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Valley View Golf News

QUARTERLY REVIEW

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Spring is in the air! Perfect GOLF weather!



Valley View we now have 71 paid golf members. That is awesome considering many clubs in Western States don't achieve that number of members especially this early in the year. Yes, I say this early because thanks to our active members we continue to add members almost weekly. It is a team effort and one that we are all up to the goal of being the biggest and the best in Western States.

Being a part of Western States means that you get to meet new people as you travel throughout the western states enjoying many of the tournaments. The beauty of golfing with people that are not a part of your local group is you form many friendships. A great example is playing in the WSGA 61st Annual last year in

Portland, OR I got to play with a fellow WSGA member Lissa Guyton. We enjoyed golfing together so much that we became fast friends. I invited her and her husband, Reggie to our annual tournament last year and they had a great time. They were quite impressed with Valley View and how we work together and host our tournament. We also go together to vacation in Hawaii this March and had a blast. Kenny and I met other golfers from the Portland club who joined us in Hawaii as well. They have also committed to attending our annual tournament.

Here are some pictures of Hawaii and our new friends from Portland.



WSGA Sanctioned Tournaments

If you haven't attended any of the tournaments sanctioned by WSGA here is a schedule and your opportunity to do something different this year. I encourage you all to attend, make a friend and send some pictures that I will be happy to post in the newsletter.

Pacific Desert Classic (April 9 & 10), Sierra Lakes & Arrowhead Country Club, Fontana/San Bernardino, CA

Spear Golf Club (April 16 & 17), Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Gilroy, CA

Desert Mashie Golf Club (April 30 & May 1), Foothills & Club

West.

Cosmopolitan (May 6 & 7) Indian Canyons Golf Course, Palm Springs, CA

WSGA 62nd Annual (June 23, 24 & 25) Portland, OR, Heron Lakes, Eastmoreland & The Resort at the Mountain.

Hope to see you there!

THE 7 MOST MISUNDERSTOOD RULES OF GOLF



1. Red Lateral Hazard (red stakes)

Option 1 – Play it from the hazard

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Draw a line from the hole to where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop anywhere behind that point keeping the point between you and the hole incurring a 1 shot penalty.

Option 4 – go to the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop within 2 club

lengths, no nearer the hole, on either side of the hazard incurring a 1 shot penalty.

2. Yellow Water Hazard (yellow stakes)

Option 1 – Play it from the hazard

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Draw a line from the hole to where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and drop anywhere behind that point keeping the point between you and the

hole. You would incur a 1 shot penalty.

3. Lost Ball or Out-of-Bounds

After looking for a maximum of 5 minutes, you must go back to where the shot was originally played from, and replay, incurring a stroke and distance penalty.

4. Unplayable Lie

Option 1 – Take 2 club lengths relief no closer to the hole and assess a 1 stroke penalty

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Take the ball back as far as you want keeping the point where the ball lays between you and the hole incurring a 1 shot penalty

5. Improving Your Swing Path

You cannot bend, break or hack anything growing or fixed if it improves you lie, your stance, or your area of intended swing.

The penalty for doing so is loss of hole in match

play, or a 2 shot penalty in stroke play.

6. Unplayable Lie in a Bunker

Option 1 – Take a drop of no more than 2 club lengths no closer to the hole, but still in the bunker incurring a 1 shot penalty

Option 2 – Replay the shot from the original position incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 – Go back as far as you like in the bunker and drop keeping that spot where your ball laid between you and the hole. This incurs a 1 shot penalty.

7. Removing Objects in a Bunker

You may not move or remove any loose impediments in the bunker unless they are foreign to the area. Example – you may remove a candy wrapper but not a pine cone or tree branch.

A word from the Handicap Chairman—Michael Mack



Enhance Peer Review

The concept of “peer review” is an essential element of the USGA Handicap System™. It allows other players to learn a player’s potential ability

and to form a reasonable basis for supporting or disputing a score that has been posted. Without peer review, a Handicap Index® loses its

inherent value, and is just a number.

Strengthen the Integrity and Credibility of the USGA Handicap System

Players are not prohibited from playing alone, only from posting solo-round scores for handicap

purposes. By playing alone, a player loses the advantage of someone alongside who can remind the

player of a Rule or verify that they made a 5 and not a 6. Handicap controls, a series of checks and

balances that have always been a part of the USGA Handicap System, ensure that a Handicap Index

will accurately measure a player’s potential ability. They exist to assist the golf club and the Handicap

Committee with its responsibilities. The amendment to clarify a round played alone as an unacceptable

score is an important part of building greater confidence in a player’s Handicap Index.

Global Game

Societal trends such as globalization and technology are making our world a smaller place. Golfers are traveling and

competing with one another more today than ever. Therefore, this change will further enhance the credibility of the

USGA Handicap System worldwide.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why will scores made while playing alone no longer be eligible for posting?

Primarily, to support a key tenet of the USGA Handicap System: peer review. Knowing golfers rely on the integrity of the system to produce an accurate view of playing ability, this change helps golfers form a better basis to support or dispute scores that have been posted to a player’s scoring record.

The majority of handicapping authorities around the globe have employed this policy for some time. With them, the USGA believes it provides a more accurate view of a golfer’s ability, supporting integrity, fairness and equitable play among all golfers.

What constitutes not playing alone?

As long as someone accompanies the player during the round (e.g., fellow competitor, opponent, caddie, marker for a tournament, friend riding along in a cart) the player is not playing alone.

How many holes can a player play alone to post their score?

The player must be accompanied for at least seven holes for a ninehole score or 13 holes for an 18-hole score. This is consistent with

Section 5-1 and the minimum number of holes played under the Rules of Golf.

For the holes played alone unaccompanied), the player would treat these as not played under the Rules of Golf and post according to “par plus” any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive.

(For more information, see Section 4-2).

Note: If a player plays nearly all holes accompanied

but just a few alone, the holes played alone are calculated using “par plus,” keeping in

mind the maximum that can be played alone in a

round eligible for posting is two holes for a nine-hole

score and five holes for an 18-hole score. Some examples

would be starting out alone and joining up with a player(s), or

starting out accompanied and finishing the round alone.

Please visit USGA.org for more information on the USGA Handicap System.

Peer Review & Playing Alone



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2nd quarter Golf Schedules

Monday Golf Schedule:

April

4/4	Desert Pines	9:00
4/11	Palm Valley	9:00
4/18	Stallion Mtn	9:00
4/25	National	9:00

Saturday Golf Schedule

April

4/2	Highland Falls	10:00
4/9	Desert Pines	10:00
4/16	TBA	
4/23	Legacy	10:00
4/30	Siena (Monthly)	10:00

May Schedule:

Monday

5/2	Desert Pines	8:00
5/9	Palm Valley	8:00
5/16	National	8:00
5/23	Highland Falls	8:00
5/30	Desert Pines	8:00

Saturday

5/7	Desert Pines	9:00
5/14	Highland Falls	9:00
5/21	Stallion Mtn	9:00
5/28	Memorial Day Weekend tournament TBA (monthly)	

June Schedule:

Monday

6/6	Palm Valley	8:00
6/13	Stallion Mtn	8:00
6/20	Palm Valley	8:00
6/27	National	8:00

Saturday

6/4	Palm Valley	8:00
6/11	Desert Pines	8:00
6/18	Highland Falls	8:00
6/25	Boulder City	8:00 (monthly tournament)

Please note: Dates and locations can change. Each week an email will be provided for you to sign up or to notify you of any changes.

2016 SPOT LIGHT NEWS

We have had several losses in our golfing family in 2016. Our condolences and prayers go out to the following:

- Harold Huddleston lost his wife, Henrietta
- Linda LeSure lost her mother
- Cyril Fernandez lost his mother