



Notes From The Pro

- We have a new Superintendent, **Mark Weitz**. Previously he was working at the Santa Maria Country Club.

Welcome Mark!

- We have eradicated ground cover on left side of #10 and on the hill in front of the #11 Blue/Gold Tee box. **We can see the fairway again!!!**

We have some rate changes that will go into effect the first of January.

- ◆ Members will get a \$39 walking rate and a \$16 cart rate prior to 11 am **Monday thru Friday**.
- ◆ Only 1 foursome per group to be made—not a group rate.
- ◆ If multiple (Men's Club) groups are wanting to tee off around the same time we will need to space out by 3 tee times.
- ◆ If members would like to play early **on weekends** the same rules apply with a \$45 walking rate and a \$16 cart rate.

We were very lucky that the fire did not affect River Course aside from air quality that week.

Thank you so much and Happy New Year!
Brook Bell and Sara Ovadia

Womaen's January Tournament Saturday January 20th 8:30 A.M.

Call the Pro Shop to sign up
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MEN'S TOURNAMENT JANUARY 5TH BLUE TEE'S ONE FLIGHT ONLY NET SKINS ONLY 11:30 SHOTGUN

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New Rates for 2018

Be sure to check out the new fee rates for 2018—see them on the first page.



"I'll be there in a minute!
They're on the last hole!"

A clear path to the green

Bill really enjoyed playing golf. He could occasionally put up with taking in a round with his wife. One time (with his wife Sally along) he was having an extremely bad round. On the 12th hole, Bill sliced a drive over by a grounds keepers shack. Although he did not have a clear shot to the green, his wife noticed that there were two doors on the shack and there was a possibility that, if both doors were opened, he might be able to hit through.

Without hesitation, Bill instructed his wife to go around to the other side and open the far door. Sure enough, this gave him a clear path to the green. He stepped up to his ball and prepared to hit. Sally had been standing by the far door, waiting for him to hit through. After a moment, she became curious and stuck her head in the doorway to see what he was doing. At that exact moment, Bill cracked a three-wood that hit his wife square on the forehead, killing her instantly.

Bill avoided golf for a year. However, he finally recovered, remarried, and started playing golf with his new wife Jill. Again, on hole #12, he slices his drive to the shack. Jill says, "Honey, if I open the front and back door of that shed, I think you could play through." "Nah," replied Bill, "The last time I did that, I shot a 7 on the hole."

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NEXT PUB LINKS ASSOCIATION DAY Will be at

**Blacklake: Lakes/Canyon
Thursday**

February 8, 2018

Fees with a cart \$50

9:00A.M. Shotgun

**Deadline for signing up is
January 15—18**

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Women's Tournament for 2018

Date	Game
1/20/18	TBA
2/17/18	Can-Am
3/17/18	St. Patty's Green Ball
4/21/18	Best Nine
5/19/18	3 Revert to Par
6/16/18	Blind Nine
7/21/18	Patriotic Celebration (Scramble)
August	No Tournament
9/15/18	Criss Cross
10/13/18	Club Championship
10/14/18	Club Championship

Christmas Tournament Results 2017 SCRAMBLE



NET Net Score Leaderboard

Rank	Score	Player	Payout Each
1	55.3	Nielsen, Dan - Mathis, Richard - Fitzgerald, Daniel R - Wallace, Paul	\$65.00
2	55.9	Hennessee, Kenneth L - Crawford, Joseph M - Foreman, Chuck - Millar, Jason	\$42.00
3	57.15	Hanke, William - Vreeland Jr, James - Molitor, John Buck	\$29.00
4	58.05	Zitello, Ben - Dunn, John - Jacobs, Brian - Kaatz, Paul	\$21.00
5	58.1	Joyce, Dan - Gowing, David - Jenkinson, Mark - Dugan, Joseph J	\$17.00
6	58.15	Squires, Jeff - Swier, Tim - Solem, John - Geier, Pat	\$16.00
7	58.5	Klock, Steve Lee - Bell, Rocky - Carbaugh, Ron - Carbaugh, Troy	\$15.00

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Don't Scoop The Clubhead

How To Shave 5 Strokes Off Your Score

By Henry Stetina, PGA



Too many golfers are given a wrong idea about the golf swing. The idea is a double whammy — it makes the swing unnecessarily complicated and produces poor shots. The wrong idea is that we should use our hands during the swing to scoop the clubhead under the ball.

As can be seen in the photos above, when we scoop with the right hand, we effectively shorten the club. Now instead of the leading edge of the club brushing the grass under the ball, the leading edge is elevated and contacts the ball at the equator and we skull the shot.

Or, you can do as I'm doing in the upper photo at right, drop the right shoulder and reverse pivot to lower the club so it goes under the ball. However, when you do this the clubface has so much loft that the ball pops up and does not carry the needed distance. You can see in the photo how the ball has too much loft and therefore not enough carry—a typical fluffed shot.



The solution to skulled and fluffed shots is to simplify your swing. Make the swing without the scooping action. Improvements in a golf swing mean changes, and changes mean finding a way to do something differently from your habit. I will give you two ways to make the change quickly.

First, with no ball, over a period of a week make 100 swings in sets of 10 from three feet before the address (backwing) to three feet after the address (follow-through).

Second, use a metal coat hanger to make a small soccer goal about eight inches tall and place it about three feet in front of you (see lower photo at right). Using a 7-iron, make “no scoop” swings with the intention of rolling the ball under the soccer goal. When you do you will feel very solid contact and the loft of the club will propel the ball over the top of the goal—but your intention is to roll it under.

This “no-scoop” swing is the action that will optimize your swing for all your clubs. Watch the players on tour. You will see swings with a lot of variation. However, you will not see any player using a scooping action — it's unnecessarily difficult and it produces poor shots.

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JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Ladies' Day 8:30 A.M.	5 Men's Individual Shotgun 11:30 PM	6
7	8	9 <i>RC MEN'S TOSS UP 11:00</i>	10	11 Ladies' Day 8:30 A.M.	12	13
14 Men's Individual Shotgun 11:30 PM	15 SKINS Game 11:00 Tee Times	16 <i>WINE VALLEY INN 9:30 SHOTGUN</i> <i>RC MEN'S TOSS UP 11:00</i>	17	18 Ladies' Day 8:30 A.M.	19	20 Ladies Club Tournament 8:30 Shotgun
21	22	23 <i>RC MEN'S TOSS UP 11:00</i>	24	25 Ladies' Day 8:30 A.M.	26	27
28	29 Course Closed until 11:00 For Maintenance	30 <i>RC MEN'S TOSS UP 11:00</i>	31			