

Chip Shots

Men's Club Newsletter

May 2008

PRESIDENT REPORT

By: John Campion

Several of the Membership have requested that we play some of our annual Cottonwood tournaments at other courses. So, we are!

This past weekend, April 19th, we held our January rained out Masters at the Borrego Springs Resort. The event was hosted by Rick Sprouse - yes that Rick, the long time pro at Cottonwood. Rick did a wonderful job of making the tournament run smoothly. He also told me he enjoyed visiting with some of the old time Cottonwood members.

The desert weather this time of the year is perfect, although it was a bit windy on tournament day. All the players had fun on the course and appreciated the hospitality the staff provided; plus, we all got to work on our wind shot swings. All in all, it was a fun trip. So if you enjoyed yourself, pass it on and we will do it again.

As stated above, please note there are some schedule changes in our tournaments in the coming months. We have scheduled our June & July Masters to be played at Carlton Oaks, in Santee. Also, our June two man Pinehurst will be contested there.

SEE YOU AT COTTONWOOD

Cottonwood Men's Club Calendar of Events - 2006

May 3 (Saturday)
Masters
Ivanhoe
7 a.m. consecutive times

June 8 (Sunday)
Masters
Carlton Oaks
8 a.m. consecutive times

June 21 (Saturday)
Pinehurst
Carlton Oaks
6:30 a.m. consecutive times

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Vice President
By Ray Cox

Didn't go to Borrego???????????? For those of you that couldn't make the trip you missed out on a GREAT weekend, quite a few players made a weekend out of it, including yours truly Fridays weather was absolutely perfect (it didn't hurt that a round of golf with cart cost only \$20.00)

Saturday started out very nice then the wind kicked up to almost hurricane force which created a lot of amazing shots both good and bad, some were funny and some were very irritating to say the least, but all in all it was a good time.

On memorial weekend Borrego Springs Resort is putting on a 2 man 3 day event, all the info will be on our website soon so make sure to check it out. Rick Sprouse is rolling out the red carpet for this one, so it will be fun.

Handicap chairman
By Keith Reinking

Starting 1 April the following Slope and Rating changes are in effect until the completion of construction on Ivanhoe. The computer will reflect these changes automaticly. This is due to the course being rerated.

Blue tees course rating 72.4 slope 121

White tees course rating 71.9 slope 120

Red tees course rating 70.6 slope 115

Rules101

By Keith Reinking

RULES CHANGE

The following was released by the USGA after fielding thousands of complaints about the Ruling issued to Stewart Cink during the Zurich Classic a couple of weeks ago.

There is some fairness in the Rules of Golf!!!

After discussion, the JRC agreed on the following position, effective immediately:

Rule 13-4a prohibits a player from testing the condition of the hazard in which his ball lies or a similar hazard. Yet Exception 3 to the Rule, which was introduced in 2008, allows a player to test the condition of one hazard after playing from that hazard into a similar hazard.

Although Decision 13-4/0.5 lists smoothing a bunker with a rake, club or otherwise as an example of testing the condition of the hazard, the Etiquette Section of the Rules of Golf provides that "Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others."

It is not the intent of Rule 13-4a to prohibit players from practicing the proper etiquette of the game when more than one bunker is involved. Therefore, when the player's ball lies in a bunker, it would not be a breach of the Rules if the player were to smooth the sand in another bunker, provided (a) the smoothing is for the purpose of tidying up the bunker, (b) the smoothing does not breach Rule 13-2 (Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play) with respect to his next stroke and (c) there is not a reasonable possibility that the smoothing could affect a subsequent stroke by the player.

If the player were to smooth sand in the bunker in which his ball lies prior to making his first stroke in that bunker, he would be in breach of Rule 13-4a.

**Cottonwood Men's Club
January Master (make-up)
April 19, 2008**

Gold Flight.	Gross	Hdcp	Net	\$
Robert Rahn	76			80.00
John Kirkpatrick	78	5	73	40.00

Cottonwood flight.

Dennis Jamison	77			80.00
Ray Cox	81	8	73	40.00

Ivanhoe Flight

Mike Smith	77			80.00
John Champion	87	13	74	40.00

Monte Vista Flight.

Ralph Pastore	87			80.00
French Merrill	99	24	75	40.00

Closest to the Pins

William Whitfield	#3 Desert Willow	25.00
Jim Goggin	#6 Desert Willow	25.00
Dennis Jamison	#3 Mesquite	25.00
John Ehlike	#6 Mesquite	25.00

Tournaments

By G. Perot

We had a fun filled weekend at Borrego Springs Resort. We had to contend with the wind on Saturday but all and all it was a fun weekend.

Robert Rahn won the Gold Flight with a gross 76. John Kirkpatrick was the runner up with a net 73. In the Cottonwood Flight. Dennis Jamison was the gross winner with a 77. Ray Cox was runner up with a net 73.

In the Ivanhoe Flight. Mike Smith shot a 77 to win his flight. John Champion was the runner up with a net 74. Ralph Pastore won the Monte Vista flight with an 87 and French Merrill was the runner up with a net 75.

**Cottonwood men's club
April Masters
April 5, 2008**

Gold Flt.	Gross	Hdcp	Net	\$
Mike Rahn		68		100.00
Robert Rahn	69	2	67	50.00
Mark Dobransky	73	3	70	35.00
<u>Won card-off</u>				

Cottonwood Flt.

Todd Koopman	74			100.00
Don Oliver	75	7	68	50.00
Rich Furry	76	7	69	35.00

Ivanhoe Flt

Larry Kouns	79			100.00
John Kline	80	13	67	50.00
Rick Salvatore	81	13	68	35.00

Monte Vista flight

Bob Schneider	85			100.00
Johnny Simpson	86	18	68	50.00
Nunizo Campagna	88	16	72	35.00

Closest to the Pins

Dan Oberst	#4	25.00
Mark Melton	#9	25.00
Lu Havlat	#12	25.00
Rick Salvatore	#18	25.00

Tournaments

By G. Perot

In the Gold Flt Mike Rahn won the Gross with a 68. Spike was the runner up with a net 67. Mark Dobransky won in a card off for 3rd place.

In the Cottonwood Flt. Todd Koopman was the gross winner with a 74. Don Oliver was the 2nd place winner with a net 68 and Rich Furry was one stroke behind with a net 69.

In the Ivanhoe Flt. Larry Kouns was the gross winner with a 79. John Kline was 2nd place winner with a net 67 and Rick Salvatore was 3rd with a net 68.

In the Monte Vista Flt. Bob Schneider was the gross winner with an 85. Johnny Simpson was runner up with a net 68. Nunizo Campagna was 3rd place with a net 72.

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Pinehurst

June 21, 2008

Consecutive times, starting at 6:30 a.m.

Carlton Oaks

Name _____

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E-mail your entry to George Perot at <mailto:gperot@cox.net>