

Royal Vista Golf Association

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Special Announcements: Spring Fling



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March is the month that all Royal Vista Golf Club members should start to get excited about their golf game, the weather, and all the special events that are planned. Get your calendar out! This year the Spring Fling will be sponsored by the RVGC Board, with Vince Mitchel being the Chairman. The dates are April 28 and April 29. Vince has made changes that will allow all players to help in the final outcome of two days of competition and fun. He will be expanding on the format of the Spring Fling at the March 5th members meeting. This is a fun time with two days of golf on two Palm Springs courses, breakfast and lunch both days, and an evening get-together around the pool.

Our Member-Guest will also be revised to a Saturday one day event. The format will be a Texas Scramble, this should allow our membership to not only participate, but make it special for all that play. The date will be July 9, 2011. Mark your calendar now.

The Board is working for the members, with tournaments, (NEW) A \$5.00 50/50 closest to the hole payout on #18, three events, Spring Fling (April), Member-Guest (July), Laughlin (October).

The Membership needs to support all of these events. Check your calendar and make an effort to support your Golf Club..... See you on the Greens.

March

03/05- General Meeting
1:00 PM Lunch

Tournaments & Team Play

03/05 - Select Drive
03/19 - 2 Man Miami
04/02 - Best 9 Holes
04/16 - 4 Man Scramble
05/07 - President Cup
05/14 - 1st Rd Pres. Cup
05/21 - 2nd Rd Pres. Cup
05/28 - 3rd Rd Pres. Cup

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

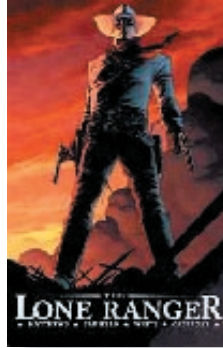
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2012 THURSDAY TEAM CAPTAIN WITH 2 NEW RECRUITS
 How about you?

Well, the final curtain was brought down on the 2011 Thursday team play participants of Royal Vista with a feeling that if you wanted to get better at golf, you should have gone back and taken it up at an earlier age. There were though a series of unfortunate events that led to an up and down season. Deaths in the family, unexpected surgeries, poor play, not old enough to retire and have to work excuse, poor play and it's not a gimme if you are still away. As you may have expected the Thursday team will not be advancing to the playoffs this year. We split matches with Fullerton and were swept by Rio Hondo, but the first half of our El Prado match was considered an upset with Royal Vista winning at home despite being 2 short of a full team. The outcome came right down to the last group with Rhonda and Bob Schafer hanging on to the team points for the win 26-22. Some of our players inched close to legendary status during the year as John Cawdrey earned the only points in our teams massacre to Rio Hondo 45-3. Again, when saddled with the task of playing by himself he managed to win his match and earn 2 points in the victory against El Prado. The same match showed Ray Chang, playing by himself wins his points and the team points. Alas, all three opponents now know that Rhonda is not just a Beach Boys song anymore. Over the 6 match season everyone posted wins and there was good camaraderie amongst the players from all the teams. Only one technical incident in which all parties concerned agreed could have been avoided if the USGA rules book was read and understood. Moving forward with team play next year there will major consideration in condensing play to just one team. The basis for a very good competitive team lies in the combining of the two groups with adequate backups to fill in when necessary and not having to forfeit points. As you all know we have a very definite home course advantage with the ever improving conditions and changing greens. All those that played hailed the condition of the course, in one form or another, as an amazing metamorphosis. Ok so maybe they didn't say it that way but, as voices exploded from different holes on the course, an age-old saying seemed to rear it's ugly head more than once during the season. Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two double bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium in the universe. And with that another season of team play is put to bed.





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The Two Man Scramble was a real Mess. with no shows and last minute cancellations we were juggling tee times and last minute pairings. Guys it is really important when we have partner tournaments that you show up to play. Last minute cancellations or no shows can leave your partner out in the cold with no one to play with. In the case of a two man scramble we cannot do a blind draw to keep them in the tournament. Please consider how your actions will affect your fellow club member.

2 Man Scramble - Feb 19, 2011

A Flight

Player	Hdcp	Player	Hdcp	Team Hdcp	Gross	Net	winners
Devaney	10	Peterson	8	4.5	68	63.50	\$80/ Team + TofC \$40/ Team
Chang	11	Branchick	24	8.75	77	68.25	
Frost	12	Cawdrey	16	7	76	69.00	
White	12	Rini	13	6.25	76	69.75	
Kikuda	21	Vuckovich	14	8.75	79	70.25	
Wilkins	14	Duncanson	12	6.5	77	70.50	
Hall D.	17	Cornejo	13	7.5	82	74.50	

B Flight

Player	Hdcp	Player	Hdcp	Team Hdcp	Gross	Net	winners
Flemins	26	Johnson	14	10	79	69.00	\$80/ Team + TofC \$40/ Team
Salamon	14	Hall R.	24	9.5	79	69.50	
Giles	23	Reed	22	11.25	81	69.75	
Heffington	19	Nazaroff	19	9.5	80	70.50	
Sasseen	36	Bennett	23	14.75	91	76.25	



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From the Past Prez---Gentlemen, it is again with heavy heart that I relay the news of the loss of one of our members, Tony Olaerts. He passed away from complications with pneumonia and heart related issues that had been a concern for some time. Tony was an active voice at Royal Vista, even when he wasn't able to play and his presence and participation will be missed. For those fortunate enough to enjoy his company on the course or around the table following the days play, Tony always entertained with stories and perspectives that made you realize golf is just one of the strings that ties us all together. I always enjoyed his insights, his corrections of my French, and the fact that even when he couldn't play the game, he wanted to be around it and the guys that were a part of it...Bob, Don, and Carl will surely attest to that. He was a Past President and one of those responsible for the complex move of our men's club from Imperial to Royal Vista. His membership number, 445, was our lowest, with now only two remaining triple digits among us. To his wife, Norma, and his family, we extend our sincerest condolences. To the membership, a reminder, the tournament where Tony, Bill, Chuck, John, et al, are now playing, is open to all. Enjoy your current one, any time, and every time, you can.

Speaking of tournaments...and the rules that go with them...it seems the recent run on DQ's from tournaments may soon be abated. Apparently the USGA and Royal & Ancients...the old and new roots of golf...the governing bodies responsible for writing and amending the rules of golf both here and overseas, want to review certain policies on penalties due to today's technical capabilities. When Padraig Harrington was DQ'd in Dubai for his ball moving while placed on the green...a movement only caught by high definition, slow motion videotape replays and reported by TV viewers...members sought a more equitable solution to the situation. Just as our Founding Fathers didn't know about cell phones, computers, or Facebook, nor their impact on society and government, the golf gurus of Scotland couldn't have figured on high-def and instant replay to govern the rules of golf. Tour players and their adoring and playing public, other than "purists", would like some modern revisions. This saga, to be continued...!!!

Another to be continued event, our annual Spring Fling, is soon upon us. April 28 and 29 at Tacquitz Creek, we will "hit it, find it, and hit it again", with new formats and great weather to draw you to the desert. I'm sure, if you swing like Bubba Watson, you'll be hitting your drives 330 plus and your 52 degree wedge 160 yards...or maybe that's if you think you are Bubba Watson...in your dreams...!!!

What's In The Bag?



1 Wood - Titleist 905R
9.5 loft = 270 yards

3 Wood - Golf Gear
= 240 yards

Irons 3 - PW - Mizuon MP 32
Steel Shaft - Dynamic Gold
Stiff Flex

3 Iron = 210 yards

4 Iron = 200 yards

5 Iron = 190 yards

6 Iron = 180 yards

7 Iron = 170 yards

8 Iron = 160 yards

9 Iron = 150 yards

PW = 140 yards

SW - 52 loft = 120 yards

SW - 56 loft = 100 yards

Putter - Antiqua

Golf Ball = Callaway Tour IS



Ray Chang

Ray has been playing golf about 5 years and plays about 30 rounds per year. His best score is 78 and currently carries an 11 handicap.



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*Spring Fling *Spring Fling *Spring Fling* I'm sure all or most of the articles in this month's Birdie will be about Spring Fling. So is mine... It's one of the oldest traditions of Royal Vista (Imperial) Golf Club. For those among you who don't know the story, the Fling was started years and years ago at Imperial. Since then many of us who weren't involved with that club have joined in for the fun. For many it is a time to meet up with old friends who didn't transfer when the Imperial moved over. They came with over 300 members but many chose not to come over. There are old members who travel from Northern California once each year just to renew old friendships and to catch up on all the news. To be honest and that is what I'm good at, many of the older members are no longer with us so it is up to each of us to continue a great golfing time. Two days of golf, four meals, team buy ins and skins for such a small investment can't be all bad. Plus we have a special rate at our tournament hotel where we spend Thursday evening's meet and greet with adult beverages, snacks, and raffle prizes only add to the fun. This year the Board has taken over the tournament and will make a few changes to bring the contest closer. I can guarantee that no team will be able to run away with the cash and all should be able to stay close until the very end. I hope all of you will consider to attend. It's close and it's affordable, and it's fun. What better can we ask for.



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As we enter the last week of Team Play, our Team record is 2-3. We played outstanding golf last week against Meadowlark at home with a 31-17 victory. It appears that this effort was a little late; but needed to happen to wake our Team up. This week we hit the road and will be playing our final match of the season at Meadowlark. This year's winner of our round robin was Brookside. As you know their Team usually makes the semi or finals every year. I felt we were competitive, but lacked the scores needed to win at home. Our Team has the talent, but we need more preparation in the winter months to be successful in Team Play. I want to thank everyone who participated, especially at the last minute; and a special thanks to Rafael for helping me get the Team ready and to the courses on time. There was one piece of great news; Jesus Lopez won all 5 of his matches in convincing style; and represented Royal Vista proudly.

2011 Spring Fling



As you know when spring comes around and the weather starts to warm up, this brings on our first away men's club event in Palm Springs; **SPRING FLING**. The dates for this year's tourney are April the 28-29; again this year the tourney will be held at Tahquitz Creek CC. (see attached flier) We will also have a great raffle, and will be staying at the same hotel, Fairfield Inn. When things work well, we continue to follow success. There are a few changes this year, please read the flier; but most of all come and have a great time. This is what Sam would have wanted. This tournament has always been sponsored by Sam Johnson. I enjoyed working with Sam last year, and was learning about how his tournament was run. Sam; I want to say thanks for the experience of working with you, getting to know you as a person, sharing a most difficult time of your life with you, and I can only hope that we make you proud of us in carrying on such a great tournament, and hold up the Sam Johnson name. Thanks again.

30th Annual Palm Springs Fling!

Golf Tournament

April 28th & 29th, 2011
 Royal Vista Golf Association

Dates: April 28th & 29th, 2011 - Thursday Legends and Friday Resort
 Location: Tahquitz Creek Golf Resort, Palm Springs

Format: 36 Hole Event, Blind Draw for Four-Man Teams
 Thursday - Yellow Ball / Plus Two Best Balls Net of foursome - First Tee Time 7:58AM
 Friday - Shamble / Two Best Balls Net of foursome - Shot Gun Start 8:00AM

First 72 Entries ONLY will be accepted
ENTRY DEADLINE – April 15th, 2011

Entry Fee: \$235.00 includes: Tee Prizes, 18 hole green fee and cart each day
BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED BOTH DAYS

Over \$5000.00 in Prizes to be awarded (based on full field)

Cocktail Party at the Fairfield Inn Hotel, Thursday evening 6:00PM

Entertainment: Billy Erickson, and Raffle Prizes at Cocktail Party

Awards Luncheon Hosted by Committee

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: \$109.00/night (single or double occupancy). 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 15th, 2011.

Entry Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/St/Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Handicap # _____ Home Course _____

Make Checks Payable to: Royal Vista Golf Assoc.

Mail To Vince Mitchell
32 Chaparral Drive
Pomona, CA 91766

Tournament - \$235 _____

Lodging

Wednesday - \$109 _____

Thursday - \$109 _____

Friday - \$109 _____

Total Golf & Hotel _____

Preference:

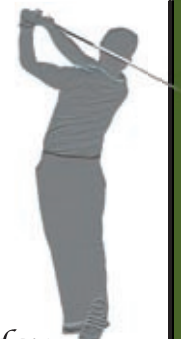
King or Double Queen _____

Queen (Double 2-Person) _____

King (Single) _____

Smoking _____

Non-Smoking _____



Royal Vista GC SALE

March, 2011

TM Burner 2.0

\$259⁹⁹



Callaway Octane

\$229⁹⁹



Mizuno MX-100

\$439⁹⁹



BIDGESTONE E-SERIES

\$23⁹⁹



BIDGESTONE B-330

\$34⁹⁹



Mizuno MX700 FW Woods

3, 5, 7 Combo Set

\$325

* \$120 per piece

