

Olivas Links and Buenaventura Golf Course Updates

On February 11 the City Council of Ventura will be asked to approve funds for the purchase of new office and restroom trailers, 70 new golf carts for Buenaventura and an Aerifier for punching the greens at Olivas. We should have more information after the council meeting regarding a timeline for these activities.

Some of the Buena and Olivas members have recently participated in working on the damaged sand traps of Buena and another effort will be scheduled in the future, which we will try to appraise any interested volunteers. Thanks to those volunteers for their efforts.

It is gratifying to see that physical progress at Buena is moving forward and that Olivas will also soon be progressing. Thanks to the staff at Olivas and Assistant City Manager Brick Connors for their efforts in moving forward on these projects.

Respectfully,
William R. Gohlke
V.P. Olivas Links Senior Men's Golf Club

Alan McIntosh

Note from Alan:

Jeff & Board: Johanna and I want to thank all of you in advance for all you are doing to plan and promote the ABCD Scramble on March 17th. I hope you get a great turnout. I have been looking forward to seeing everyone for the past year and will be at the course during play and at the "After Party" to thank all the participants for their support.

See you soon! Alan

Tournament Particulars:

SAVE THE DATE (OLSMGC Alan and Johanna McIntosh Charity Golf Tournament)

Gentlemen, tune up your engines. This year the tournament is scheduled for **Monday, March 17**. Yes, we will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day at the same time. Joining us will be President Emeritus Alan McIntosh and his wife Johanna. The tournament and post-tournament gathering at Made West Brewery Company will provide you with the opportunity to thank Alan for the decades of service which benefited us all. By attending, you will not only have a chance to personally express your gratitude to Alan and Johanna, but you will also contribute funds to the OLSMGC College Scholarship program named after Alan & Johanna.

The entry fee for the Charity Golf Tournament is \$50 for greens fee and cart and \$10 per person tournament fee for a total of \$60 per player. The format will be a shotgun ABCD scramble starting at 7:45 am sharp. Three winning teams will be awarded \$40,

\$30, and \$20 per person. Immediately after the tournament, we will move to the Made West Brewery Company at 1744 Donlon Street, Ventura, for fun, raffle, awards presentation, camaraderie, and group photo. There will be food truck fare and a variety of beers and non-alcoholic beverages available for pay as you go.

The proceeds from tournament fees, raffle ticket sales and extra generous voluntary donations will be used to award two scholarship programs for the year 2025, \$2,000 each. If you know any Ventura County High School senior playing on his/her golf team, please contact Paul Fridrich at the tournament desk or by email at paul@cybercopyusa.com. Paul will contact them and send the application for a college scholarship. Our Annual Charity Tournament is the primary source of revenue to award two seniors with Alan & Johanna McIntosh Scholarships. Your help and financial support will make this hugely important charitable event a resounding success.

OLSMGC members, and those on the waitlist, will be able to sign up for the ABCD Scramble beginning February 18th thru March 10th. Teams will be formed using USGA guidelines and the Golf Genius system. After the member sign-up period, an invitation will be extended to Buena Senior Golf Club members to ensure a full turnout. We look forward to your participation.

2025 Alan McIntosh Tournament Co-Chairs

Paul Fridrich and Dennis Choquette

"Note from The President"

OLSMGC Members,

I am very pleased to announce that we have set the date for the 2nd Annual Alan McIntosh ABCD Charity Scramble Tournament to be held on **March 17, 2025** at our home course Olivas Links. We will have a shotgun start with everyone in their carts by 7:45. Additional details are included in the attached pdf announcement.

Members will need to register and pay in advance \$60 (\$50 Greens/Cart Fee and \$10 Tournament Fee) to our Treasurer Del Hanson by:

- a. Sending a personal check made payable to OLSMGC and addressed to Del Hanson, 116 Highland Drive, Oxnard, CA 93035: or,
- b. Sending funds using Zelle, the online electronic payment to delhanson47@gmail.com.

Note that some member banks may not utilize Zelle for online banking transfers. In that case, you can still use Zelle by downloading the application, creating your own account and providing your Debit/Credit card info.

- c. There will be a tournament desk at the pro shop on March 10th where you can make your advance payment.

I would also like to ask each member to take a few short minutes to complete a quick survey about the upcoming Charity tournament using a Google Form tool. The OLSMGC Board would like to see whether this online survey would be feasible to use

on occasion to get the members' input on Club matters of interest. Simply click on the link below and answer the three short questions. Thank you.

<https://forms.gle/PbyGPa1qGPejGwAXA>

Slow Play: Reminder

Conduct Expected of All Players – Rules of Golf 1.2

All players are expected to play in the spirit of the game by:

- Acting with integrity – for example, by following the Rules, applying all penalties, and being honest in all aspects of play.
- Showing consideration to others – for example, **by playing at a prompt pace**, looking out for the safety of others, and not distracting the play of another player. If a player plays a ball in a direction where there might be a danger of hitting someone, they should immediately shout a warning, such as the traditional warning of “fore”.
- Taking good care of the course – for example, by replacing divots, smoothing bunkers, repairing ball-marks, and not causing unnecessary damage to the course.

OLSMGC Scoring Rules Change:

Gentlemen: Again, slow play has become an issue for our Monday Tournaments, with many complaints passed along to our tournament committee. Last week's round approached 5 hours, with a number of groups finishing in 5 hours plus. John and I, therefore, took a hard look at our Net Play Format and have decided on a new guideline (discussed with, and proposed by the SCGA) for our club.

Going Forward:

The **MAXIMUM** number of strokes on any given hole is **DOUBLE PAR**. This means on a par 3 if you're hitting 6 (no matter where you are on the course), pick up and move to the next hole. Record your score as 6 (double par). Likewise, the same thing goes for par 4's (max 8) and par 5's. (max 10).

We've examined this new ruling for and against the last 3 Net Play Tournaments and found it doesn't impact the final standings of winners in each flight. Our belief is this will speed up the pace of play. No longer will a player who is hitting the ball out of a bunker and having it skirt across a green to another bunker and repeating the process resulting in some cases a 12 or 13 on a given hole be required to post that score. In addition, as you know, this will not affect your handicap index in any way. When scores are posted, the GHIN adjusts scores to a triple bogey. The extra stroke was added for the sake of the tournament play leaderboard and results.

PLEASE, **BEGINNING TUESDAY 2/18/25** (and from now on), make the highest score you can record on any hole **DOUBLE PAR**.

In addition, please help us and remember to mark your scorecards appropriately and post your start time on Tee # 1 and the time finished on # 9 and #18.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us address the frustrations we've all experienced with slow play.

OLSMGC Tournament Committee

Jeffrey Kaplowitz
John Dudik

Monday Memo - Respectfully submitted

**Jeffrey Kaplowitz
OLSMGC President**