

**APRIL 2008
BIRDIES AND BOGIES
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Spring is here and with the warm weather, many of us can join those SIRs who wore shorts in the winter (you-know-who). Sacramento is sure a great place to live if you enjoy golf. Not only do we have numerous courses in our area but thanks to our golf club, we get to play most of them throughout the year. Your golf club welcomes your suggestions and of course, your support throughout the year. Speaking of suggestions, at our March golf meeting, it was suggested that we consider joining up and taking a bus to some of the out-of-town golf tournaments to save on the cost of gas. Good suggestion, we are looking into prices and will keep you posted to see if we have enough interest. For example, we are planning a Silverado golf trip in Dec/Jan and will consider a bus option.

Carson City...Sign ups begin this month, so please take the time to mark your calendars and put your deposit down early. This has traditionally been our most successful golf trip of the year. The cost is reasonable, the golf is fun and the companionship of fellow sirs is "priceless". Do yourself a favor and sign up!

Rules of Golf:

- If both balls are in the bunker, yours is in the footprint.
- Don't buy a putter until you've had a chance to throw it.

Don



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Branch 102 vs. Branch 69

Don Whalen and I have met with Lennie Silva and George Christman of Branch 69 and finalized the details of the first of what we hope will be several competitions for 2008 and beyond.

The first will be on Tuesday, June 3rd at Bartley Cavanaugh. Each Branch will field 16 two-man teams in a Four-Ball match play competition. In early May the matches will be put together and tee times assigned by blind draw.

We'll start taking paid sign-ups at the April meeting. Don and I will put the two-man teams together from those who sign-up. I'd like to have more than 32 sign-up as I'm sure there will be cancellations (full refunds will be given up to 7 PM on June 1st.)

Winners will be paid immediately after the last match. You must be present to receive your payout. We are setting this rule so that we have a large group around the 18th green as the last match finishes. Won't it be fun to face a 6-footer on 18 to win your match and the points necessary for our Branch to prevail? I know we'll handle the pressure with everyone watching ... Just like Tiger!

Slow Play

We had great weather and good course conditions for our recent play at Rancho Solano. Unfortunately, the last of our groups were slowed to a 5½ hour pace. I'd like to hear from participants as to why they think it took so long. It may simply be a course that is too hard for our group to play.

Senior Capital City Card

We now have to check for valid cards to get the senior discount at Sacramento City courses. To facilitate this process I will be collecting, for our golf database, your card information: Name, Expiration Date and Card Number. **Please stop by during May golf sign-ups to provide us with your information.**

Marty



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CARSON CITY GOLF

The Carson City Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday July 17 and Friday July 18. The cost will be \$300 for a golfer in double occupancy plus \$162 for a non golfer (\$462.00 total). Single room is \$33.00 extra (\$333.00). This price includes prize money and skins money. Sign up's will start at the April meeting. A \$100.00 deposit per person is required at signup. Complete info will be available at the April meeting.

Don