

# BIRDIES AND BOGEY APRIL 2010

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Here's a great news article submitted by Bob Baker that is really timely with the Master Tournament just around the corner: We are not too far away from this year's April MASTERS in Augusta, Georgia. Tickets are on sale and this year's 4-day tournament badge there will only cost \$2450. Most consider this location the "ultimate" in golf and club membership Georgians don't take kindly to anybody wanting to change their procedures or policies. The TV network broadcasting is restricted on amounts of advertising time allowed during play. Women, heaven forbid, are still forbidden to be Club members so you can vividly imagine how this sets with the fairer sex.

Augusta National has many interesting features. *Hogan's Bridge* was dedicated to "Ben" after his 1958 record breaking 72 hole score. The *Eisenhower Pine* tree is a "loblolly pine" that Dwight D. hit so many times he politely asked to have it cut down and removed. The Augusta Club Chairman immediately adjourned the meeting with the U.S. President rather than putting his request to a membership vote. (The tree remains.) *Amen Corner* has also been the scene for victories .....and many disappointments.

*Augusta National Golf Course* was designed by an English doctor named Alister MacKenzie (1870-1934). During WWI MacKenzie was an UK Army camouflage expert and even wrote books on this subject. Dr. MacKenzie had another passion and that was building golf courses. He built *Augusta National* as well as a few others of which you may have heard: *Cypress Point* in Monterey, *Claremont Country Club* in Oakland and *Haggin Oaks* in Sacramento.

Yep...the original *Haggin Oaks* was built by the same man who built the Augusta Georgia National course where the 2010 Masters is being held. Lots of big golfing names have played on Sacramento's Haggin Oaks. Ben Hogan won his first professional golfing check (\$350 for third place) here. Other players have been Sam Snead, Jimmy Demaret, Annika Sorenstrom, Al Geiberger, Johnny Miller, Natalie Gulbis, Bob Murphy and Ken Venturi.

Lastly, Haggin Oaks also has a rigid stone monument that commemorates an 1800 happening. In 1869 the Southern Pacific Railroad was building a railroad over the Sierra Pacific Mountains. Over mountains the company received bigger government subsidies per mile of track so they asked Abraham Lincoln to declare that our Sierra Pacific Mountain range starts at Haggin Oaks. Today, a monument by the Blue and Red courses attests to this designation. And now as Paul Harvey would say .....that's the rest of the story

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The April meeting will be the last opportunity to sign up (and pay) for the Greenhorn Creek overnighner. A couple of changes have been made. The first on is that the accommodations have been changed from the five person per time-share to a four person timeshare. The second one is that the tee time for Tuesday will be a 12:30 shotgun. This will give us time to go to Angles Camp for breakfast, return to pack and check out, hit some practice balls, putt, etc. We still haven't gotten the 20 players we thought we would get. If we don't get the 20 people then I guess overnighners aren't are thing, so I will cancel Graeagle.

Signups for Carson City will start in May. The cost will be about the same as last year, \$355 for a golfer in a single room; \$355 for a golfer in a shared room; \$182 for a non-golfer in a shared room; and \$218 for a non-golfer in a single room This is an all inclusive price for two rounds of golf with cart, evening meals (with open bar), prize money, and a coupon book, (which will take care of most breakfasts). Carson City is open to all.

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## **AREA 9 GOLF: Area 9 Co-Golf Chairman Gary Bohn.**

From your SIR Area 9 Co-Golf Chairman the following information is provided on Area 9 tournaments and SIR Division 2 tournaments. On Monday June 21 the Area 9 Scramble Qualifier will be played at Wildhawk Golf Course. This will be the qualifier to see which team plays in the State SIR tournament at Poppy Ridge G.C. in Livermore on Monday August 9. The golf tournament at Wildhawk on Thursday May 13 will be the Area 9 Individual qualifier to see who will play in the Division 2 individual qualifier. The Division 2 qualifier determines who goes to the State SIR Individual Championship tournament at Poppy Hills in November. The Division 2 Individual tournament will be played at Canyon Oaks in Chico CA. with flights 1,2, and 3 on August 23, 2010. Flights 4,5,6, &7 will be played on September 13, 2010. The cost is \$51.00 that includes Buffet Breakfast, Golf, Cart, Range balls, and Prize money.