

CURRENTS



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In The New Year

In the New Year,
we wish you the best year you've
ever had,
and that each New Year
will be better than the last.
May you realize your fondest dreams
and take time to recognize and enjoy
each and every blessing.
Happy New Year,
And many more!

Dear River Course Members,

I would like to take a moment to thank all the Men's and Ladies club members.

This past year we had great participation in tournaments and in monthly memberships. The River Course appreciates all the patronage throughout the 2011 year. We will be adding some new and fun activities throughout the year so make sure to join in on the fun.

River Grill Happy Hours for 2012 are as follows 3:00-5:00 Tuesday -Friday.

Members please remember to be thankful to the grill staff for being so accommodating and generous throughout the year.

For 2012 there will be **no exceptions** to the 3-5 Happy Hour time. If the Grill has issues with members trying to get happy hour deals on non-happy hour times the Grill will eliminate happy hour all together. Thank you for your compliance.

The Grill will continue the special beer prices on tournament days

Thanks again for a great year.

Robert (Boo) Scarpati, PGA
Head Golf Professional
River Course @ the Alisal



RESOLUTIONS



#1
Listen to
your
Mother



#2
Make time
for your
favorite
pastime.



#3
Get into
energy
saving.

"I'm really into energy saving."



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*December Association Day a
Success*

Over 100 women from all over central California came to River Course on December 9th. Although we had a frost delay, we only received positive comments about our course, our Pro staff, and the well-organized sign-in and check-out process.

I would personally like to thank all of the Women's Board members who spent the day tirelessly explaining how to play the "Route 6-6-6" tournament game and as well as how to score it.

Your Board works hard to make the RCWGC an enjoyable place to play golf.

The next association day is on February 9th and I hope some of our members sign up to travel to a different course to experience golf in a novel way.

I would also like to welcome Gretchen Ratliff-Smith to the RCWGC Board of Directors as our new Treasurer.

Thanks everyone, and have a great 2012.
Diane
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2010- 2011 RCWC BOARD MEMBERS

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Results of the Christmas Tournament

4 Person Scramble

December 17th, 2011

1 st	Knowlton/Nole/Anderson/ Powers	54.1	\$52 ea
2 nd	Bell/Nicholas/Wooten/ Lobanoff	54.9	\$42 ea
3 rd	Bratcher/Rossoll/Davis/ Shelly	55.5	\$34 ea
4 th	Gately/O'Neill/Oltmans/ Stevens	55.6	\$27 ea
5 th	Hennessee/Melby/Mireles/ Sierra	56.5	\$21 ea

Closest to the pin \$25 each

#4	Paul Loufek	15' 6"
#9	Steve Soderquist	7'
#12	Phil O'Neill	2' 6"
#17	Troy Carbaugh	2' 10"

Number of Players – 44 net

Purse – \$654



**FEBRUARY'S
PUB LINKS ASSOCIATION DAY**

The next Public Links Association Day tournament will be a "Low Gross/Low Net." The host course is **Blacklake** on Thursday, the fee is \$40 with carts, soft spikes only.

FEBRUARY 9TH.

The entry mailing window is -

JANUARY 16th – 19th

Another course participating is Buenaventura. See your handbook for an application or contact me

LINK to Pub Links –

<http://www.womensgolf.org/wplgasc/>

LINK to GHIN

<http://www.ghin.com/index.shtml>





Strange Facts about Golf!!!

1. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, has the most mini-golf courses per area in the United States. At last count, there were 47 in a 60-mile radius.
2. Golf was banned in England and Scotland in 1457 by King James II because he claimed it distracted people from the archery practice necessary for national defense
3. Four-time long-drive champion Jason Zuback once drove a golf ball over 700 yards on an airport runway. (I can do that!)
4. Nobby Owens traveled on the Concorde to play 18 holes of golf in London, New York and Los Angeles—all in the same day.



River Course at the Alisal Men's Club Board of Directors 2012

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The Laws of Golfing

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to muff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant, "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers, "The shorter the hole, the greater its desire."

LAW 8: Topping a 3-iron is the most painful torture known to man.

LAW 9: Palm trees eat golf balls.

LAW 10: Sand is alive. If it isn't, how do you explain the way it works against you"

LAW 11: Golf carts always run out of juice at the farthest point from the clubhouse.

LAW 12: A golfer hitting into your group will always be bigger than anyone in your group. Likewise, a group you accidentally hit into will consist of a football player, a professional wrestler, a convicted murderer and an IRS agent -- or some similar combination.

LAW 13: All 3-woods are demon-possessed.

LAW 14: Golf balls from the same "sleeve" tend to follow one another, particularly out of bounds or into the water (see Law #3)

LAW 15: A severe slice is a thing of awesome power and beauty.

LAW 16: "Nice lag" can usually be translated to "lousy putt." Similarly, "tough break" can usually be translated "way to miss an easy one, sucker."

LAW 17: The person you would most hate to lose to will always be the one who beats you.

LAW 18: The last three holes of a round will automatically adjust your score to what it really should be.

LAW 19: Golf should be given up at least twice per month.

LAW 20: All vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset of the same day.

How To Slow Down Your Golf Swing



Do you want a slow golf swing like Ernie Els. **Learning how to slow down your golf swing** with your driver is not hard, but you've got to apply the right tips to achieve it consistently.

Even though Ernie is swinging an iron in this picture, his driver swing is no different - Beautiful tempo and rhythm. God gave him this, but you can emulate him and definitely see improvement in the speed of your swing, both on the backswing and definitely on the downswing.

One of the biggest mistakes in swinging your driver is **“trying” to swing too fast**. When you do this, you lose any tempo and timing you had before. This loss of timing will result in mishits and swing flaws; and even a lack of distance. So your intention of swinging faster (harder) will most likely backfire on you, as this will also create tension in your golf swing.

Some of the below golf tips you might have heard before, but have you consistently applied them? That is the key. You've got to do them regularly to see results.

Speed Up Your Golf Swing Takeaway

You might be thinking I've lost my marbles on this one, but hear me out! I know when I personally try to take the club back

“low and slow”, I innately triple my speed coming down. I defeated my purpose of a good tempo golf swing. When I work on this normal speed golf swing takeaway technique my overall golf swing speed is slower, but not so slow I lose distance. I actually gain distance, because my **golf swing sequence was better**, so my ball striking improved. So next time you want to slow down your golf swing for better contact, don't take the club away too slow.

Pause At The Top Of Your Golf Swing

This is a very common tip, but every time I do it on the course, I crush the ball! In my humble opinion, as amateurs we really screw it up in the transition. We get way too quick, and jerk the club down from the top, throwing our golf downswing sequence off, making it nearly impossible to come into impact in the correct position.

If you watch Ernie, Freddie Couples or any of the touring pros, none of them come down fast, with a jerk from the top. Their golf swing transition is smooth and slow. For us mere mortals, we almost need to think of **stopping at the top**, before we make our move down. It doesn't actually happen, but it almost feels like that.

Once you've done your pause at the top, then don't rush it. Let your body unwind in the proper sequence. When you do this, you come into the ball powerfully. It's amazing when you think you're slowing down your downswing, because in reality, you are just giving your body a chance to unwind properly. We do not ever want a **HIT impulse** coming down. EVER!



JANUARY 2012

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1  Happy New Year!	2	3 RC Men's Ball Toss 11:30 AM SHOTGUN	4	5 Ladies' Day 8:00 A.M.	6	7 Old Rock Day 
8 RC Men's Individual White Tees 8:30 AM SHOTGUN	9 Course Closed Until 10 A.M. SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE 11:00 AM TEE TIMES	10 RC Men's Ball Toss 11:30 AM SHOTGUN LADIES 9 @ 9	11 Step in a Puddle and Splash Your Friend's Day 	12 Ladies' Day 8:30 A.M.	13 Make Your Dream Come True Day 	14
15 National Hat Day 	16 National Nothing Day 	17 RC Men's Ball Toss 11:30 AM SHOTGUN SANTA BARBARA CITY COLLEGE 11:45 AM TEE TIMES	18 PORTER VALLEY PRACTICE 11:00 AM TEE TIMES	19 Ladies' Day 8:30 A.M. RIVER COURSE TEAM PLAY 11:00 AM TEE TIMES	20 ROSENSTRAUCH 12:30 PM TEE TIMES	21 Squirrel Appreciation Day 
22	23 National Pie Day 	24 RC Men's Ball Toss 11:30 AM SHOTGUN	25	26 Ladies' Day 8:30 A.M. Spouse's Day 	27	28 RC Men's Club AWARDS Tournament At Ranch Course 11:00 AM SHOTGUN
29 National Puzzle Day 	30	31 RC Men's Ball Toss 11:30 AM SHOTGUN Inspire Your Heart with Art Day 				