



Birdie Bugler

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Special Announcements:

Palm Springs Fling 4/23-24



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It's officially spring and all the great golf and California weather that accompanies it is on the horizon--Spring Fling in April (get that flier back to Sam right away), club tournaments twice a month, skins games at least

three times during the week, Member-Guest in July, Laughlin get-away in October...isn't it great to be a Member of the Royal Vista Golf Association! We have a lot to offer, with the economy not in our favor, and the golf course playing so well, and with the price of a round of golf the best in our playing area, we should be planning to play a lot of golf. As soon as the Spring-Fling in April is over, you should be planning to play in YOUR MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT in July. One practice round on Thursday, two tournament rounds on Friday and Saturday with afternoon starting times.

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April Events

4/11 General Meeting
1:00 PM Lunch

4/1, 4/7 4/14, 4/21, 4/28
Blind Draw – Partners Best Ball 8:00 AM \$40 Entry

4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24
Team Skins Game- 8:00 AM Individual Net Skins Game \$40 Entry

4/11 2 Man Miami

4/23-24 Spring Fling

4/25 Best Nine Holes

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Tournaments

March 28 – 2nd Round Pres. Cup

April 4 – 3rd Round Pres. Cup

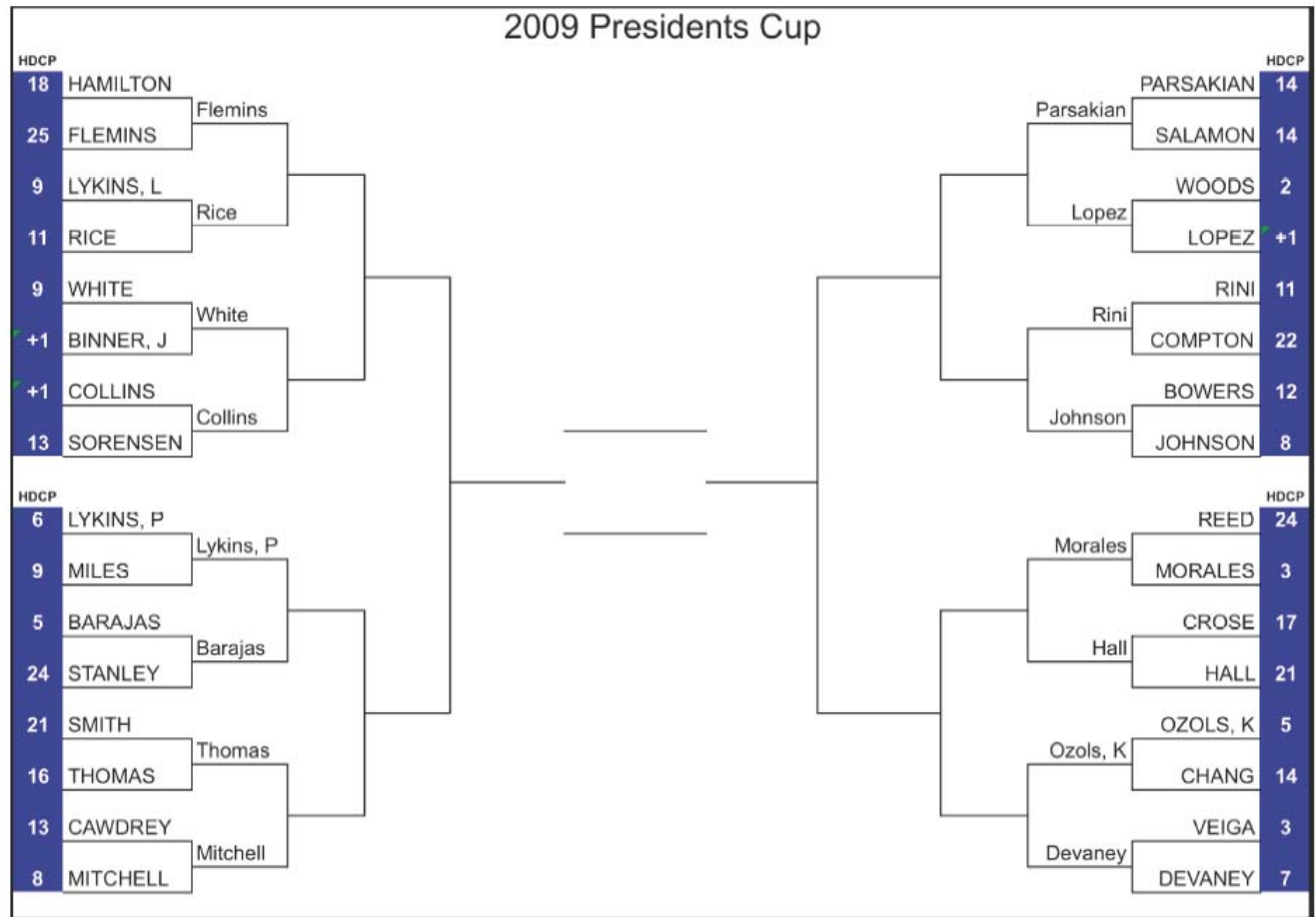
Men's Club Meeting – 1:00 pm

Low Gross/Low Net - Skins

April 11 – 4th Round Pres. Cup

2 Man Miami

April 25 – Best Nine Holes



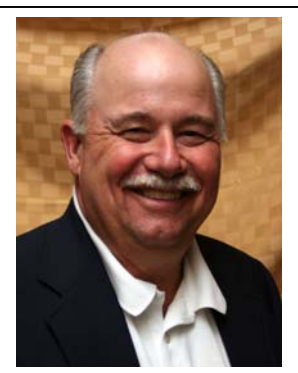


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Secretary

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In the last Birdie Bugler, I read just as you did the article by Matt Delgado. This past year, I've had reason to buy a new set of clubs, new shoes, and a rescue wood. I honestly shopped around and without a doubt got the very best deal from Matt. He hands down beats everyone as far as price goes. Yesterday I watched two members buy shirts and gloves at our Pro Shop and again made a great deal. Support our Pro Shop. You will be glad you did.



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Editor

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First and foremost, I extend my apologies to our membership for the lateness of our Birdie. I have been living through one of the toughest things a son or daughter has to deal with, caring for ones parents. I have been blessed with having parents that aren't a whole lot older than myself and I am lucky to have both parents still with me. As we all do at one time or another, I have responsibilities that I am attending to. My Dad had knee replacement surgery, which in itself has been easy enough to deal with. But my Mom is having bouts of congestive heart failure. So my sister and I have been rotating sleepovers. I believe the worst is now behind us, but the Birdie was left in the wake of this continuing saga. Again, my apologies.

That said, we have a full spring ahead of us. As you know, the Spring Fling is scheduled for 4/23-24. The Spring Fling is my favorite event of the year. And with this being my last year on the Board, it is my last opportunity to tell you all about it. We have two days of golf, a hosted cocktail party, prizes, and good friends. Oh and I forgot, I hear that some people actually win money at the event. I have been very lucky in the past to be a part of a couple of teams that carried me to that golden event.

Speaking of tournaments Denis Wilkins is teeing up for his annual tournament May 29th. I have had many people that have told me that Denis' tournament is one of the best. Last year he had 210 players. I believe the entry fee is \$100. We hope to have one of his entry forms for the next Birdie.

PEZ SEZ continued:

Doug Peterson will help you find a guest that you will enjoy playing with; your guest will pay his own fees. Start today and plan to play in the Member-Guest in July. NEW MEMBERS, this is a good time to get that friend you play golf with and show him our Golf Course and your RVGC friends. We have a nice Dinner and a lot of payouts and drawings. You get a big bang for your buck. More information will be coming in the next few months. OLD MEMBERS and NEW, this is your club and our home course, take advantage. See you on the greens.



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As they say... "the more things change, the more they stay the same"...good to see Geri Compton back competing again in the Presidents Cup. After a long hiatus his game is back to its normal "win a few skins" level. Welcome back Geri...!!! Now if we could only get Mr. Bales to achieve a speedy recovery and the world would be right again. Rumor has it he's petitioning for a medical handicap as we speak...be careful how many strokes he wants from you when he returns...!!! On a sad note, past president John Boenheim lost his bride of many years recently and Dale Stowell is having some serious health issues to deal with. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these long time members and we hope each can find comfort within the RVGA family. The above scenarios bring to mind the words of pro golfer Paul Goydos, a resident of Dove Canyon, who recently lost his ex-wife. He says this about golf..."I don't know if it's therapeutic...but it's a great game. If you really think about it, golf is a silly game. You're on a big field of grass and we're hitting a ball around a field. But it's also a great game because of the people you play it with. That's an under-thought of concept. To be honest with you, I'd rather play Rec Park with four of my friends than Pine Valley with three people I don't like....But the reality is, it's the four guys you're playing with who are going to make a bet, have fun, and needle each other that make the game what we enjoy so much." (He must have heard about our skins games...!!!) No guys, it's not always about the results...it's about the process...!!! Enjoy it. With that, Spring is here and warmer days are ahead. Our Member/Guest tournament is in the works...July 10 and 11...and as always I can help with a partner if you are in need of one. Let me know...the earlier the better...as we have many guests who have played before that love the fun and games of our traditional event, and want to be part of it. Also, don't forget to visit the pro shop to see what deals Matt has for you...it's one of your RVGA "perks"...use it...!!! Lastly, I want to thank again, all of you who have donated to our "Clubs 4 Kids" program. We've gotten clubs for many Anaheim kids who would not be playing the game today if it were not for you. Messrs, Stanley, Parks, Lykins, Manty, Gallant, Frost, Vuckovich, et al., have clubs in the hands of very grateful golfers...boys and girls. Buy a better game and donate your old one to the kids...they won't hit'em as long, or as straight, or less often than you...but they will certainly enjoy the process of trying it...!!! THANK YOU. Reality check...LIQUIDITY...is when you look at your retirement funds...and wet your pants...!!!



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Secretary

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Just a reminder, the tournament committee will post all tournament scores during the current year. If you are playing in an ongoing tournament, like the Presidents Cup and competing during the week, drop your card in the Men's Club box by the computer and it will be posted for you. The posting computer at Royal Vista only displays the scores recorded at our course and do not reflect away scores and tournament scores, that are sent directly to the SCGA mainframe which determines your monthly handicap. Next year the SCGA is changing its current method of recording and delivering scores and handicaps to GHIN services. This will enhance the SCGA scoring process and connect it with many handicap systems across the country. The advantage will be seen immediately as your scores in California and many participating states will be recognized immediately. For instance, the Laughlin trip scores will now be associated with your Royal Vista scores right on the spot and you won't have to wait a month to see the change. This change in delivery systems is scheduled to begin in January 2010.

ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 PER PLAYER
CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY April 5th

Two-Man Miami
April 11, 2009

Rcvd: _____ TIME: _____
Paid: _____

FORMAT: 2 Man Team Event. MIAMI format. Score points each hole: Net double bogey or worse - 0 pts; Net Bogey - 1 pt; Net Par - 2 pts; Net Birdie - 3 pts; Net Eagle - 4 pts; Net Double Eagle - 5 pts. Total Team High score wins. Blue Markers

TEAM 1
NAME: _____ RVGA# _____ INDEX _____ NAME: _____ RVGA# _____ INDEX _____

TEAM 2
NAME: _____ RVGA# _____ INDEX _____ NAME: _____ RVGA# _____ INDEX _____

CIRCLE DAY: SAT OPEN PREFERRED TIME _____ CANCELLATION: Mark Gallant (909) 261-1136

Mail to: Royal Vista GA, 20055 E. Colima Road, Walnut, CA 91789, Attn: Tournament Chairman, or Drop in Pro Shop Tournament Entry Box. No show on tournament day or cancellation after 7 PM Thursday will be charged green fees.

28th Annual Palm Springs Fling Golf Tournament

April 23rd & 24th , 2009

Royal Vista Golf Association

Dates: *April 23rd & 24th, 2009 - Thursday Legends and Friday Resort*

Location: *Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort, Palm Springs*

Format: *36 Hole Event, Blind Draw for Four-Man Teams*
Thursday - Two Best Balls Net of foursome - First Tee Time 8:30AM
Friday - Three Best Balls Net of foursome - Shot Gun Start 8:00AM

First 72 Entries ONLY will be accepted

ENTRY DEADLINE – April 5th, 2009

Teams will be made up and distributed by April 10th.

Entry Fee: *\$240.00 includes:*

18 hole green fee and cart each day
Over \$5000.00 in Prizes to be awarded (based on full field)
Tee Prizes

Cocktail Party hosted by Sam Johnson at the Fairfield Inn Hotel, Thursday evening 6:00PM
Entertainment: Billy Erickson, and Raffle Prizes at Cocktail Party
Awards Luncheon Hosted by Committee
Ladies Luncheon, Hosted by Committee - Friday 11:45 AM at the Golf Course

Optional: Gross and Net Skin Game (by Flight) and Team Buy-in at check-in on Thursday.

Room Reservations:

We will be staying at the Fairfield Inn located at the corner of Fred Warring Dr. and Highway 111. Same hotel as last year. Rooms: \$120.00/night (single or double occupancy). This is a discount rate for LARV. If you do not make your reservation through this entry form you will be charged the regular rate (\$166.00/night). You are free to make your own lodging arrangements. Maps and driving directions will be provided when the Tournament details are mailed to you.

Information and team pairings will be provided by April 10th, 2009.

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Entry Form (Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/Zip: _____

Phone #: (____) ____ - _____

I will be sharing a room with _____

Wife or S/O will attend Ladies Luncheon on Fri: Yes/No

Non LARV Members provide verifiable handicap info.

Home Course: _____ Assoc. No. _____

Preference: (Check One)	Rates per Night
	Fairfield Inn
King or Double Queen	\$ 120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Queen (Double 2-persons)	\$ 120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
King (Single)	\$ 120.00 <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Smoking <input type="checkbox"/>	Smoking <input type="checkbox"/>

Include Tournament Entry Fee and Lodging if applicable.

Make Checks Payable in advance to:
Royal Vista Golf Association

Mail To: **Sam Johnson**
4345 E. La Palma Ave
Anaheim, CA 92807

Tournament:	\$ 240.00
Lodging:	\$ _____
Total Remitted:	\$ _____

Lodging Worksheet ----- Rates -----

Wednesday	\$120.00	
Shared Room	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Thursday	\$120.00	
Shared Room	\$ 60.00	\$ _____
Friday	??????	\$ _____
		\$ _____
		Total Lodging: \$ _____