

BAY AREA PINSEEKERS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

by

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We're past this season's half-way point, but we have a TON of golf yet to be played!

FAMILY FUN EVENT: Sept. 23-27

Our annual trip (to Monterey this year) is filling up quickly. Please contact **Dean McCurry** to reserve your spot, whether for **DelMonte, Pacific Grove, Black Horse** or all three! We've arranged with the Carmel Mission Inn for Sunday (9/23) arrivals for those of you wanting 3-night packages. However, if you need a room for only one or two nights, check the NCGA website for "partner" hotels in the area offering reduced rates, like the Hotel Abrego whose only blacked-out night is Sunday!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

All brackets are progressing on time, per Coordinator **David Geary**. 2016's Champion, **Wynn Smith**, was eliminated, meaning that no one has successfully defended this title! In the North, undefeated **Gene Ho** awaits the **Boyle-Souza** survivor. **Ace Patterson** will face newcomer **Tom Lovely** in a match of the South's unbeaten, with the loser having to face the **Harley-Carlson** winner. The East has no clear favorite at this point: **Fisher & Langston** (both unbeaten) will still have **Keohane, Tom Boersig, Fry, Elliott & Lang** trying to get to the bracket final. And the West could see an all-female final: **Nagle** is the lone unbeaten, with **Treat, Tim Wallace & DeRoza** set to determine whom she'll face to see who wins that bracket.

MEMORIAL CUP

Coordinator **Tom Boersig** reports that scheduling was an issue early in the year, but it now looks as if the round robin segment will be completed by the end of August, with play-offs to begin in September. At our recent Board meeting, several aspects of this event were discussed, though no changes have been adopted at this time. Though **Flesher/Andrews** have completed their RR matches with a 20-4 record, the sleeper of this event may be the **Belknap/Fry** duo: they've won 22 of 24 possible points, with one match yet to be played!

ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

Save The Date: Sunday, December 3, at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill, with **Bob Harley** again charged with finalizing the arrangements...more info to follow.

RULES ISSUES

Though a few modifications by the USGA and R&A could be implemented immediately, we'll look to 2018 to incorporate any relevant changes into our own "Local Rules" (which can always be found on our website). And while a member suggested playing potential (AND factual) OB shots as laterals, the Board rejected that idea: that's why we STRONGLY urge an increased use of provisionals!

Finally, it's been brought to my attention that a small number of members have taken to "stretching" the rules about as far as they'll stretch. I believe that, most of the time, most of us do our best to apply what we trust to be the right rule based on the situation. The Board expects, and you members should expect, the low handicap in each group to follow our by-laws and, in effect, **protect the rest of the field**. What I can promise is that any proven intentional rule-breaking to gain an advantage will result in my recommendation that the member, regardless of that member's relationship to the club, be removed from the Bay Area Pinseekers Golf Club (Rules of Golf, Sec.1; BAP By-laws, Sec.17).