

19th Hole Golf Club Report

Carmichael Elks Golf Clubhouse



The Carmichael Elks Golf Club members met at the Lodge on Thursday, May 5, 2022, to discuss club business and sign-up for upcoming tournaments. President Bill Bethell reported on a discussion held with the Haggin Oaks Tournament Manager relative to Haggin Oaks Course policies on "slow play." Haggin Oaks Golf Course's goal is to have players finishing an 18-hole round of golf in four and one-half hours or taking an average of 15 minutes per hole. In an effort to attain that goal, they have recently equipped each cart with GPS to be able to monitor the progress of each group per hole. When a group exceeds that time limit, they will be informed and asked to make up the time. Without making up time and after a third notice, they will be asked to skip a hole and continue on to the next hole. The discussion turned to ways we can help to keep to the 15 minute per hole goal. "Ready golf" is the most common-sense answer, by being ready to play when the group ahead is clear, taking less time to quickly leave the greens after putting and observing the 3-minute rule when looking for an out-of-bounds or lost balls. It was noted that during our tournaments under Covid restrictions, one individual per cart allowed for a much faster 18-hole play. The Haggin Oaks Course liked the idea and has agreed to have one-player-per-cart in place for our next tournament. Most members present were agreeable to the one person to a cart idea, and we will check with other courses this year to see if we can arrange the same system. Two to a cart will still be an acceptable option at the course that adopts the idea. Under old business, we discussed the idea to lower costs of each tournament by reducing our tournament administration and prize fees. It was decided to continue with our current system, and no further ideas to reduce costs were presented.

Due to an overlooked time change, the Director of the March 14, 2022, tournament at Wildhawk missed the April 7th meeting and while we reported the results of that tournament in our May newsletter, we asked Director Ed Arnsdorf to make a formal presentation and award those tournament prizes. Ed did a great job with the report and when noting the Closest to the Pin winners, he proceeded with a humorous and extremely professional description of the age-old cubit as a method of measurement. We were all illuminated about the ancient unit of length (18± inches), which is now considered an obsolete unit of measurement. Ed went on to note that over time, the United States, being the only country utilizing the Imperial method of measurement could suffer the same fate as the cubit. Ah, well, making a 1-cubit putt sounds pretty good, so maybe the cubit could make a comeback in golf measurement. Next the results of the last two April tournaments were announced.

Director Jim Miller reported on the winners of the April 18th Arcade Creek Tournament:

A Flight	Net	B Flight	Net	C Flight	Net
John Glover	72	Lyn Athey	74	Jerry Trautman	67
Grant McEldowney	76	John Simmons	75	Georgia Lipphardt	68
Jim Kuchar	76	Jim Schavey	77	Lynn Mahoney	70

Closest to the Pin	Men	Distance	Women	Distance
Hole # 3	Jerry Trautman	49' 6"	Lyn Athey	10' 1"
Hole # 14	John Glover	5"	Stella Dancer	2-Steps Off

Director Lyn Athey announced the winners of the April 25th Haggin Oaks Tournament:

A Flight	Net	B Flight	Net	C Flight	Net
John Glover	74	Jim Warrick	75	Lynn Mahoney	78
Terry Sweeney	75	Ed Arnsdorf	77	Barbara Shine	81
John Simmons	76	Lyn Athey	77	Georgia Lipphardt	82

Closest to the Pin	Men	Distance	Women	Distance
Hole # 3	Gary Almquist	46' 4"	Marge inally	Edgy
Hole #14	Terry Sweeney	21'	Diane Quest	Lost it

The May tournaments will be held at Diamond Oaks on May 16, Teal Bend on May 23rd and at Empire Ranch on May 31st. The results of those tournaments will be announced in the next issue of the newsletter.

To all Lodge members, are you interested or know of a Lodge member that is interested in playing golf? We have another full schedule of 27 golf tournaments for 2022. The schedule is available on the Carmichael Elks Lodge website at carmichaelelks2103.org. All of our tournaments are held on Mondays with occasional exceptions for holidays. Anyone interested in joining the Golf Club can contact our President Bill Bethell (619) 889- 4142, or Tournament Chair, Georgia Lipphardt at (916) 685-6508, or attend one of our monthly meetings, which are normally held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. Visitors are welcomed, come check us out! Our next meeting is set for June 2, 2022 .



Always make a total effort, even when the odds are against you.

Golf and Life Are a Balance of Commitment and Letting Go