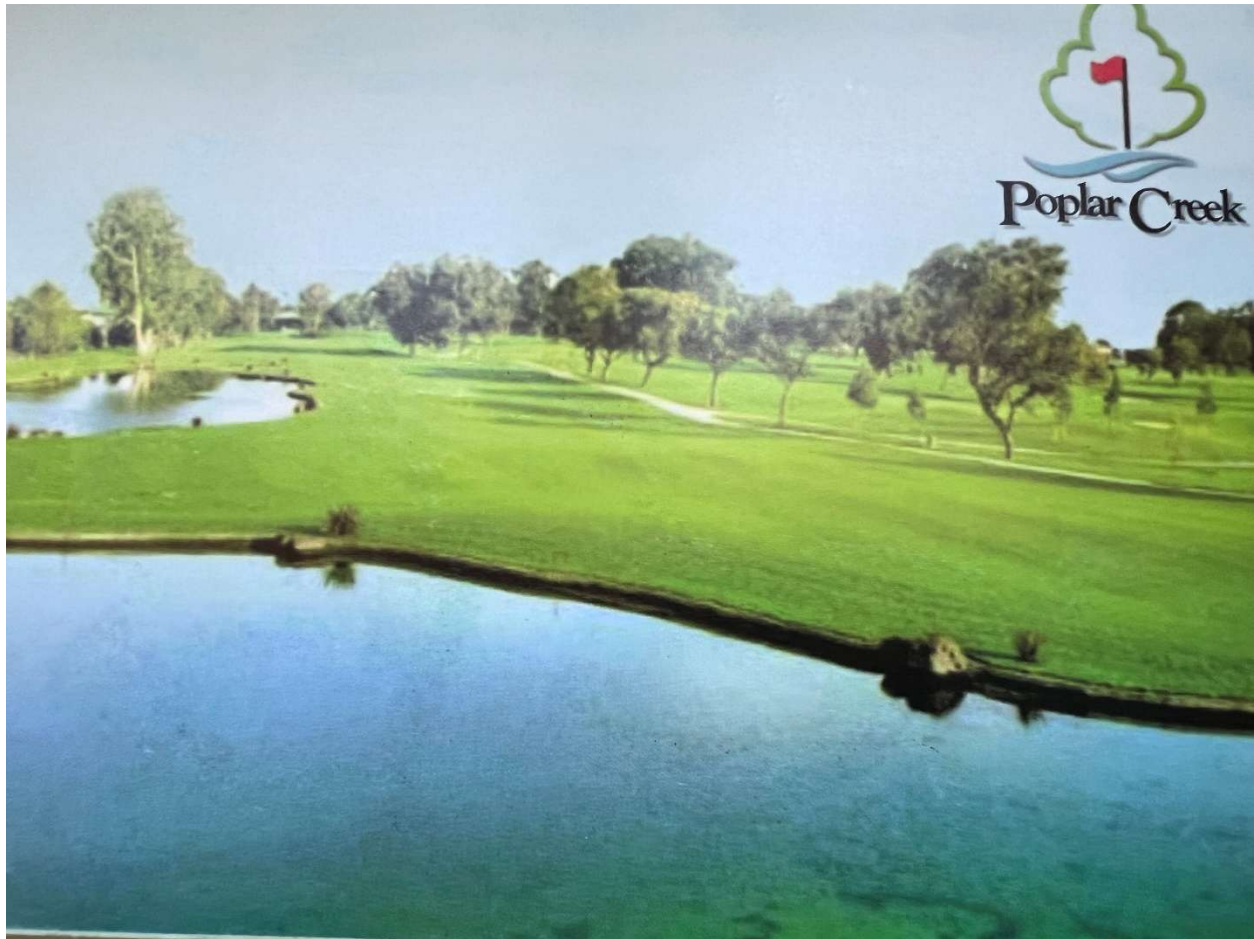


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The Poplar Post



The Poplar Creek Men's Golf Club Newsletter
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From the Editor

Happy Thanksgiving to all. Welcome to edition number 3. We hope you are enjoying and finding our Poplar Post useful as we try to keep everyone up to date on what is happening, reporting the tournament results and upcoming events, testing your rules knowledge with monthly quizzes and adding in some humor. Our plan is to publish every 40 days or nine times a year-next issue on January 1.

The grass is growing again. We hope the green's superintendent can find a way to make grass grow in some of the ugly brown areas around the course. Also, with the rain season coming on, we caution golfers to take care when using a cart that they don't create ruts in very wet areas.

We have not heard any feedback from the membership after our first two issues. We welcome comments – good or bad – and what other features you would like to see here. Let us know at jacioni@yahoo.com.

President's Message

As the winter and rainy season approaches us, we see it as both negative and positive. Hopefully we get enough breaks in the weather to be able to still play our tournaments, but if not, we will postpone them if possible. The positive side is that the course will hopefully get significant water to keep the grass growing in, so we have prime conditions when we get to spring and summer. We will most likely be playing lift, clean and place throughout the winter, but will make a decision on a tournament-by-tournament basis. This issue has another update from the GM, Kevin Kobayashi, which goes into the restaurant "Par 3" and a status update there. As we all know, and for those that don't, our favorite watering hole has been down since October 11th. Hopefully the city gets everything together and moves quickly so we can get back to enjoying each other's company there after tournaments, and also in general. As always, the entire board of directors, along with the other officers and myself, are always here to listen to any suggestions you might have to improve the club and tournament experience. Please do not ever hesitate to reach out to any of us. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next tournament!

Jason Pollard

Message from the General Manager

The City recently closed the restaurant and banquet space as a precautionary measure while it investigates the cause of water seeping into the banquet and kitchen facilities. Although there did not appear to be structural damage, to ensure the building was safe for occupancy and public use, City staff determined it necessary to close the facilities to ensure public safety while the team investigated the cause. The Public Works team has developed a plan of action and are working to make the necessary repairs to restore the building to a safe condition as quickly as possible. In the meantime, we thank you for your patience while we are doing our due diligence to make the restaurant facilities safe once again for everyone.

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The golf course and pro-shop remain open, and we hope that you've had a chance to come out and enjoy the improved course conditions. The recent rain and cooler temperatures have maintained these ideal conditions without the need of potable water from the on-site fire hydrant. We still have the hose hooked up in case we need additional water, however, we're confident our operational needs can be met with the water from the irrigation well throughout the winter season. We are still planning to move forward with the well drilling project in the spring of next year.

Tournament Results

Senior Championship

Thomas Kmak shot a sterling round of 71 to win the 2024-2025 Senior Championship, punctuated by an eagle on the 18th hole. He bested runner-up Scott Rehn by 6 shots. Dave Butzman and Marty Lambrechts finished third, 8 shots behind.

Flight winners were as follows:

	Senior Flight		Super Senior Flight		Legends Flight	
1 st	Joshua Baltor	68	Keith Schumacher	71*	Dave Butzman	73*
2 nd	Scott Rehn	69*	Marty Lambrechts	71*	Joe Cioni	73*
3 rd	Manny Casillas	69	Steve Rueda	71	James Abayon	73

*Wins the tiebreaker

NCGA Four Man Team Qualifying Round

The team of Steve Rueda, Kirk Hansen, Mike Sevilla and Joshua Balton shot 14 under par in the combined 2 best ball of 4 format to earn the right to represent Poplar Creek in the NCGA San Francisco Zone Four Man Team Championship at Poppy Hills and Del Monte on April 28-29, 2025. Second place finishers-the team of Paul Karson, Daniel Murray, Brian Cresta and Paul Montserrat-finished two strokes behind the leaders.

Flight winners were as follows:

	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4
1 st	Paul Karson	Joseph Canapa	Kirk Hansen	Steve Rueda
2 nd	Brian Cresta	Steve Moore	Rob Carballar	George Kellner
3 rd	Paul Montserrat	Bradley Thaute	Joshua Baltor	Dennis Reiser

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Turkey Shoot

A chilly morning to start the day with frost on the ground. Joseph Canepa and Felila Esikia both shot a net 68 to win their flights. First three finishers in each flight were as follows:

	Gobble Gobble Flight		Turkey Flight	
1 st	Joseph Canepa	68	Felilia Esikia	68
2 nd	Joe Cioni	70	Timothy Farr	72
3 rd	Steve Mendoza	70	Michael Sevillea	74

Upcoming Events

December 7 – ABCD Santa Ball

December 13 – Holiday Party – Postponed until Par 3 is back in business

January 11 – 2 Man Razzle Dazzle

January 25 – 4 Man Scramble

Rules Corner

The answer to last month's poser – B. Scott scores a 7 on the hole. Tee shot into penalty area (1). Second shot further into penalty area (2). Stroke and distance to where second shot was played (3). Further stroke and distance to where original shot was played (4). Shot to green (5). Two putts (7).

This month's question comes from a recent exam of the New York Metropolitan Golf Association.

Marty is playing a short dogleg right Par 4 with a maple tree at the corner of the dogleg and a nearby penalty area. Marty's drive goes into the tree. Marty then changes to an iron and plays a provisional ball into the fairway, short of the maple tree. His second shot with the provisional ball goes into the maple tree and bounces backwards into the fairway. Unbeknownst to Marty and his caddie, Jim, at the same time another ball falls from the tree and rolls into the penalty area. Marty plays the provisional ball onto the green and starts walking to the green. Jim, the caddie, walks toward the other ball and prior to a three-minute search time expiring, picks it up, sees that it is the original ball and puts it back. Jim informs Marty that the original ball has been found. In the meantime, Marty has reached the green, holes out the provisional ball with two putts, and then returns to play the original ball. Marty chips out of the penalty area, pitches onto the green and holes out in two putts. Marty's score on the hole is:

- A. 6 B. 7 C. 8 D. 10

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Chip's Corner – Grammatical Mischief

By, Chip DePlume

There have been reports that my literary career is on life support. It was further reported I was transferred to Grammatical I.C.U. for terminal violations and abuse of the written language. These statements are largely untrue and mostly false. Sure, I took some literary liberties, but I am no Yogi Berra or Casey Stengel. I use commas!

The courts and a very angry SFSU English Department have alleged my prose incited others to bastardize the language. My detention was brief. I found and sobered up my attorney Blue Moon Retainer in time for lunch. Who eats at noon? (I eat a light repast at three in preparation for diner at eight) He quickly chopped and carved up the defense when he reminded them that to be slanderous or was it libelous, someone had to read those stories. He used our holiday party as his argument. "Your honor, he has been advocating the revival of the ascot, a comfortable and fashionable alternative for the neck tie, for 10 years. The party saw only one member wearing one. I rest my case".

With this brilliant summation I returned my orange striped overalls and hideous ankle bracelet. The judge thanked me for pressing my uniform and apologized for my readership.

I, like our website, have been forced into a state of limbo. Some of my finest scribbling have been lost in the ether, black hole or cloud. You pick. Rest assured I will not use any of that highly technical space talk. I will simply confuse my readership with plain speak. Prison changes a man.

Stogie Joe, our resident expert on Cohibas and Montecristos , has started a newsletter for the pressing issues at Poplar Creek. He asked me to do what I do best, fill space. I will offer timely and somewhat unvarnished reporting from the halls of PCGCHQ. Those allegations of my making the facts to fit the stories or events were never proven. If it ain't broke. Chip is back!

Points to Ponder

They don't make yardsticks any longer.

Procrastination is a dish served eventually.

If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?

Once you understand why Pizza is made **round**, packed in a **square** box, and eaten as a **triangle**, then you'll understand **women**