

The Poplar Post



**The Poplar Creek Men's Golf Club Newsletter
September 2024**

From the Editor

Golfers: Welcome to the first edition of what we hope will be a periodic fixture in keeping you all informed of what is happening at Poplar Creek. We hope to feature all golfing schedules and results, standings, exemplary performances and other information in which you may have an interest. We also plan to have periodic columns from the President, Club Professional, General Manager, Greens Superintendent and other members of the Board of Directors. In addition, we welcome letters to the editor from club members. Any correspondence should be sent to jacioni@yahoo.com.

President's Message

This 2023-2024 tournament year has come and gone so fast. It feels like it goes by quicker each year recently after the extremely slow COVID years. We had a very successful tournament season where we completed 21 tournaments, including 4 away events (which we haven't done since 2019). The turnout has been consistent, and we have also had many new members who have joined and become consistent participants in tournaments. We even brought back our Poplar Cup to track the best performers for the year. Course conditions have been tough this summer, with a lack of water on the course. We have played most tournaments, along with Thursday skins events as lift, clean and place. The good news is that our GM, Kevin Kobayashi, has gotten the go ahead from the city to use some fresh water and fill up the ponds, and extra watering has already begun. With a combination of that, a hopeful new well, and a good (or bad) winter, we should be back to good conditions by next year. Our Annual Meeting is taking place on Thursday, October 3rd, and I hope that as many of you can attend as possible. 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 never hesitate to reach out to any of us. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next tournament!

Club Championship

Paul Karson staged a brilliant comeback, making birdies on the 35th and 36th holes to edge past PJ Hudec and Jason Pollard by one stroke to win the Club Championship over the August 17-18 weekend. Karson carded a 74-73 - 147 for the two day event. Of note is that he birdied the 18th hole both days of the competition.

In the net division, Jim Abayon and Dave Koons both shot a net 137 over the weekend, with the title going to Abayon as a result of the USGA Tiebreaker rules (Last nine, last six, last three, 18). Arthur White finished one stroke back of the two leaders with a net 138.

Poplar's 12 Man Team

Getting an at-large berth in the single elimination round, the 12-man team was pitted against the Spring Hill team from Watsonville. In the elimination rounds, each team hosts six players and sends six players to its opponent's course. With 36 points at stake, the Poplar group prevailed 20-16 to move onto the next round against the team from Silver Creek Valley Country Club on September 5th.

Annual Meeting

The Club's Annual Meeting will be held on October 3 at Par 3 Restaurant. If you haven't voted for your selections for Officers and Board of Directors, get your ballot in now. If you haven't received a ballot, contact Larry Shaw at larryjoelshaw@gmail.com.

All members of the Club are welcome to attend the annual meeting and let their concerns be known.

Rules Corner

On the second hole at Poplar Creek, the golfer hits his drive toward the tree line on the right side. He walks toward the area where he believes his ball came to rest, immediately finds a ball a foot inside the OB line and plays it out to the fairway. He walks out to the fairway where the ball came to rest and discovered it wasn't his ball. He returned to the area looks for a minute and finds his ball a foot inside the OB line. He plays it where it lies into the fairway about the same spot as the other ball. His ball is on hardpan but the wrong ball had a nice lie on grass. He picked up the wrong ball and moved his ball onto the grass spot. His next shot is on the green and he two putts. Please note: Lift, clean and place is not in place

What is his score for the hole?

Another rules question. In match play, penalties are either one-stroke penalties or loss of hole penalties. Can you think of the one two-stroke penalty which, in match play, would not be a loss of hole penalty?

Answers next issue.

Upcoming Events

September 7 – Two man scramble

September 28 – Tournament of Champions at Coyote Creek Tournament Course

October 24 – Senior Championship

November 2 – NCGA 4-Man Qualifier

November 16 – Turkey Shoot

December 7 – Santa Ball

Poplar Club Standings

With the 2024 golf season nearing its completion, we will take a look at the updated standings for the coveted Poplar Cup. The top seven players and points at the end of August:

1. Arthur White	1,040
2. Joshua Baltor	830
3. Joseph Canepa	820
4. Bret Evans	815
5. Marc Trapani	765
6. Bradley Thaute	760
7. Jason Pollard	755

Your Officers and Board of Directors

President - Jason Pollard
Vice President – Joe Cioni
Secretary – Larry Shaw
Sargeant at Arms – Kevin O’Malley

Directors – Jim Lambrechts, Marty Lambrechts, Tim Andersen, Manny Casillas, Greg Cary, Scott Rehn, Randy Gubert, Walter Koning, Andy Kishore.

Point to Ponder

Bald men still carry combs. They just can’t part with them.