

# Birdie Bugler

February 2012

**Super**

**Bowl**

**Party**

**At**

**Royal Vista**

**Water**

**Hazard**

**What Are**

**Your**

**Options?**

**How Much Time Do You Spend On  
Your Short Game?**

## February

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### 03/05 - General Meeting

1:00 PM Lunch

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### Tournaments

02/04 - Low Gross/ Low Net

02/04 - Team Play Match

02/11 - Team Play Match

02/18 - 2 Man Scramble

02/25 - Team Play Match

03/03 - 2 Man Select Drive

03/17 - 2 Man Miami

04/14 - Best Nine Holes

04/19-20 - Spring Fling

05/05 - President Cup Qualify

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### Wednesday and Friday

Partner Best Ball and  
Individual Net Skin Game  
8:00 am

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**President  
Tim Devaney**

The 2012 Royal Vista season has started and we have had our first rainout and they said this is going to be a dry year. Hopefully it will be the only one of the year. Along with the rainout a lot of information to pass on to you some good and some not so good.

Team play at the club got started on the right foot with a victory over Mountain Meadows but unfortunately the rematch was a casualty of the rain and will have to be made up, Our match with Montebello Saturday 1/28/12 will have been played and hopefully we will be 2-0.

Spring Fling dates have been changed slightly 3<sup>rd</sup> week in April to 4<sup>th</sup> week 26 and 27<sup>th</sup> at same venue.

Architects are already planning for a face lift of the entry way and rooms upstairs at the club and the Scga is coming out in February to remap and re-rate the golf course. It will be interesting to see if our higher scores lately deserve a more difficult course rating or we are just that bad.

On a sad note we lost a good friend, Richard "Dick" Rocha passed away Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A long time member of Imperial who made the trek to Royal Vista, where I first met Dick. Always thoughtful, considerate and involved as he displayed a side that says there is more to this club than just playing golf. Called before his time and he will be missed.

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**Secretary  
Rhonda Heffington**

**Happy Valentine's Day - In case you forgot!**

Over the past few months I have overheard or participated in several conversations regarding our course markings and water hazards. I have some good news and some bad news. Due to an animated conversation between Mr. Al Parsakian and Steve from the Pro-Shop, I did some research. #10 East/North or #1 North has been remarked and will remain that way. It is now yellow on the tee side and red on the fairway side. What this means is, if you have crossed the water and your ball rolls back inside the markings you can take relief on the fairway side with the normal two club length relief no closer to the hole and a one stroke penalty. Having been there, I know how frustrating this can be. As it stood marked yellow you should have been coming back to the drop area or the tee box - your choice.

**FYI:** Two types of water hazards exist: "Lateral" water hazards (marked with red stakes around the perimeter of the hazard) and water hazards (marked with yellow stakes). Lateral hazards are usually adjacent to the fairway being played (along the side), while water hazards generally cross the fairway being played forcing the player to hit over the water hazard. While ours had been circled completely in yellow, we have the option of going around the lake therefore, the change. Bad news is that #6 (Par three) East has been remarked and the drainage ditch is now marked red. Unfortunately for those of us who do not always make the green and whose ball rolls back down the hill into the ditch, too bad! This should greatly enhance the enjoyment, pain level on that hole. The Pro-Shop has assured me that the course is now clearly marked and will stay that way. There should be no further questions on what is out of bounds or what type of relief is allowed. Hope you find this information helpful and we can all play on the same page.

**Water Hazard and Lateral Hazard Relief:**

**Water Hazard** - (Defined by Yellow Stake or Line) A ball is in a **Water Hazard** when it lies in or any part of it touches the **Water Hazard**. If a ball is in a **Water Hazard** the player may under penalty of one stroke:

- a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
- b. Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the Water Hazard directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the Water Hazard the ball may be dropped.
- c. You may hit the ball out of the Water Hazard with no penalty.
- d. Drop the ball with in a Drop Area if provided.

**Lateral Hazard** - (Defined by Red Stake or Line) You have the same options as a Water Hazard with two additional options. Drop the ball outside the Lateral Hazard within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the Lateral Hazard or a point on the opposite margin of the Lateral Hazard equidistant from the hole.

Rhonda





**Treasurer**  
**Doug Peterson**

## Treasurer's Report

From the Treasurer---I open with a note of sadness as we've recently learned of the passing of Dick Rocha, a longtime member from the Imperial days and one of the nicest guys you would ever want to play a round of golf with. He was one of those guys that didn't necessarily execute the shot as he would want but always came back with his best smile and good nature to make being around him a pleasure. He taught me a lot at Imperial in my early efforts to get better and I am grateful for that and his friendship. We also learned that another longtime member, Ken Freeman passed away last month after battling health issues for some time. Ken was a regular "skins" participant...he was in one of the first groups I played with many Wednesdays long ago at Imperial...and always brought his Marine determination to every shot and putt. These two will be missed as we continue to play the game they enjoyed so much.

On a brighter note..."we're solvent"...!!! Webster's defines "solvent" , adj., as "able to pay all just debts", and we are that. We have SCGA dues to pay, Team Play expenses, meeting day lunch expenses, and various and sundry other liabilities that arise over the course of the year. Your member renewal fees are stretched like pizza dough turned into a spaghetti feast for the mob. Details, enlightenment, and clarification to come in the reports ahead.

Since I've mentioned the word "solvent", further examination of the word reveals, "the component of a solution that dissolves another component" ie., water is a solvent of sugar, "having the power of dissolving; causing solution", and lastly, "something that solves or explains". If you look at your new "Fore" magazine, page 52 and 53, you will find "something that solves or explains" many of the new rules changes enacted for this year and years to come...there are 7 to be exact. Some won't apply to you very often, some will be very familiar and welcome to all but the purists. Some of the issues that occurred in previous years on tour have now been addressed and clarified...I'll let you decide for yourself if it's more clear...!!! Regardless, you still have to hit it, find it, and hit it again, but these changes may make the process a bit easier to deal with when everyone understands them. Who would have thought the "Royal and Ancients" or SCGA would be dealing with iPod issues on the course...??? Can YOU explain all seven...??





**Past President  
Steve White**

Rules:

- Out of Bounds: 1. All drainage ditches on the perimeter of the golf course.  
2. All fences on the perimeter of the golf course.  
3. All areas marked with white stakes and/or white lines.

The drainage ditches of East #3, East #6, North #3, North #4, North #6, and by the green on North #7, are considered lateral water hazards.

Wood fences on North #1, and North #4: If interferes with stance or swing, free relief.

Protective netting: If it interferes with stance or swing, free relief, except for netting and poles around practice range.

Restroom on East #5. If it interferes with stance or swing, free relief.

Ball striking power lines: The stroke must be canceled and replayed without penalty. Exceptions: Ball striking pole, guy wires, or junction section cannot be replayed.



**Vice President  
Vince Mitchell**

Team Play; are record is 2-0; and we were looking strong for Saturday when the rain came in. It was great that we had a strong showing waiting to play when Mountain Meadows cancelled. Maybe they didn't have enough players, it was sprinkling? Anyway; we must focus on Montebello; they have always had it in for us; and with communications with their Captain; I do not see much changing going forward. Montebello crushed Prado in there first meeting.

Spring Fling; the dates are set, for April 26th and 27th. we will be playing Taquitz again this year. Taquitz offers so much more than most courses with the two courses and meals included. At this time I do not have a rate on golf or hotel. I will be getting a flyer out as soon as possible.