

April TLQMC President's Newsletter

Well, it certainly was a different season. The golf course was significantly better. Divots were repaired more aggressively than in the past. Our Men's Club events were better attended. And, some wrinkles were added, the Gruel and Rule luncheons for one, which will be carried over into next season.

Speaking of next season, based on what was presented at the Golf Course Community Meeting on March 30, we will have even more improvements to our golf course to look forward to. It's too early to tell where the construction progress might be but, by next season, we should be looking at or enjoying: a remodeled restaurant and bar facility, a new pro shop and a two-story events center/retail addition to the existing restaurant/pro shop building. At this time it is not known what improvements might be made to the golf course but, with Key Golf under contract, we know it will continue to improve.

Continuing with what to expect next season, I thought by this time we would be able to announce a decision about the tee box choices for next year. However, before any changes occur, the Handicap Committee and the entire board of directors will be participating in the identification of exactly what tees will be used: Blue and Gold, Blue/Gold combination, or some other variations. Additionally, in mid-April, the SCGA will be on-site to perform a re-rating and distance recalculation of the entire course. The results of the SCGA process may affect the selection of tee boxes.

The board is also aware of the concerns expressed by several players regarding distances and carries. Those concerns will be taken into consideration as well. It is anticipated that it will take the rest of this season, as well as the summer, to accumulate enough information to go through this decision making process. However, we are committed to doing it correctly and doing it once.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who joined Trilogy La Quinta Men's Club this season. You all were very patient as we stumbled through the first couple of weeks of the season as the board of directors and golf course management worked on our starting formats and times. Everyone tolerated our experiments with how to conduct the Gruel and Rule events. The Divot Patrol was a great success. And, we enjoyed a great level of participation in our Monday events.

On behalf of the entire board of directors, thank you for a great season. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did. To our Snowbird friends, safe travels. To the Desert Rats – (CONGRATULATIONS - I couldn't contain myself) enjoy the heat. To everyone, enjoy the spring and summer.

See you next year, on the course.

Gary