

BIRDIES AND BOGIES May 2008

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Most of you watched the Masters in April and saw the presentation of the famous green jacket to the new champion. In case you are new or didn't know it, we also have our own "Masters" tournament once a year. Its held in July at **Carson City (July 17-18th)** where the best "low net" player receives a "Blue Jacket". It started 6 years ago when Joe Virga, our then Travel Chairman (Joe did Travel and Carson City for 10 years), added the jacket to the list of awards. It may be one of the reasons to sign up for Carson City but what anyone will tell you that has been there, is that it's the best price overall considering, golf and lodging with all your dinners and breakfasts meals included (coupons for breakfast). There is time to hang out, rest and even gamble. Now they even have one cent machines so you can't lose much (unless you bet the full amount which can add up to over \$5.00 per pull). The price for enjoying your fellow golfers and having a good time = Priceless. So, if your calendar is free, sign up for Carson City at our meeting in May and join the rest of SIRs 102 in the quest for the "Blue Jacket."

Don



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Pace of Play: I'm required by the SIR golf gods to discuss Pace of Play at least once each year. If you have not recently read the 2008 Golf Policy Letter, please do so. Sections 12, 15 and 16 all deal with pace of play. In particular read Section 12)c)iii) "Fall Behind Group Ahead." I'll be informing the courses about our policy so they can have their marshals keep things moving.

Score Cards: In May I will be switching to All White score cards. This does not change our policy of playing from whatever tees from which you'll have the most fun. The reason for the change is twofold: 1) white cards are less expensive than colored cards, and 2) one card color simplifies the process I go through the night before a golf event.

I recognize this could lead to some confusion, so I'm completely open to suggestions and even going back to multi- color cards. Just to keep you on your toes, for the events in May I'm going to try two different approaches. One approach will be to assign everyone to the white tee for handicap purposes. You are encouraged to play from the tee you will be most comfortable and, as now, just circle the tee you played if other than white. This approach is in keeping with the card color reflects the assigned tee. As now your handicap will be adjusted to reflect the tee you actually played.

The second approach will be to continue to put the flights on their respective tees: A – about 6,500 yards, B – about 6,000, C – about 5,500 yards and D – about 5,000 yards. This approach puts you on the same tees as with multi-colored cards, but you will need to look at the tee assignment in the upper right of the card to see what it is and not rely on the card color. Again, you may play from the tee you are most comfortable.

Based on your input, pace of play and amount of confusion or lack thereof, I'll modify the new process or even go back to the current one. Remember, most medical experts say we should take on new mental challenges to keep our brains agile as we age. I'm just trying to do my part to give you some challenges.

Marty



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CARSON CITY GOLF

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR CARSON CITY. 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's up will be taken at the May meeting. A \$100.00 deposit per person is required at signup. Complete info will be available at the May meeting.

Don