

REC PARK MENS CLUB

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PRESIDENTS SMORGASBORD GORDON OLSON

ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS

We had a nice tourn out for the May meeting, lots of balls and range cards were given out. Ryan Harlow (gen. manager at Rec Park) donated a lot of the balls and some range cards. Thanks Ryan for your interest in the Men's Club. By attending the meetings you can meet new friends and have an evening away from home. So support your club and attend meetings.

TEAM PLAY

Team play will start in September, so try and get teams together and play different courses around the area. Doug Stodgel will be handling the Team Play. Call him to get more information 714-952-1726.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Club Championships start with the October tournament, you must have played in 4 club tournaments starting w2ith the November, 2007 tournament to be eligible to play in the club championships. You can count both regular and senior tournaments towards the count. If you haven't played in 4 there is still time to get them in. You have 2 tournaments in June, one in August and one in September, plus 4 senior tournaments, played on the last Thursday of the month.

PAUL GOYDOS

For you newer members who don't know about Paul Goydos and his relationship with Recreation Park Men's Club, I'll fill you in. He was our Club Champion in 1981, 84, 85, 86 and 88. He tourned pro shortly after 1988. He still is a member of Recreation Park Men's Club. He has won two PGA tournaments and this year has already won over 1 million 2 hundred thousand dollars.

Last month he came in 2nd in a playoff with Garcia in the Players Championship. For you people who don't get the Long Beach Pres Telegram , there was a nice article by Bob Keisser in it about Paul, I'll put some of it in this newsletter.

There were moments during his four days in the spotlight at the Players Championship when Paul Goydos realized there was a fine line between inspiration and insanity in wearing a Dirtbag baseball hat.

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WHAT A WAY TO START A GOLF GAME!!

NEXT MEETING
JUNE 26, 2008

6:30 P.M.

CLUB MERCHANDISE
RAFFLE
CLUB RAFFLE
MEMBERSHIP DRAWING

\$50.00

(YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN)

PICK UP SCRIPT

MEETING NIGHT DINNER

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EDITOR GORDON OLSON

TOURNAMENT NEWS JIM GONZALES

No tournament results to report on, as we are in the middle of a seven week hiatus in our tournament schedule to accommodate the Long Beach Golf Festival. Our next regular tournament will be an Individual Nassau event on Sunday, June 22nd. This will also be the front end of our annual 36-hole Eclectic Combination Tournament. On June 29th (the very next Sunday) we will hold an Individual Stroke Play Tournament. This will also be the final 18 holes of the Eclectic Combo Tournament. In the ECLECTIC format, you take the best score on each hole for the two rounds and that becomes your score for the ECLECTIC (best 18 holes). The entry fee for both the June 22nd and June 29th Tournaments is \$35 per player. If you want to participate in the very popular Eclectic Combo Tournament there is an \$8 additional fee, which must be paid before you tee off on June 22nd.

We already have a large amount of sign-ups for June 22, June 29 and the Eclectic Combo Tournament. If you are planning on playing, you should get your entry in immediately so you won't be disappointed.

On Sunday, August 3rd we will have a 24-33-45 Foursome event. Here's how it works. The team will take the two (2) low net balls on all the four-pars, the three (3) low net balls on all the three-pars, and all four (4) net balls on the five-pars. Par for the event is 168. You can sign-up as a foursome - or a single, or anything in between. Entry fee for each player is \$35.

On Saturday, September 6th we will hold our Annual Maurice Carl Invitational. Entry fee is \$45 per player, \$90 per team. You may partner with another club member or bring a guest, male or female. The committee needs your partner's name and six-digit (or seven) handicap ID number with your entry. The tournament committee would rather not spend the night before the tournament trying to find someone's handicap. If your guest does not have an index, we will use the Callaway one-day handicap system to determine your guest's handicap for the event. If your guest does have a current handicap ID number, but you fail to include it on your entry form, your guest will play using the Callaway system. The tournament committee will no longer remind you that they don't have your guest's handicap ID number, and will not be |

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**PRESIDENTS
SMORGASBORD**
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SENIOR REPORT

Our next tournament is an invitational and you can bring a male or female and they do not have to be a senior. I am already two thirds full so if you want to play get those entries in right away. Be sure to note who are partners and be sure you put your guests handicap index, not his handicap, on the entry. As Jim said in his article if you don't send the guests handicap index they will play calloway. Also remind your guest that we putt out all putts, no gimmies and make them aware of our pace of play.

Thanks to Bob Cervantes, Art & Tony Riesgo, Stan Johnson and John Cabalero for setting up (putting up flags, tent, table) and taking down tent at the senior tournaments. They do this for every tournament.

Also thanks to all you fellows who help on the starting and scoring table. I try and change it around so everyone will get a chance to help.

And thanks to Jim Gonzales, Earl Gillings, Bruce Gatton and Rich Samko for entering the scores in the computer.

All of this help sure make my job easier.

Remember that in the Senior Club Championship (October, November and December) you have to had played in 4 club tournaments from November ,2007 to October 2008. You can count both regular and senior tournaments towards the 4.

See you June 26th

**TOURNAMENT
CHAIRMAN**
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looking for handicaps the day of the tournament. It's your responsibility to provide your guest's handicap ID number if they have one. There will be no exceptions to the above policy.

On Saturday, October 4th we will hold a Nassau tournament. It will also be the first round of the 2008 Club Championship. Entry fee for the October 4th Nassau tournament is \$35 per player. For those playing in the Club Championship, the entry fee is an additional \$116. Entry deadline for the Club Championship is Thursday, September 25th. The entire entry fee for the Club Championship of \$151 must be paid with the entry prior to the deadline - NO EXCEPTIONS.

Larry Grant will defend his title in the Championship Flight. With the long-time Championship Flight players and the numerous low handicap players that have joined the club this year, this should be a very competitive Club Championship. The other defending Champions for 2007 are: "A" Flight - Jim Harada; "B" Flight - Jerry Johnson; "C" Flight - Sam Rizzardo; "D" Flight - Marc Pickens.

Thanks again to all the unselfish club members who continue to serve on the tournament committee. And a special thanks to all the new members who have volunteered to help out at the tournaments. We will never have too many volunteers. Our club is very active and our tournaments are significantly larger than most clubs in Southern California. The tournaments are only possible through a team effort by the members of the tournament committee and the members who work the starting and scoring tables. The club and I appreciate your efforts. Also, a great big

**JERRY CONN
SEC./TREAS.**

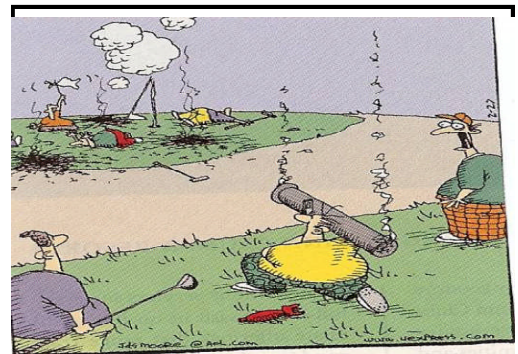
February, 2008 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance -----	39,198.56
Receipts -----	26,449.00
Total -----	65,647.56
Disbursements -----	17,291.45
"Money In Bank" -----	48,356.11
Reserves:	
Computer -----	1,935.71
Directory -----	887.32
Scholarship -----	2,825.00
Script -----	27,401.00
Trophies -----	728.63
2005 Hole In One -----	895.00
Total Reserve -----	34,672.66
"Money Available" -----	13,683.45

Treasurer's report is posted on bulletin board at Rec Park. Dinners won by RonMers Bruce Gatton, Free tournament entry worth \$10.00 by Hal Peabody. Jackpot of \$50.00 was won by Gordon Olson.

thank you to Vic Somogyi who volunteered his time to make our new, portable scoreboard. Great job Vic!

See you at the next tournament. Keep it in the fairway!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CASE, DENNIS, CASE, JASON, FITZELL, GORDON, LIDEWITZ, JOEL, MORGAN, FRANK, OLMO, MARK

2008 RECREATION PARK MEN'S CLUB APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the Membership Application below and return with the correct membership fee as below: Long Beach Resident—\$100.00, Long Beach Resident Senior (Senior 62 and over)—\$75.00, Long Beach Residents must enclose a copy of their drivers License. Others \$130.00
Each year thereafter, the Membership renewal Fee is \$55.00 (or as posted) for everyone.

NAME _____ PHONE # (____) _____

ADDRESS _____ CELL PHONE # (____) _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____ FAX # _____

HANDICAP # _____ E-MAIL _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO RECREATION PARK MEN'S CLUB
MAIL TO: DAN GOOCH, 16342 WOODSTOCK LANE, HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA. 92647, PHONE 714-840-4624

HANDIAPCHAIRMAN
DICK KINER

What does Course Rating™ or Course Handicap represent?

A Course Handicap represents the number of strokes needed to play to the level of a scratch golfer—or the Course Rating™ defines the USGA® mark indicating the evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course for a scratch golfer, under normal course and weather conditions. It is expressed as strokes taken to one decimal place, and is based on yardage and other obstacles to the extent that they affect the scoring ability of a scratch golfer. Course Rating is equivalent to the better half average of a scratch golfer's scores under normal playing conditions.

What is the Bogey Rating and Slope Rating®?

Bogey Rating is the evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course for the bogey golfer under the same conditions as the scratch golfer.

Slope Rating defines the USGA mark indicating the measurement of the relative difficulty of a course for non-scratch golfers compared to the Course Rating. Slope Rating is computed by the following formula: Bogey rating minus Course Rating multiplied by (5.381 men, 4.24 women) equals Slope Rating.

What is an Index?

Your Handicap Index number is the USGA's service mark used to indicate a measurement of your potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty. It is expressed as a number taken to one decimal place and is used for conversion to a Course Handicap for the course you are playing. Each course has its own Slope Conversion chart made up from the Course Rating by the PLGA.

How is an Index determined?

Your Handicap Index is based on 96% of the lowest 10 adjusted scores posted out of 20. Your adjusted score posted is converted to a differentials to be used for your 20 scores average.

What is a differential?

A Handicap Differential is the difference between a player's adjusted gross score and the USGA Course Rating of the course on which the score was made, multiplied by 113, then divided by the Slope Rating from the tees played and rounded to the nearest tenth.

How do I convert my Index to a Course Handicap?

When you arrive at the course you are going to play locate the Slope Conversion chart and convert your index to the course Handicap for the tees you are going to play. Or locate the course-posting computer and use the far right tab on the bottom of the main page to calculate your course handicap from each set of tees.

How Well Should You Play?

A player's Handicap Index reflects his potential because it is based upon his very best scores posted for a given number of rounds, ideally the best 10 of his last 20 rounds. Since the system tosses out the worst 10 scores, your Handicap Index reflects you're very best. You should play a few strokes over your Course Handicap most of the time that's normal under the USGA Handicap System.

Membership & Membership Card

Your Rec. Park Men's Golf Club includes membership in (PLGA) Public Links Golf Association of Southern California as well. As a member of PLGA you are eligible to participate in all PLGA

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OFFICER LIST 2008

PRES. GORDON OLSON	562-421-0952	MEM. CHR. DAN GOOCH	714-840-4624
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HDCP. CHR. DICK KINER	714-637-0961	GOLF COM. HAL PEABODY	562-428-3068
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PLGA REP.: BRUCE GATTON	818-845-4659		

HANDICAP CHR. REPORT (cont from page 3)

sponsored events. You were mailed a hard plastic membership card. This card will show your name, member number, and club number, it also has a space on the back for your monthly handicap sticker.

Where can I find my Handicap Sticker?

Your monthly stickers are kept in the box on the first shelf of the cabinet that the posting computer is located inside the proshop at the course.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

DAN GOOCH

We're currently at 668 members. A couple of things we always want to make sure everyone is aware of: 1) You can receive your handicap index via e-mail by going to www.plga.org website and follow the prompts.....this is a free service and quite handy; 2) We welcome Junior Members (those boys & girls under 18 years of age) and you can sign up your young friends by going to our website and downloading the junior membership application and forwarding it to me; 3) you can dedicate a tree in honor or memory of a loved one by downloading the form from our website - the cost is a reasonable \$200. Our golf course Manager, Ryan Harlow will work with you if you have a specific location in mind. This is a terrific way to honor someone and make a positive contribution to the golf course.

Renewal notices will be coming out at the end of the summer so keep an eye out for them. If you're going to be traveling during August and September it will be best if you send in your renewal as soon as the notice appears.

PRESIDENTS SMORGASBORD (CONT. FROM PAGE 1)

He wore it all four days. The whole hat thing got a little out-of-control Goydos said with a laugh before hopping a plane for Atlanta and this weekend's AT&T Classic. I've thought about wearing a Dirtbag hat before, and this time I saw it at the airport and grabbed it, \$14.99. What a bargain. The amount of TV exposure for Goydos, the university and the baseball team probably was worth \$1.49 million. Goydos and the school should sit down and hash out a deal for Dirtbag golf wear.

Goydos who turns 44 next month, may be one of those athletes whose game is coming together at a time when other athletes are ramping down expectations.

His second-place finish after losing a playoff to Sergio Garcia continued a fair string of results this season, with four top 30 finishes. He won the second tournament of his career at the Sony Open in 2007. He finished eighth at the Texas Open and second at the Chrysler Championships to end the 2006 season.

"used to be the guy who would play 30 tournaments and make 20 cuts and finish between 20th and 50th. Now some of the 20's are turning into seconds. I felt like things were getting better in 2006. When I get in a good position, I can do more with it."

"I don't think people appreciate how good Paul is," Bob Livingstone said. "He got a lot of notoriety this weekend, but what you saw from him, his wit and his ability to grind, is the way he's always been. Paul is trying to win every week, and he's battled through things and has a great reputation among other golfers."

The things he's battled have been noted before. In a very short period of time, he went through a traumatic divorce, became a single father to his two daughters, and was KO'd by sinus surgery and hip ailments that limited him to two tournaments in 2004 and 15 in 2005.

But he will always embrace his reputation as a grinder. He joked last week that he was more of a journeyman than a veteran and that he was able to shoot 68 in the first round because he skipped 18.

"If I had won 10 times, had \$20 million in the bank and had grabbed the brass ring a few times, maybe I would feel different. But I have a 100 percent desire to do this. I think I'm lucky because I love the game and I love the people I play with," he said.

It was great game last weekend because of Goydos. He totally won the crowd over in Florida. The Dirtbag thing got more play here and nationally thanks to TV interviews, but the crowds Sunday were attracted to his status as that tour vet who had left Trevor Immelman and Phil Michelson behind and was dueling one of the wunderkinds, Garcia, for the title.

"People were emotionally involved in what I was doing and unbelievably encouraging," he said. "I did find out what it was like to feel like the favorite."

Dirtbag hat and all.

MAY 29, 2008 SENIOR RESULTS

137 CONN,J, FIGUEROA,F, OLSON,G, SCHOCHET,L, SOMOGYI,V	40.00 EA.	200.00
139 GATTON,B, GONZALES,J, KINER,R, SAMKO,R, SCHINNERER,H	32.00 "	160.00
143 AMADOR,F, HERRIN,T, HOGUE,M, WAGNER,R, WICKENHEISER, A	28.00 "	140.00
145 BUTLER,L, FRANCIS,A, HUCKER,D, MOORE,R, REDMAN,R	22.00 "	110.00
148 ELDER,D, HAMADA,B, KATO,J, KIMURA,B, STANLEY,M	18.00 "	90.00
*149 CABALLERO,J, CERVANTES,B, JOHNSON,S, RIESGO,ART, RIESGO,TONY	11.00 "	55.00
NICOLAOU,S, NORRIS,C, SCOTT,L, SPIEGEL,J, YUMIBE,G	11.00 "	<u>55.00</u>
		810.00

*Match w/ 1 other team

CLOSEST TO PIN #5: 50.00 EDWARDS,J (1'7")

AUXILIARY POT (0-13) \$36.00 ea. #12 KLEMME,B (2'8"), #15 SPIEGEL,J (9'7"), #16 SPIEGEL,J, (8'8")

AUXILIARY POT (14 & UP): \$58.00 EA. #12 LEE,D (9'11"), #15 MERS,R (5'10"), #16 VALOIS,R (13')

HONEYPOT (SHOOT NET 70 OR BETTER) \$19.00 EA.

BAIRD,J, BROWN,S, CHRISTENSEN,T, EDWARDS,J, GONZALES,J, HERNANDEZ,R, HUCKER,D, KLEMME,B, MC CANN,J
PICKENS,M, SAIKI,E, SEQUEIRA,R, THOMEN,R

BEAT THE PRO NET (GARY ANDERSON SHOT 76) \$8.00 EA.

BAIRD,J, BARFIELD,W, BUTLER,L, CHRISTENSEN,T, CONN,J, EDWARDS,J, FRANCIS,A, GATTON,B, GONZALES,J,
HERNANDEZ,R, HUCKER,D, JOHNSON,R, JOHNSON,S, KLEMME,B, MARTIN,D, MARTINOVICH,T, MC CANN,J, MOORE,R,
OLSEN,J, OLSON,G, PICKENS,M REDMAN,R, SAIKI,E, SCHWANDT,R, SEQUEIRA,R, SHUR,A, STANLEY,M, THOMENS,R,
VALOIS,R, VAN PELT,D, WICKENHEISER,A, ZIMMERMAN,T

PAR ALL PAR 3's (OR SHOOT GROOS 9) \$28.00 EA.

EDWARDS,J, GONZALES,J, GRANT,L, HERRIN,T, HUCKER,D, KLEMME,B, PASCOE,T, SPIEGEL,J

NET SWEEPS (MAX. 18) \$35.00 EA.

2 #1 SCHWANDT,R, 2 #2 BUTLER,L, 2 #4 BAIRD,J, 1 #5 SAIKI,E, 2 #7 GONZALES,J, 3 #9 CONN,J
2 #11 BAIRD,J, 1 #12 HUCKER,D, 2 #13 FIGUEROA,F, 3 #14 WIDELITZ,J, 2 #18 BROWN,S

ALL RESULTS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION & YOUR POSTING SCORE IN COMPUTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

GOLF COMMISSIONER REPORT- HAL PEABODY

The Long Beach Golf Commission meeting was held a week early on 21 May this month. Rec Park once again led the city in rounds played with 10,046 this month followed by El Dorado with 9,034 and Skylinks with 6,340. Overall rounds were down this 1% in April from April of 2007. Year to date with the inconsistent weather, the rounds are down 5.4% from the same period last year. Mark Kuramoto, the General Manager at Skylinks has transferred to Coyote Hills. The new GM at Skylinks is Rick Crowder. There is also a new Assistant Manager here at Rec Park; Mr. Jesse Sanford. An audit of the American Golf contract by the City Auditors office has started. This effort should provide a more stringent management of the contract and will help the public golfer in the long run. The junior golf program is up to 453 members. Their big fund raising tournament is being held on Saturday July 7th at Heartwell. The Hall of Fame committee, chaired by the esteemed Mr. Len Kennett, met this month and have recommended three candidates for the Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame this year. This year's nominees are Terry Small, a former Long Beach State player, Jeff Manson, a prominent local golf teacher, and Craig Kessler, the Executive Director of the PLGA. Lastly, your club's golf commission representative asked the district manager for American Golf again about the possibility of acquiring a greens roller for the Long Beach courses. With all of the play the Long Beach courses get, a greens roller would be great for keeping the greens running smoothly all year round.

2008 SCHEDULE

(ALL TOURNAMENTS INCLUDE GREEN FEES)

JUNE 22, 2008 SUNDAY	35.00	JUNE 26, 2008	31.00
JUNE 29, 2008 SUNDAY (NO EVENT IN JULY)	35.00	JULY 31, 2008	31.00
AUG. 3, 2008 SUDAY	35.00	AUG. 28, 2008	31.00
SEPT. 6, 2008 SATURDAY	45.00	SEPT. 25, 2008	31.00
OCT. 4, 2008 SATURDAY (also 1st Rd of club championships)	35.00	OCT. 30, 2008	31.00
OCT.5, 11 & 12 (2nd., 3rd. & 4th Rd. of Club Championships)	116.00		
NOV. 1, 2008 SATURDAY	46.00	NOV. 20, 2008	32.00
DEC. 7, 2008 SUNDAY	66.00	DEC 4, 2008	32.00

Tournament formats will be published in next newsletter. Chicken & Bean fee includes 1/2 cart and dinner.
All Tournament fees subject to change.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

(Entry fee includes green) (Make check payable to Recreation Park Men's Club)

Sun. June 22 (First round of 36 hole event, scores of June 22 & June 29)..... 35.00
Sun. June 29 (Second round of 36 hole event, scores of June 22 & June 29) 35.00
36 hole event (scores of June 22 & June 29) 8.00
Sun. Aug. 3 24-33-46 35.00

Tournament..... Date

We will work Starting Table.....Scoring Table..... We Can Play In..... (Average Time)

PUT ONLY NAME OR NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU ARE PAYING FOR BELOW!!!!

1. Name..... 2. Name

Handicap # Handicap #

3. Name..... 4. Name

Handicap # Handicap #

OR WE WOULD LIKE TO PLAY WITH

MAIL TO JIM GONZALES, 508 FAYE LANE, REDONDO BEACH, CA. 90277, PHONE # 310-543-2809

THERE ARE 2 REGULAR TOURNAMENTS IN JUNE.NONE IN JULY!!

SENIOR TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

(Entry fee includes green fees) (Make check payable to Recreation Park Senior Tourn)

Thursday June 26, 2008 Invitational (Partners Best Bal).....31.00

Thursday July 31, 2008 (5- man event).....31.00

Thursday Aug. 28, 2008 Nassau31.00

Tournament.....Date.....Golf Car, Yes.....No.....

PUT ONLY NAME OR NAMES OF PEOPLE YOU ARE PAYING FOR BELOW!!!!!!

1. Name..... 2. Name

Handicap # Handicap #

3. Name..... 4. Name

Handicap # Handicap #

5. Name..... Handicap #

OR WE WOULD LIKE TO PLAY WITH

Mail check to Gordon Olson, 6538 Rosebay St., Long Beach, Ca. 90808, phone # 562-420-6591

**DO NOT ASK FOR EARLY STARTING TIMES IF YOUR FOURSOME CAN'T
PLAY IN FOUR HOURS OR LESS!!!!!!**

REC PARK MEN'S CLUB
GORDON OLSON
6538 ROSEBAY ST.
LONG BEACH, CA. 90808

NEWSLETTER

THUR. JUNE 26 SENIOR TOURN. IS AN INVITATIONAL!!!!