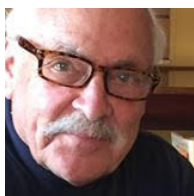
With all of this preparation, we are ready to play some golf at Scotland, the home of golf.

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Haversham and Baker is one of several providers. For our trip, they arranged all the tee times, hotel reservations and vehicle we used. In addition, before the trip, they provided a Field Manual which gave us all the information we needed about the trip including details related to the golf courses. We also had a phone number that put us in touch with someone at H&B who could answer questions or help us in case of problems or emergencies.

The cost was \$6,800 per person not including air fare. I understand that since Covid the cost has gone up at least double. That cost isn't too bad when you consider what it includes: ten nights lodging at excellent hotels (Kingsmills Hotel in Inverness is a four and a half stars facility, Old Course Hotel that overlooks the Old Course and the one seen on televised tournaments is a five star and the Balmoral Hotel, also five stars and the place where members of the Royal Family stay when in Edinburgh). There were eight rounds of golf including Royal Dornoch, Castle Stuart, Old Course. Jubilee Course in St. Andrews, Kingsbarns Golf Links, two rounds at Muirfield and a round at North Berwick. Even if you figure at least \$300 per night for the hotels, \$300 per round for the golf and 10 days of the rental van at \$100 (?) per day, it all adds up to \$6,400, plus there were materials sent to us for months ahead of the trip from H&B. We were out of pocket for caddy fees (around \$100 a pop) and meals other than breakfasts (and the breakfasts were the full English style), and gas for the van.

I'm sure there are less expensive ways to go, but for me I thought the value for the cost was reasonable.



Saul Isler, or “Call me Mr. Lucky”

In an unlikely way, serendipity—the luck of the draw—won a pair of trophies for me. In 2017, my partner never showed up at the Founder's Cup check-in desk. I appeared to be out of the tournament. But the guy standing near me, Jerry Wedge, asked if he could get into the tournament. “You must be a member,” he was told. So, Jerry slapped down a C-note, became a member, was assigned to be my partner and, with very little help from me, we won the tournament. Come 2023, I hadn't selected a Founder's partner so was assigned someone I'd never met, Dindo Puno. And—again, with very little help from me—we won the tournament. Maybe it's time for you to let the luck of the draw put a trophy on your shelf.





**Ed Gooze**

### **Home Sweet Home?**

All the time and money spent so he wouldn't have to be out in the weather, but now he is stuck in this room on a night like this. Torrents of rain and wind slapping at the house and an occasional sharp crack of thunder made him wonder why God could be so angry.

The room was cold and dark with a sliver of light creeping under the door. Muffled sounds and footsteps that made the old wooden floors creak could be heard in the house. He was not alone.

Suddenly, the once muffled sounds of footsteps became more distinct, and someone was approaching the closed-door that hid him from sight. Where to hide? Where to disappear? But it was too late! The doorknob turned; the door that hid him from sight started to open. The light that once crept under the door now exploded with a crescendo of dazzling light that should have fully exposed him! Suddenly a voice "Oh there you are" was heard, as the door slammed shut. Once again, the room was cold and dark with a sliver of light creeping under the door.

As his eyes adjusted to the darkness, images were revealed. It was a smallish room with minimalist furniture. What might have been windows were covered, so not even a glimmer of light from the dazzling lightning could sneak through. The room was narrow with the door having the light creeping under it at one end and what appeared to be blank white wall at the other end. The room had a hardwood floor, but somewhere near that blank wall there appeared to be a small carpet. What was this room?

Not again! Once again, the once muffled sounds of footsteps became more distinct and someone was approaching the door that hid him, but there was nowhere to hide. The doorknob turned, the door that hid him from sight started to open filling the room with a dazzling white that should have fully exposed him. "The bathroom is at the other end of the hall" a voice yelled and then once again the door was slammed shut leaving only a sliver of light under it.

Alone again, his eyes barely seeing anything, but there appeared to be strange little balls lying around with sticks near that strange carpet at the end of the room near that blank wall. What was this room?

He suddenly noticed the floors were creaking and the muffled sounds subsiding. Soon he heard various vehicles rumbling as they started and the sounds slowly disappearing. Only the steady downpour of rain could be heard. Then, like a shock to his system, the room went pitch black and the creeping light under the door vanished.

Finally, he thought, I'm alone. His hands crept up on a wall, found the light switch, and now the pitch darkness became a fully lit room. He approached the blank wall, picked up one of the golf clubs leaning against the wall, put a ball on the green mat and finally was able to continue with his golf practice hitting the balls into that white screen at the end of that narrow room. All the time and money spent so he could practice golf out of the weather was worth it. Another clap of thunder and pounding torrents of rain, but who cares, he thought, as he continued practicing golf indoors.

### **Just for Laughs**



**Roger Cowan**

An old woman was sipping a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says. "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies. "It's me... talking to the wine."

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Picked up a hitch-hiker. Seemed like a nice guy. After a few miles, he asked me if I wasn't afraid that he might be a serial killer? I told him that the odds of two serial killers being in the same car were extremely unlikely.



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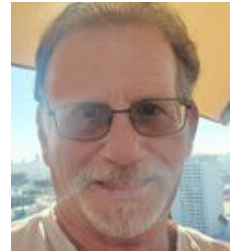
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