

19th Hole Golf Club Report

Carmichael Elks Golf Clubhouse



The Carmichael Elks Golf Club members and guests met at the Lodge on Saturday, December 9, 2023 for our Annual Awards Dinner to celebrate another year of fine golf. The weather changed a lot from our Thanksgiving Holidays, bringing in some very icy cold mornings and afternoons that stayed cold but sunny. Inside we were toasty and warm welcoming fellow golfers and families in the main Elks Lodge room. Our Chair of the **Awards Dinner this year was Vice President John Simmons** who started the evening with a hearty welcome to all and best wishes for the upcoming holiday season and for the 2024 New Year. **VP John** spiked up the agenda with a great many humorous jokes and stories that made for a fun night. John also challenged the crowd with trivia questions to individual tables, with a correct answer giving the table occupants a turn at the buffet table. And what a table we had. The main dishes included a wonderfully tender and tasty Baked Chicken that was accompanied with a Beef Tri Tip that can only be described as “crazy good”. The side dishes, which by that name you would think to be inferior, were hardly that. The mashed potatoes, made with small gold potatoes, were mashed just enough to easily be absorbed with the spectacular meat sauce that left room for an occasional small bite of potato to linger on your tongue. Not to be sidelined by the mashed potatoes, was a fresh salad with just the right amount of crunch to toss with some chilled pasta salad that enhanced the taste for both. All of this was paired delightfully with the two toned zucchini dish that was the right complement to round out the buffet. The amazing part of the buffet was it was a creation staffed entirely by Lodge members. The **Chef of the night, was member Carl Meyer** who led an amazing number of experienced volunteer members that came together to create a sensational and delicious dinning experience. A big thanks to **DJ Krash** who played a variety of tunes that he occasionally accompanied with his own voice, to set the evening just right. We were also graced with member **Larry Sikorski** stepping up to the microphone and singing some old favorite songs as well as holiday vocals which were all beautifully done. After dinner, **President Bethell** proceeded to handle the last business of the 2023 Golf Club year, starting with the election of the 2024 Golf Club Board as follows: the new and continuing members are **Vice President John Simmons, Treasurer Jerry Trautman, Secretary Jim Warrick, Handicap Chair Tam LeFebure, Tournament Chair Georgia Lipphardt and Bill** himself as the ongoing President. Next **President Bethell** introduced the Directors of the last two tournaments of 2023 to report the results.

November 20. 2023 Teal Bend Results by Director Jerry Trautman:

A Flight	Net	B Flight	Net	C Flight	Net
Jim Miller	71	Don Anido	75	Georgia Lipphardt	74
John Simmons	74	Ron Greenwood	75	Gary Almquist	76
Bruce Barstis	74	Ed Arnsdorf	76	Kristi Ernst	76

Closest to the PIn	Men	Distance	Women	Distance
Hole #4	John Glover	56' 0"	Stella Lookin'	In Space
Hole #16	Ron Greenwood	2' 2"	Marge Inally	On Edge

I'm thinking Hole 4's generous green was hard to get near the hole, why Stellas was still lookin' & John was on it, yet so far away!

Diamond Oaks Results by Director Ron Greenwood:

A Flight	Net	B Flight	Net	C Flight	Net
Jim Kuchar	72	Ron Greenwood	71	Kristi Ernst	69
Bruce Barstis	73	John Volek	72	Bill Hooper	73
Jim Miller	81	Ed Arnsdorf	79	Larry Sikorski	79

Closest to the PIn	Men	Distance	Women	Distance
Hole # 3	Jim Schavey	20' 0"	Lynn Mahoney	39' 0"
Hole # 12	Jim Kuchar	11' 8"	Mercy Me	On & Off

What followed was a round of fun and comic interlude with **Vice President Simmons** entertaining the crowd with a series of raffles picks. These prizes were carefully gathered and hand picked by **Raffle Coordinator, Kristi Ernst**. Our thanks to **Kristi** who did a wonderful job with acquiring the prizes and also with the creation of the table centerpieces that featured a huge lighted Golf Ball sitting on golf tee surrounded with some artificial turf. Just plain delightful and oh, so very clever. A big Thanks to **Kristi Ernst** for all her hard work!

President Bethell then turned to the highlight of the evening and asked **Handicap Chair, Tam LeFebure**, to announce the 2023 Golf Club Award Winners. **First on the agenda were the overall winners in each flight:**

Low Net	A Flight	B Flight	C Flight
First	Dan Ditus	Don Anido	Allen Plimpton
Second	Ray Ernst	Roland Valtierra	Larry Sikorsk
Third	Jim Kuchar	Stan Morrison	Hugh Dayton

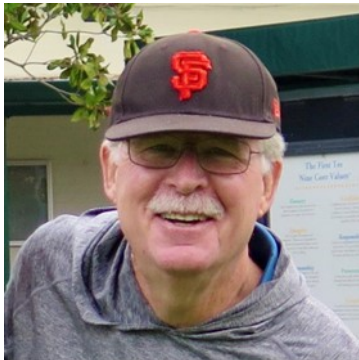
Congratulations to John Simmons and to all the 2023 winners! We had a great year and look forward the coming 2024 season with some new players to join us and some great courses on our schedule to tackle.



We have a busy year ahead with 26 tournaments scheduled for the coming year. We still need volunteers to serve as Directors for our tournaments so check out the new schedule and decide on a tournament you would like to direct. **The 2024 Golf Tournament Schedule will be available at the January 4, 2024 golf meeting. The schedule will also be posted on the Lodge's web page: www.elks.org/2103 and www.carmichaelelks2103.org.** The Golf Club meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month, except December. In lieu of the December meeting, we hold our Annual Award Dinner. Anyone interested can come to one of the monthly meetings for more information. Please join us, visitors are welcomed!



GOLF CLUB CONT'D



**The Most
Improved Player
was
John Simmons**
with a 3.5 stroke
improvement!

**John Simmons is also the winner of
The Charmichael Elks Golf Club
Champion of the Year Award !!**
John will have his name added to the
Club's perpetual **Elks Golf Club Winner
Plaque** that will be on display at the Lodge.
John and his wife Anne are shown here at
last year's Awards Dinner

