



PC's Tree House Golf Club



A greedy bird goes nuts on a packet of mayonnaise at Primm.

For more information on our away tournament, see the flyer on our website at www.treehousegolf.com.



2008 B-flight champion Jack McConnell and Club Champion Dave Franklin at Simi Hills before their championship match.

2009 Away Tournament

It's time to sign up for our annual "away tournament!" As we have for the past several years, we are playing this year's tournament at the lovely Primm Valley Golf Club near Jean, NV. It has two challenging 18-hole layouts – the Lakes Course and the Desert Course .

Format reversion

Last year's two-day format strayed from our usual based on a member vote. This year, we are going back to how we have done it for several years before that:

Saturday will be played with two-person teams competing in a best ball format, with prizes for the top finishers.

Sunday will once again be the modified Pinehurst format with two person teams playing alternate shot. Each player tees off using his or her own ball, and the players then alternate hitting the chosen ball until holed out. A more detailed explanation is available and will be provided before play.

The tournament dates are May 30th - 31st. **Sign up soon as the deadline for reservations is April 30th.**

We get a great package rate at Primm (\$248 plus tax, per person, double occupancy) which includes your hotel stay and your golf for both days! Additional night stays and golf rounds are also discounted (\$30+tax for Thursday and/or Sunday for rooms and \$85/Fri, \$60/Mon for golf). Reservations should be made by calling 1-800-386-7867 and referring to group code SGT0529, no later than April 30th. Reserve extra night(s) stays at the time you make your regular reservation. For additional rounds of golf, call the golf shop directly at 1-888-847-2757, mention the Treehouse tournament and date of the event for the discounted rates, and pay for them at the golf course.

The dress code is standard golf attire – no denim please. It gets pretty hot out in the desert so you may want to bring spray bottles, towels to keep cold and wet, or other cooling devices, but we do have early starts for both days to try to beat the heat (and wind).



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See you at Primm! 

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 Photos, schedules, results,
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 and more!

I've spent most of
 my life golfing - the
 rest I've just wasted.

~Author Unknown

"Match Play" Begins Next Month



It's that time of year again. Qualifying is over and "match play" begins during next month's tournament at a new course on our schedule, **Sterling Hills, on April 18th. April 6th, is the cutoff** for the \$80 rate. Beyond that, you can still sign up if space is available for \$85.

Remember, we're all still playing our usual tournament following the rules and scoring of stroke play. It's only "match play" between you and your opponent using net (stroke play) scores on each hole, so don't go conceding any putts out there.

Here are the tentative match-ups for the first round:

A-Flight

David Franklin vs Bye
 Tim O'Brien vs Dan Scruggs
 Rod Jurgenson vs Rick Adams
 Jack McConnell vs Victor Sua
 Gary Cunningham vs Randy Johnston
 Mike Pelletier vs Bruce Taylor
 Greg Beach vs Jeremy Nicholson
 Robert Hernandez vs Ron Smith

B-Flight

John Weaver vs Bye
 Don Sackett vs Steve Larabee
 Wayne Uhland vs Craig Weaver
 Kristen Williams vs Gordon Voshall
 Ray Stuckert vs Gene Rasmussen
 Allan Webber vs Leon Williams
 Ted Koscheski vs Gene Cantreau
 Bill Volkert vs Greg Johnson

Please note: If a competitor is unable to play his or her match at the scheduled time, a make-up match may be played any time between 2 weeks before to 1 week after the scheduled tournament provided their opponent agrees. Make-up matches **must** be played on the golf course where the rest of the club played its matches for that round and results must be turned in promptly.



Gary Cunningham and Frank Pistonetti show off their winnings while Gary angles for a Coors endorsement at last year's awards banquet.

Can I get a ruling? friendly reminders of USGA rules.

PC's Treehouse Golf Club adheres to the USGA Rules of Golf. As participating Members and for accurate handicap maintenance, it is important that we all follow these rules for every round of golf we play including but not limited to our tournaments.

There are common misinterpretations to the Rules of Golf, plus, it's always good to refresh ourselves on them from time to time. Don't forget there were also some changes this year! This newsletter always contains reminders of some rules but please take a moment every now and then to review the rules in your book or at

<http://www.usga.org/playing/rules/rules.html>

Rule 16 The Putting Green

16-1e Standing Astride or on Line of Putt

The player must not make a *stroke* on the *putting green* from a *stance* astride, or with either foot touching, the *line of putt* or an extension of that line behind the ball.

Exception: There is no penalty if the *stance* is inadvertently taken on or astride the *line of putt* (or an extension of that line behind the ball) or is taken to avoid standing on another player's *line of putt* or prospective *line of putt*.

Reaching Across Hole to Tap in Short Putt

Q. A player reaches across the hole to tap in a short putt (the hole is between the player and the ball). Is this a breach of Rule 16-1e, Standing Astride or on the Line of Putt?

A. No. The line of putt does not extend beyond the hole. There is no penalty for making a stroke in this manner, provided the ball is fairly struck at and not raked into the hole.

Club Announcement:

Change in tournament prize competitions!

Starting next month at Sterling Hills, the Club will no longer award prizes or president's club points for long drive competitions.

Instead, we will now play for a "long putt" prize and points which will take place on the 18th hole at every tournament. Made putts will be marked rather than measured, so sink those putts and stake your claim!

If players wish to use one of the club's sign post markers for their own long drive side-pot, notify a board member in advance so we can be sure to have one available for you.

Did you know?

PC's Treehouse Golf Club members receive a 10% discount on most merchandise purchased at Pro Golf Discount of Simi Valley. Simply show your SCGA card and ring up those savings!



Life in the Trap by Rick Newell

www.lifeinthetrap.com

