President's April Newsletter

Another ho-hum season has passed.

At the March 30 Annual Meeting, the membership approved 4 board recommended amendments to our club's bylaws: 1) Changing the term of the board from May 1 to January 1, 2) changing the date of the Annual Meeting from April to November, 3) changing the elections from April to November and, 4) making the Monday Play Coordinator a voting member of the board. The amendments were recommended by the board to better, and logically, coordinate board functions and responsibilities with the calendar year.

In a continuing attempt to better inform and educate our members about the rules of golf, we have tried several methods of delivering informative and meaningful lessons. The most recent attempt was an on-course presentation of an oft misinterpreted rule, "relief from the cart path". Seeing the rule interpreted, on the course, with several variations clarified, seemed to be very well received. We will take the feedback we received from that session and incorporate some on-course lessons into next year's calendar. If you have a particular rule you would like to see presented on the course, contact any of the board members, or Rules Committee members (Alan Barroll, Roland Dell, Greg Henry, or Bill Smith) with your suggestion.

Now let's talk about Monday Play.

Congratulations to Bob Arends for his hole-in-one on Monday, March 23, on hole number 6. Wasn't it nice that hole-in-one insurance was included in the dues this year?

WE MADE HISTORY - WE FOUND OUR ONE HUNDRED!

As a response to a challenge thrown out by Tom Brown, at the Holiday Tournament dinner this past December, for the first time in the history of the golf course and of our club, we had over 100 golfers sign up for a Monday Play event! We had over 100 of our own membership sign up and got some help from the 9-hole Men's club as well for a total of 120 people that signed up. The real surprise was that a majority of the foursomes finished in less than four; it can be done! Bistro 60 made good on the challenge and provided a drink and pizza to all of the participants. It was a break in the routine and allowed all of the participants to get to know other golfers, make some new friends, and have a good time. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to everyone who participated.

As the season comes to a close, from the entire TLQMC Board of Directors, *thank you* to everyone for another enjoyable year. We are 170 members strong. We had well attended Monday Play events. We held eight very successful tournaments (and no one was DQ-ed this year!) with the upcoming Member/Guest Tournament filled with 46 two-person teams, almost getting another 100 players! We appreciated your patience while we continued to try the best method for raising our membership's golf IQ about rules. And, the course remained in great shape throughout the season, in no small part, due to the efforts of our Divot Patrol crews and our attentiveness to filling divots and repairing ball marks as we played.

Finally, we can all breathe a collective sigh of relief as Tom Brown did, in fact close escrow. As of April 1, Tom is the official owner of Trilogy at La Quinta. While the ownership of the golf course is no longer a concern, everyone knows there is a lot of work ahead in order for the golf course to improve and remain viable in the future.

To our members who are heading to their other homes and to cooler environs, safe travels. While you are gone, those of us who remain, will hold down the fort and look forward to your return.

See you on the course,