## **DECEMBER PRESIDENT'S NEWSLETTER 2017**

Let's thank our lucky stars for December. It always delivers the kind of weather that brought us all to the desert. Not too hot, not too cold. It's just right for the game of golf. Of course once in a while there's a little wind to keep us honest.

Our recent Welcome Back Memorial Tournament kicked off the yearly tsunami of early season contests. The team of Craig Johnson and Bill Ahlstrand took first place with a net 56 for the \$350 first prize. Believe it or not the remaining nine paid spots were all determined by card offs. You had to shoot a score of 58, 59 or 60 to take home any money...and obviously you had to have good back nine. Check the website for scores and the generous payouts the rest of our great golfers earned for a day's play. By the way, Johnson and Ahlstrand also managed to grab one of the \$50 KPs. Craig hit it to 5 inches on #17. It's just not right...5"?...I can't even get it over the damn water. Let's tip our caps to all the winners. And hey, thanks to the rest of the field for showing up giving it a shot. Finally, kudos to Ed Warman for once again putting on a stellar tournament and to Joe Rutherford and Tom Sweet for their work on the para-mutual betting and skins respectively.

Ed still has some spots open for the Holiday Tournament on Monday December 11<sup>th</sup>. This is one of our special tournaments with a cocktail party, dinner and dancing the evening after the game. Ed has put together another great day for us so if you're not in get an application and join us for some TLQMC cheer. You can contact Ed at <a href="mailto:ed-warman@outlook.com">ed-warman@outlook.com</a> or download an application from our website.

Membership Chair Ray Dorfman will be sending out the last TLQMC dues reminder today. He reports that at present we have 167 members with 108 having paid their 2018 dues. If you want to continue being a part of this great club get your checks payable to TLQMC for \$110 to Ray at 61205 Cactus Springs Dr. You can contact Ray at <a href="mailto:raydorfman@yahoo.com">raydorfman@yahoo.com</a>. Dues need to be in by 12/15/2017.

For those of you who missed it, the election for our new Board of Directors was held at our General Meeting on November 27th. The new Board will be as follows:

President-Joe Rutherford, Vice President-Ken Smooke, Treasurer-Marv Tjalma, Tournaments-Tom Sweet, Monday Play-Steve Prosenjak, Handicap-Rich Mercatante, Secretary-Ron Englhard, Handicap-Ray Dorfman and Web Master-Ed Warman. I must say we easily made the required quorum at this meeting which is harder than you might think. I'm sure it was due to election fever and had nothing to do with the para-mutual payouts, Monday game payouts and the free drink offered at the end of the meeting. All kidding aside, all of us are lucky to have these club members step up and make sure that TLQMC runs smoothly for another year. Thank you Gentlemen one and all.

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That being said the Perimeter Landscape Renovation seems to have slowed a bit mostly due to a balky tub grinder. The piles of unwanted acacia etc.have been moved to strategic areas to facilitate their destruction and now that the grinder is running again we hope this task will be finished by Xmas as planned by the contractor and the HOA. However the question still remains as to the ramifications of a 2.5 million dollar project being executed via a 1.9 million dollar contract. Hopefully this will be explained at future HOA board meetings like the one coming up on 12/14.

Lastly I want to thank all of you for the privilege of being President of TLQMC. Your support and input has made these last two years a genuine pleasure. And a special thanks to the members of the Board whose dedicated work made my job a walk in the park. I look forward to the continued camaraderie that makes being a part of this club so worthwhile.

Thanks,

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