

BAY AREA PINSEEKERS GOLF CLUB

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President's Message

from

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CLUB WEBSITE

What a great final product Karen Treat has given us in conjunction with Site Developer Steve Forcash! I hope you're all getting as much information from it as I am, and I'm amazed at how quickly & easily Karen executes additions and modifications. **The Board expects each of you to depend on this improved site more than in the past**, so, if you haven't fully explored it, please take a few minutes to do so. Thanks again, K!

BAP QUALIFYING FOR 2017 NCGA ASSOCIATE CLUB EVENTS

Each year, we send teams to tournaments conducted by the NCGA (primarily for clubs like ours), with entry fees at the Qualifying stage paid by the Club. Each of you has the opportunity to qualify based on your performance at designated BAP tournaments in the first half of the season.

Please go to our website's Home Page menu, and click on "Club Updates"; there you'll find an explanation of the qualifying rules and the schedule for the three events to which we send teams.

After our event at Rossmoor, I'll be contacting those of you who will have qualified to represent us on one of the three 2-person teams we'll be sending to the Associate Club 4-Ball Net Championship. The Finals for that event will be played at Poppy Hills and Quail Lodge!

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Coordinator David Geary has already advised Defending Champion Wynn Smith and the other 38 entrants of their brackets and initial opponents to get this year's CC off and running.

A FINAL THOUGHT

Obviously, we've been forced to employ "lift, clean and place" at our early events simply to maintain some level of playability. With the anticipated improvement in the weather, it's time to reinforce the expectation that each of us will return to playing the ball as we find it (taking into account, of course, however the Rules of Golf may allow modification of that condition!).

Personally, I've played in clubs where "foot mashies" were regularly employed, and some folks were intimidated when a friend asked "That's good, right?" while scooping up a ball instead of putting out. I didn't like those approaches then, and I wouldn't want to see similar things creep into our events. Whether it's the "notoriety" that comes from winning an event or award, or the low-level satisfaction one may get from achieving a higher pay-out for points at year's end, we all have a duty to "the rest of the field" to ensure that field is as level as possible.

Please don't hesitate to email me (countsfull32@yahoo.com) with any issues you have...if I can't address your concern, I'll steer you to the Board member who can! **See you on the course!**

DC