

## July 2020 - Message from the President

June was quite a month! We resumed League Day games and payout.... a giant step in trying to return to "normal". It is so much fun playing games again!

The Chip In Fund resumes July 1. Make sure you have your \$5 in the box in the Pro Shop before Tuesday League Day if you'd like the opportunity win \$\$ for getting a chip in.

We are working on a way to implement Closest to the Pin while meeting all the COVID-19 requirements. We have a couple ideas and will update you after the next Board meeting.

While we resumed our games, we also had to deal with another unusual event. We had a couple weeks of smoke from the Big Horn fire in the Catalina Mountains. Fortunately for us, we only had to deal with the smoke. The Ranch was never in danger from the fire. Our sister communities Preserve and Mountain View fared worse with the fire coming pretty close and the smoke being denser there.

COVID-19 continues to be our chief concern as the number of cases, hospitalizations and ICU beds has increased dramatically. As a reminder, you are now required to wear a mask when indoors anywhere at the Ranch—and almost everywhere outside the Ranch as well. This includes the Pro Shop and restrooms. It is a setback, but hopefully we can get this under control with the additional safe guards.

New Members: We are still holding at 98 members! Maybe by the time we hit 100 we will be able to have a celebration. We can hope.

Del Sud Tournament: Congratulations to Karen Jordan for winning Del Sud and gamely sporting the helmet for a photo! Karen shot -10 in this two-day eclectic event narrowly beating out Nancy Hugus and Linda Sherfy who both had -9. Great job!

Golf course update: I'm sure you've all seen what's happening with the practice area. We are fortunate to have contracted this excellent company to revamp the area. The new putting green surface is also coming along nicely.

Hole #10 will become a Par 3 for a couple months effective Thursday, July 2. This will enable Chris and his crew to sod and nurture the first two sections of this hole. They are bringing in a machine that will remove the 3+ inches of thatch that has built up. The Bermuda can't get through it to reach the sun and grow. He is hoping this will allow the Bermuda to grow in. It's the most challenging one of the course—both for the condition it's in and for how hard it is. I, for one, am OK with having it a Par 3 for a while. ☑ I'll send more info via a separate email regarding posting scores.

Robson Challenge: Robson Challenge is an annual tournament for AZ Robson Communities typically held in the late fall. Each community sends a team of 12 players to compete. At the Ranch, the team is chosen by random draw from a pool of players within handicap ranges. To qualify to be in the pool, a player must have participated in League Day play at least 10 times in the prior 12 months. The host rotates each year. We hosted two years ago. This year is Quail Creek's turn. This year the tournament has been postponed until April 21, 2021 due to COVID-19.

Notable Moments:

Barb Simms got an Eagle on #9 with Mick and Alex Anna on June 14. She hit her 3 wood from about 165 yards out and it rolled right in! It is her first Eagle here! She also shot 77....best day for her in a long time! Congratulations Barb!

Karen Jordan got a net eagle on #13 June 30. Great for an arroyo hole! Three shots onto the green and one putt. Karen was on fire again!

Stay safe, stay healthy!

Jeanne