

Birdie Bugler

A golfer wearing a tan hat and a brown and tan striped shirt is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a green field. In the background, there are trees and a golf cart. A sign with the word 'WARNING' is visible near the cart.

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**Woods,
Peterson,
and Guest Wins
Member Guest
Gross Flight!**

**Why
is
Playing
Golf
SO
Hard?**

2011 Member Guest was a Hit!

August

08/06 - General Meeting

1:00 PM Lunch

Tournaments

08/06 - Low Gross/Low Net

08/20 - 2 Man Pinehurst

09/10 - Club Championship

09/17 - Club Championship

09/18 - Club Championship

10/07 - Laughlin Trip

10/22 - 4 Man Scramble

11/05 - Yellow Ball

11/19 - Turkey Shoot

12/03 - Last Chance/Booze

12/17 - Tour of Champ

Wednesday and Friday

Partner Best Ball and
Individual Net Skin Game

8:00 am

RVGA Board Members

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**President
Steve White**



Congratulations to our Members, Royal Vista Golf Course, and our Board for a successful Member-Member-Guest tournament. The feed back from those who participated has been positive, with a few comments to make the tournament even better. As the President of the Golf Club I know the importance of members involvement in our golf activities.

There are two tournaments in Aug., our Club Championship starts Sept. 10th, and LAUGHLIN Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st, we have two tournaments in Oct. and Nov. with the Booze shoot and TOC in Dec..

As a member you have a full calender of events to participate in. Our golf course is still honoring our non-tournament Saturday time slots, 7:00 to 8:00, what other golf course will let you play at these time slots, at members prices. Use this perk, bring friends, or just come on out and play with fellow members. See you on the greens.....



2011 Member-Member-Guest



2011 Member - Member - Guest

Member	Hdcp	Member	Hdcp	Guest	Hdcp	Team Hdcp	Gross	Winners
Peterson	7	Woods	3	Winzer	3	2.17	62	1st Gross - \$150/man
K. Ozols	6	Parsakian	16	Mora	6	4.67	64	2nd Gross - \$100/man
Jackson	7	Canty	10	H. Jackson	21	6.33	67	3rd Gross - \$75/man
Gallant	4	Citizen	20	M. Diaz	6	5.00	68	4th Gross - \$50/man

Member	Hdcp	Member	Hdcp	Guest	Hdcp	Team Hdcp	Net	Winners
Walker	11	Mitchell	10	Farmer	0	3.50	58.50	1st Gross - \$150/man
C. Ozols	9	Bowers	18	N. Pava	15	7.00	59.00	2nd Gross - \$100/man
Sorensen	9	Russell	26	J. Vasquez	27	10.33	60.67	3rd Gross - \$75/man
Schafer	17	Gonzales	20	Z. Morales	12	8.17	60.83	4th Gross - \$50/man



Vice President - Tim Devaney



The Texas Scramble was a big success and many thanks need to go out to all the worker bees that got it off the ground. Primarily, Steve White and Royal Vista made this a very nice addition to the tournament schedule and an event we hope to nurture and grow in the years to come. As everything else in this club we do have our eyes open and do listen, so any suggestions you have to make this an even better tournament next year.

Speaking of tournaments, the Laughlin trip is coming up at the end of September / first of October and I have left flyers all over the club. As you will see Larry Lykins now lives in Las Vegas and is coordinating from there. Send entries to him at the address you see on the flyer. If you have friends that golf, especially in the Vista Seniors, invite them, as this is a fun trip. The club championship is just around the corner and many different heads will be crowned. Gross and net champion, senior gross and net and super senior net champion will be anointed. Team play this year will be Saturday only and information will be coming out next month concerning the change from two teams to one. Basically it came down to numbers or lack of to field a full team and a team to compete for advancement to the playoffs.

There are many events left to get ready for and as some of my old teacher friends would say that the summer is when their game is the best. You are never too old to practice and never too young to take the time and you never know this might just be your year to shine.



A few months ago I wrote about my experience in the Alabama Tornadoes. I was pleased at the response in that several of you came up and wanted to know more about my that event. I was especially pleased to find out how many of you have had your own experience in the deep south. R. Howard was also born in Alabama and lived there for a few years until his parents took him kicking and screaming off to another state. V. Cornejo also has his memories but not as pleasant. Seems he was stationed in Montgomery and remembered the mosquitoes the size of small birds that feasted on him and his compatriots.

Had the pleasure of playing with the Friday group the other day. It was nice revisiting with many who choose to play Friday instead of Saturday. What a great game! If you ever have the time just give the Pro shop a call and find out what time to show up. I'm sure you will have a great time.

Please remember to sand your fairway divots and repair your and one other on the green. It seems we are the custodians of the course. Management has done a fabulous job of giving us a great course but we seem to be the ones who appreciate it the most. Many of the riff-raff care little about their efforts and do nothing to take care of the course. I know it's a pain but we will continue to enjoy some of the best conditions in the area.





Past President & Rules Doug Peterson



From the Past Prez---First off I'd like to thank all the members who participated in this years Member/Guest. Our turnout exceeded our initial numbers and hopefully each of you and your partners had an enjoyable day on the course and look forward to good times again next year. Your board, Messrs White, Devaney, Walker, Mitchell, et al, spent many an hour getting the ball rolling again on this tournament so look to even more of an expanded program next year. Despite what many originally thought would be a confusing format, from the comments heard, most of you seemed to like it. Keep the comments coming so we can build early for next years event.

If you happened to be in England recently, Sandwich, Kent to be exact, you might have witnessed another "event" as you watched one of the "good guys" win the "Open". Long time European golfer Darren Clark won this "original major" at Royal St. Georges, a classic bump and run links course...aren't they all in the UK...in classic origins of golf weather...sun, wind, clouds, cold, wind, rain, sun, etc. When interviewed after his victory, Clark admitted that he and his buddies would "tip a pint or two" in celebration of his victory...might be that's what makes him one of the "good guys". With "good guy" Rory McIlroy winning the U.S. Open (but barely old enough to drink), and Charl Schwartzel winning the Masters, apparently the U.S. is going to have to find some "good guys" who can also play some good golf in order to retain any swagger going into the PGA Championships. It doesn't look like one of the American "bad guys"...so "bad" he dumped his longtime caddy, friend, and wedding groomsman...uhm, you know who...is going to be ready for the last major. We all just might end up rooting for the new "good guy" John Daly and his pants to carry the banner of American golf...!!! Or maybe local favorite and top U.S. amateur Patrick Cantlay...??? Or Lefty...??? Or Bubba...??? The next "young gun" ...??? The saga of U.S. dominance in golf continues...!!!

Quickly, since most of you aren't going to England to tee it up any time soon, should you venture up to Napa for a taste of the grape and a round on the links, you might want to play Chardonnay Golf Club and/or Eagle Vines Golf Club. They both play in and around the vineyards of southern Napa, offer great views of the valley, and are very reasonably priced, especially for seniors. The hit it, find it, and hit it again process is a very enjoyable one...!!! Locally, Strawberry Farms in Irvine, reminds one of those same golfing virtues except in a less favorable light. The hit it, find it and hit it part is real tough if you don't hit the fairway because the limited rough is very deep and the ten foot high brush that resides next to every cart path is all a lateral hazard with snakes and bears and gorillas to eat you golf ball...bring many...!!! You have to play it once so you can appreciate LARV even more...!!!

27th Annual Laughlin Invitational



SEPTEMBER 30 and OCTOBER 1, 2011
CERBAT CLIFFS GOLF COURSE



Thursday, Optional Skin Game (Gross and Net) at 1:00 p.m

Friday and Saturday blind draw teams (Different Team each day)
(So if your team sucks one day, you may get a better team the next)

Last year most players wanted golf only and arranged for their own hotel. Since I've had difficulty the last couple of years meeting 30 player minimum to get reduced rates please make your own hotel reservations

\$180.00 includes Golf, Cart, Pot, and Lunch on Saturday

There will also be optional skin games each day gross and net. (based on number of entries net skins will be based on your flight only, minimum of 80 players) and \$100 Team CP's

I MUST HAVE 40 PAID ENTRIES BY AUGUST 31, 2011. IF YOU PLAN TO PLAY PLEASE SEND A CHECK BY THAT DATE



**SINCE I'M DOING THIS FROM NEVADA
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Larry Lykins
488 Melrose Hts
Henderson, NV 89052



We had 60 plus players last year, however, many of those entries were at the very last minute because I was in California to bug people, this year I'm not, so please get entries in early

Name: _____

Address: _____

SCGA NO. _____

