

The Crystal Bawl

May 1, 2016



Crystal Springs Golf Club

6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame, California 94010

From the Editor

Welcome to the second edition of *The Crystal Bawl* in The Year of Our Lord, 2016. A lot of golf to report on this issue as well as upcoming tournaments. We've also added a couple of new features to the Bawl. Let us know if you like them or not. We aren't going to tell you about them here, which forces you to read the rest of the paper. Also, since we are not constricted by a four page report as was our predecessor, we expand coverage, use a larger print font and include features not previously reported upon. Let us know if you like, dislike, don't care, read everything, read nothing, or wrap the fish in the paper. This issue we limited ourselves to 10 pages, and as a results had to eliminate three jokes from the humor section.

President's Message. *By Rik Roberts*

Our tournament season is now in full swing. Over the coming months we have planned a variety of both home and away tournaments, including individual, partner and team competitions. Upcoming tournaments are posted in the Men's Club trophy case and online at our GATB website. Hope to see you at one of our upcoming events. Congratulations to our 2016 Director's Cup winner John Akkaya!

Our annual Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 14. In addition to updates on the Men's Club business and finances, we will be voting on proposed updates/changes to our By-Laws.

Our By-Laws were adopted in 1958, and updated in 1986 and 1996. In general, the proposed revisions include changes to allow electronic delivery of mail, updated election procedures and a cleanup of outdated language. Copies of the proposed By-Laws are available in the Pro Shop and can be viewed online at our GATB website in the filing cabinet under member information. Once again I would like to thank the By-Law Committee consisting of Bret Barton, Joe Cioni, Jeff Garon, Steve Lorack and Scott Robertson for all work they put in on this project. Hope to see you all at the Spring Meeting.

Message from the General Manager. *By Doug Giannini*

Driving Range Net Update:

As many of you know the Driving Range has been irons only due to our nets & poles coming down. The Netting Company is projected to finish by the end of May depending on weather & any other unforeseen circumstances. We thank you for your patience during this process.

Sustainability:

Crystal Springs is proud to let you know we have become a Certified Green Business!! We would like to ask you for your help and support when you come up here.



Message from your Club Professional. *By Pio Fidelibus*

As we head into the busy golf season and as the grass (particularly in the rough) lengthens, here is a timely tip from Pio Fidelibus to better escape those deep lies in the rough.

If you want to improve your swing strength (and escape the rough better), you must increase the strength in your hands and wrists. Try purchasing a set of hand grips and get into the habit of squeezing the grips a little bit every day, doing an equal number of repetitions with each hand. At first, you may find that you can only do 10 squeezes before your hand is too fatigued to close the handle of the exercise grip. No worries! That's totally fine... Just keep at it as a daily routine. See if you can make it to 15 squeezes at a time, then 20. Keep the exercise grips "handy", perhaps placing a set in your work desk or keeping one with you in the car when you're backed-up in Bay Area traffic.

Meet the Staff



Dustin Dufault :

Dustin was born & raised in San Carlos.

Dustin works in the pro shop, in the afternoons to accommodate his school schedule.

He started golfing at an early age and his favorite golfer is another southpaw, Phil Mickelson

When he is not golfing or studying Dustin can be found in Tahoe snowboarding with friends & family.

He is an engineering student at Canada College and looking to transfer next spring to Cal Poly.

The Handicap Corner *by Dan Voreyer, Handicap Committee Chairman*

The Men's Club Handicap Committee is active again and I would like to thank Tom O'Connor, Ed Garcia and George Musante for volunteering to assist me with this assignment. In addition to these Men's Club Members there are also Board Members Rik Roberts and Bill Frisbie on the committee. We have completed a review of all tournament scores for 2015 and 2016 to date. This review serves as a benchmark for the committee to determine if members are shooting exceptional scores in handicap tournaments. We determined that some members had shot exceptional scores but none met the NCGA criteria for adjusting their index as a result. This review of tournaments is an ongoing process for the committee.

The Handicap Committee modified the handicap index of two members in the first quarter of 2016 for very different reasons. One member's handicap index was modified to a lower index for his failure to properly post scores as defined in the NCGA Handicap Manual, Section 5 "Scores" and Section 8-4 "Penalty Scores, Handicap Index Adjustment, and Withdrawal". Another member had his handicap index modified to a higher index due to a medical condition as described in Section 8-4 "Temporary Disability".

It is my intention to educate Men's Club players of their responsibilities as a member of a NCGA sanctioned golf club. One of the primary responsibilities is to post scores in person immediately following a round, at the course where the round was played. This allows for peer review, which is a basic concept within the NCGA. In a future edition of the Crystal Bawl look for more information related to posting scores under various scenarios. If you have any questions or would like to see information on a specific topic related to handicaps, please let me know.

Results.

The Pat O'Leary, 2-man Four Ball Tournament (NCGA qualifier) – March 12

On March 12, 46 hearty Irish and Irish wannabees defied Mother Nature to participate in the Pat O'Leary Four Ball Tournament, which also acts as a qualifier for the four spots available in two NCGA Four Ball events (Open and Senior). This tournament honors Pat O'Leary, a 13 time, club champion at Crystal Springs, and of course, was followed by, surprise, a corned beef and cabbage lunch. Somehow or other, Mother Nature provided us with a 5 hour window with no significant precipitation to get the tournament played, albeit conditions were a bit muddy. But even champion thoroughbreds are forced to run in the mud occasionally.

The top finishers in each of the three divisions:

	Limerick	Cork	Dublin
1st	Santhosh Soudamini Len Townsend net 65	Tim Higgins Mike Tracy net 67	Frank Cesarz Fred Chiappe net 65
2nd	John Akkaya Haamdi Ugur net 65	Joe Cioni Scott Robertson net 67	George Ambrosio Andy Soss net 67
3rd	Albie Steenvoorde Bill Frisbie net 66	Ross Bonanno Chuck Baird net 69	James Kent John Schulte net 67

CTP Winners Hole #3, Bill Frisbie, 1'6"; Hole # 8, Bill Frisbie, 6'2"; Hole # 11, Mike Day, 9'4"; Hole #13, Scott Robertson, 12'2"

The four teams that will be representing Crystal Springs in the NCGA Four Ball Tournaments are:

Open Division (Qualifying Round May 12 at Crystal Springs, Finals June 20-21 at Poppy Hills and Del Monte	Tim Higgins and Mike Tracy Joe Cioni and Scott Robertson
Senior Division (Qualifying Round August 10 at Crystal Springs Finals September 12-13 at Poppy Ridge	Frank Cesarz and Fred Chiappe George Ambrosio and Andy Soss

Weekday Fun Event – Two Man Pinehurst – March 23

The Weekday Fun Event was played as a two-man Pinehurst (also called Chapman) Tournament. In this type of event, each partner tees off, then partners exchange balls and hit second shots from where one's partner's ball lies, then one ball is selected and alternate shots are played until holed out. Not as complicated as I made it sound, but it tests the bond between partners. In any case, we had 13 teams entered in the event, in two flights. Winners and runners up were:

	Ollie Flight	Golden Flight
1st	Frank Cesarz and Fred Chiappe Net 68	Ernie Tordsen and Bob O'Balle Net 67.5
2 nd	Frank Piro and Gerry Tench Net 68.5	Sterling Walker and Tommy Chan Net 72

CTP Winners – Hole # 3, Bob O'Balle, 3'6"; Hole # 8, Ernie Tordsen, 25'7"; Hole # 11, Bob Theisen, 8'4" Hole # 13, Frank Cesarz, 14'11".

Director's Cup – April 9, 10, 16, 17

We had 41 members ultimately sign up to participate in the annual Director's Cup competition, the first of our Majors – three rounds of match play and a final 18 hole medal play to determine the champion. The number of eventual signups was unwieldy as it created entirely too many byes in the first round. The Board has taken this situation under advisement and may make a proposal for future tournaments to reduce the number of first round byes.

Nonetheless, the competition was spirited, matches were hotly contested and the final medal playoff round ended in a tie, requiring a sudden-death playoff. **John Akkaya** emerged as the Director's Cup Champion for 2016, edging out runner-up **Scott Robertson** by making a routine par for a net birdie on the first playoff hole. Both players shot a net 68 in the medal play round, Robertson's being the more impressive, a gross 74 with a 6 handicap.

Round by round results:

	Hitchcock Flight	Ford Flight	Spielberg Flight
Round 1	Bret Barton bye Scott Robertson bye Don Hopkins def. Tom O'Connor, 2 up Tim Higgins def. Steve Lorack, 2 up	Andy Soss def. bye 23 rd hole Fred Chiappe def. Rik Roberts, 3-2 Ross Bonanno def. Chuck Baird, 2 up Frank Brown def. George Musante, 2-1	Frank Cesarz bye Ed Garcia def. Yoahn Yun, 2-1 Mike Tracy def. Brian Miller, 5-3 Joe Cioni def. Steve Wolles, 2-1
Round 2	Barton def. Higgins, 4-3 Robertson def. Hopkins, 1 up	Soss def. Bonanno, 3-1 Chiappe def. Brown, 2-1	Garcia def. Cesarz, 2 up Cioni def. Tracy, 1 up
Flight Final	Robertson def. Barton 3-2	Chiappe def. Soss 2 up	Cioni def. Garcia 6-4
	Fellini Flight	Tarantino Flight	Gold Flight
Round 1	Ren Marquette, bye John Schulte def. Sterling Walker, 3-2 Rodney Rosland def. David Fong, 1 up John Akkaya def. Bobby Theisen, 3-2	Joe Goodwine, bye Haamdi Ugur, bye Phil Rosenberg def Tom Huster, 19 th hole Rob Harrell, bye	George Ambrosio def. Andy Yamamoto, 4-3 Tommy Chan def. Norberto Galang, 8-6 Bill Frisbie def. Jack Connolly, 3-2 Agustin Bella def. Albie Steenvoorde, 5-4
Round 2	Akkaya def. Schulte 3-2 Rosland def. Marquette 21st	Ugur def. Rosenberg, 5-4 Harrell def. Goodwine 3-2	Ambrosio def. Bella 3-2 Frisbie def. Chan, 5-4
Flight Final	Akkaya def. Rosland 3-1	Ugur def. Harrell 19 th	Frisbie def. Ambrosio 2-1

Medal Play Championship Round (net scores): Scott Robertson 68, John Akkaya 68, Fred Chiappe 69, Bill Frisbie 70, Bruno Ugur 73, Joe Cioni 75. Akkaya wins in sudden death playoff with a net birdie on first extra hole.



L to R – Scott Robertson, John Akkaya (overall winner), Bill Frisbie, Joe Cioni, Bruno Ugur and Fred Chiappe Photo by Rik Roberts (You will wonder from the picture how Bill Frisbie won his flight with his shoes untied)

Spring Classic – April 30.

The first of our three Classic events was played on the final day in April. Flight winners and scores were:

Palmer Flight – Chuck Baird, 68; **Nicklaus Flight** – Mike Tracy, 67; **Hogan Flight** – Joe Cioni, 70; **Snead Flight** – Bill Frisbie, 65. CTP winners: Hole #3, Tim Higgins 10'5"; Hole # 8, Frank Brown, 27'5"; Hole # 11, Rik Roberts, 8'1"; Hole # 13, Jonathan Gray, 12'5".

Upcoming Events

Checking out the list of upcoming events for the next several months, you can expect some interesting and challenging golf.

Saturday, May 14 – The Spring Meeting, 4 man-2 better ball event. For the 4 man team two best net balls count on each hole. We will play with 90% of our course handicap which is the NCGA recommendation for this format. After the tournament there will be lunch in the restaurant and The Men's Club will hold its annual Spring Meeting. You can sign up as an individual, a pair or a four man team. We will put together players to make four man teams. The always welcome gourmet lunch package awaits the members after the round.

Wednesday, May 18 – Weekday Fun Event, 2 man, triple play. Pick your own 2 man team. Holes 1-6 played as a best ball (gross) from WHITE tees. Holes 7-12 played as alternate shot from RED tees. Holes 13-18 played as a scramble from BLUE tees. The usual delicious lunch will be served. No GOTY points for this one.

Saturday, June 4 – Summer Classic. Our club's qualifier to select FOUR members to represent Crystal Springs at the NCGA Individual Net Amateur played later this year. The four lowest net scores, regardless of flight, will qualify. This tournament is a no fee, no lunch, no prize event. Pay the usual amount for a cart if you take one. We will assign tee times, so call the Pro Shop or check the Courseco website for your starting time the day before.

Sunday, June 12 – Crystal Springs Away Event. The annual Crystal Springs away event, previously held at Yocha Dehe Golf Club at Cache Creek Casino, has a new location. This year, we will be visiting Hiddenbrooke Golf Club in Vallejo, CA, a mere 56 mile drive from Crystal Springs. This will be a Sunday morning event, with an 8:30 tee time shotgun, cost of \$80 per person which includes green's fee and cart. Hiddenbrooke is a challenging course, measuring 6,205 yards, 71.1 course rating and 138 slope from the Blue tees, and 5,727, 68.8 and 134, respectively, from the White Tees.

Thursday, June 23 – Crystal Springs Junior Tournament (see details below)

Saturday, June 25 – The Crystal Brawl Invitational.

We are having a two-man better ball (net) event, cost of \$ 275.00 per team which includes green fees, cart, tee prize and an off site luncheon at Broadway Prime in downtown Burlingame.

Registration forms/sign ups are available in the Pro Shop and will close on May 20. This tournament is open to members and their guests. If your guest does not have an NCGA index, then they will play at scratch.

Questions concerning the Invitational should be directed to Rik Roberts, Bill Frisbie or Jack Connolly. Surely, one of them will have an answer.

Saturday July 9 – The President's Cup. A two man team event played as a shamble. All players drive on every hole and select the best drive. After that they all play their own ball from that spot into the hole. The best net score of the two players counts. The team must use at least TWO drives from each player ON EACH NINE (four drives in total). We will play this tournament with 80% of our course handicaps.

Sunday July 17 – Tournament of Champions at Half Moon Bay. Limited to 44 players, with the first tee time at 8:30

Wednesday August 3 – Senior Invitational

Wednesday August 17 – Weekday Fun

Friday August 26 – Weekday away event at Bayonet Golf Club (optional Thursday play at Blackhorse Golf Club).

More information on this event at a later date.

NCGA Team Match Play, Thursday Competition

Crystal Springs Men's Club (CSMC) participates in the NCGA Team Match Play Competition. This form of match play is the highest level of team golf played regularly by the Club. We participate in a League playing on Thursdays against three other local teams, home and away, throughout the summer. The League champion then moves on to compete with 28 other winners in a single-elimination play-off competition culminating in the finals held at Poppy Hills in September. This year our three opponents are Harding Park, Palo Alto and Poplar Creek, starting on Thursday, June 9 vs Palo Alto, at Crystal Springs Golf Course.

CSMC fields a 12 man team that plays in a 6 x 2-man format, in which each player participates in an individual match, and a 2-man four-ball match, against the opposition pair. All members of CSMC, 21 and over, in good standing with the Club on June 1, 2016, are eligible to participate in this exciting format. Handicaps are limited to a maximum Index of 18.4 and play is from the White Tees. The Team Captain makes every effort to field the best team possible and selection is based on a love of match play, previous match play performance in team and CSMC events, consistency of scoring from Blue/White Tees, course knowledge and prowess at Harding Park, Palo Alto Muni and Poplar Creek, and availability. In 2016 the team's goal is to return to the play-offs. If you are interested in playing please contact the CSMC Team Captain, Mike Tracy (michael.tracy2952@gmail.com).

Alumni Notes

Former Crystal Springs Club Champion, Dean Prince, was the runner-up in the Senior Division of the San Francisco City Tournament. Dean lost to Randy Haag in the final match 3-1. To get to the finals, Dean defeated a pair of well known and talented San Francisco golfers. Dean now plays out of the Butte Creek CC in Chico, CA.

Rob Wells, former member of the Board of Directors and editor of The Crystal Bawl, reports he has bought a condo at Silverado in Napa which needs to be fixed up. Life is going on as planned. He also sent an interesting article about golf during World War II which will appear in a later edition of the Bawl.

Crystal Springs Junior Tournament

The 17th annual Crystal Springs Junior Tournament will be played on Thursday June 23. On this date, approximately 175 of Northern California's finest boy and girl junior golfers converge on our course, which has been the training ground for several future champions.

Former participants in the Crystal Springs Junior Tournament include: Stanford golfing star, Maverick McNealy, current NCGA Match Play Champion; Hannah O'Sullivan, who at age 16 became the youngest winner of the Symetra Tour, winning the Gateway Classic in 2015; and Lucy Li, who at age 11 became the youngest golfer to qualify and play in the U.S. Women's Open. This event, to be successful, requires club members to volunteer as scorekeepers, course marshals, spotters, starters, rules officials, etc. Please call George Ambrosio at 650-488-2911 to volunteer and join the fun in seeing some of the area's great young players in action.

Tournament of Champions

As indicated above, the Tournament of Champions will be played on Sunday July 17 at Half Moon Bay. Those members who have qualified as of the date of this publication (and the number of times qualified) are:

John Akkaya (3)	Ron Clark	Jim Kent	Rik Roberts (2)	GerryTench (3)
Chuck Baird (3)	Matt Creighton (2)	Raffi Keuftedjian	Scott Robertson (2)	Dave Thomas
Bret Barton	Mike Day	Herb Lindberg	Phil Rosenberg	Ernie Tordsen(3)
Nelson Beato	Tom Elliott	Steve Lorack	Rodney Rosland	Len Townsend
Jing Bella	David Fong	Phil Maresca	Tony Russo (3)	Mike Tracy (3)
Frank Brown	Bill Frisbie	Ren Marquette (3)	Paul Sari	Bruno Ugur
Bud Calkins	Joe Goodwine	John Mino	John Schulte (3)	Joe Vance
Frank Cesarz	Tim Higgins (2)	Bob O'Ball	Andy Soss	Dan Voreyer (2)
Fred Chiappe (3)	Don Hopkins	Tom O'Connor (5)	Santhosh Soudamini (2)	Sterling Walker
Joe Cioni (2)	Ping Hsu	Frank Piro	Albie Steenvoorde	Steve Wolles

Rules Corner

Last issue's questions. Peter scored 7 for the hole. Three strokes to just off putting green, stroke to the hole, two penalty strokes for hitting the attended flagstick (Rule 17-3 and Decision 17-3/2), and the putt into the hole. Peter correctly replaced his ball where it was on the putting green when Paul wrongly picked it up (Rule 18-4).

Question 2. C.

This month's questions: 1. At the U. S. Open Local Qualifying Event at Crystal Springs, Chuck asked Ross to lift his ball because Chuck considers that it might interfere with his next stroke. Ross believes he is not required to do so and refuses to lift his ball before Chuck plays, telling Chuck to "go pound sand". What is the ruling?

- There is no penalty to Ross
- Ross incurs a penalty of one stroke.
- Ross incurs a penalty of two strokes.
- Ross is disqualified

2. Albie's tee shot on the 18th hole is in a difficult lie through the green. Albie declares the ball unplayable and drops it within two club-lengths of where it lay. It comes to rest in the same position from which he took relief. What is the ruling:

- Albie must play the ball as it lies.
- Albie must lift the ball and re-drop it correctly without and additional penalty.
- Albie may again declare the ball unplayable in the same position, but may now return to the teeing ground where he will be playing his fourth stroke.
- Albie may again declare the ball unplayable in the same position, but he must drop the ball within two club-lengths of that spot; he may not proceed under any of the other options listed under Rule 28.

Answers next month. These two questions were taken from the Southern California Golf Association Rules Exam of 2016.

NCGA Tournaments

Several members of the Crystal Springs Men's Club participate regularly in NCGA Tournament events. We will try to keep our readers up to date on how our members fare in these competitions.

San Francisco Zone Championship. A four-man team, two better ball event, played over two days at Quail Lodge and Carmel Valley Ranch. Representing Crystal Springs at the April 18-19 event were Bret Barton, Mike Day, Don Hopkins and Steve Wolles. After the first day, our fearsome foursome were not far out of the hunt and, with an exceptional performance on Day 2, could have made some noise. Unfortunately, fearsome became fickle and our guys didn't have a finishing kick. They finished out of the money.

NCGA Public Links Championship. Played in two divisions, scratch and handicap, two Crystal Springs golfers qualified for the championship finals at Poppy Hills and Bayonet. Scott Robertson qualified for the scratch championship but, due to a conflict, could not play in the finals. Joe Cioni qualified for the net championship, played in incredible windy conditions at Poppy Hills where scores were astronomical, and with a somewhat better second day at Bayonet, finished 14th in a flight field of 37.

NCGA Senior Net Championship. Three of our Crystal Springs golfers qualified at Poppy Ridge on April 28 for this championship to be held on June 6-7 at Poppy Hills – Tom O'Connor, Rik Roberts and Joe Cioni.

Membership.

Say hello to

David Choi (South San Francisco), Anthony Costa (San Mateo), Tom Huster (San Francisco), Solon Peng (Foster City), Bing Qin (aka Zhao Tianhong) (Burlingame), Neil Sullivan (Half Moon Bay), David Ware (San Bruno), and Richard Wolf (Millbrae).

Adios.

Say goodbye to Jonhathan T. Chong, Jung Kim, Charlie Kennedy, Hi Hon Song, Alex Swartz.

Golfer of The Year (commonly called GOTY)

We hate to reiterate information which can be obtained elsewhere, so the GOTY standings are not going to be regularly published, maybe only the top 5. You can access the standings at any time by going to the Golf Around the Bay website, logging on, go to the Tournament Tab, and hit Leaderboard on the drop down menu and read the Total Points column.

The top 5 leaders in GOTY points through the April 30 tournament are John Akkaya, Bill Frisbie, Joe Cioni, Fred Chiappe and Scott Robertson. A complete listing is available by accessing the page noted in previous paragraph.

Humor

Confucius say:

A shotgun wedding is case of wife or death.

A giraffe's family reunion is called "necks of kin."

Man who takes a lady on a camping trip, has one intent.

A man who speaks with a forked tongue should not kiss balloons.

If you want pretty nurse, you got to be patient.

Confucius say "Those who quote me are fools."