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2020 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Month	Date	Day	Course	Note
March	23	Monday	Callipe Preserve	cancelled
April	19	Sunday	Rancho Solano	cancelled
May	11	Monday	The Bridges	
June	14	Sunday	Chardonnay	Director's Cup
July	12	Sunday	Corica Park	Marc Rice
August	15	Saturday	Monarch Bay	Club Championship
August	16	Sunday	Hiddenbrooke	Club Championship
September	13	Sunday	Metropolitan	Diamo Cup
October	4	Sunday	Canyon Lakes	
November	1	Sunday	Poppy Ridge	TOC

Due to mixed reviews with our 2018 tournament schedule, the board for 2019, decided to look for venues that might create more participation by looking for better prices and different venues. However, this year there wasn't much improvement in participation.

For 2020, the board decided to look for more venues at a higher price level and more competitive venues. This year's events were dictated by courses that were recommended from the results of the questionnaire this year which also indicated some interest in weekday events. Thanks to Frank Chiang and Stephen Lee, they have followed these suggestions in hopes of gaining more interest .

Let's make 2020 a banner year for participation!

OCGC HAS A FACEBOOK PAGE!

PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oakland-Chinese-Golf-Club/1538219453073989>. AND BE SURE TO LIKE THE PAGE TO BE NOTIFIED OF UPDATES.

We would like your help in building our community and ask you to recruit your friends to LIKE our Facebook page as well.

We look forward to seeing you on Facebook. If you have any questions, please email Cliff Tong at Tong.cliff@gmail.com.

For more information on the club visit www.oaklandchinese.org . For more information on the Federation of Chinese GC, visit www.chinesefedgolf.org to see the activities of the 18 member clubs. There was a recent change to the name above. The new name will be “Association of International Golf Clubs.” References to the name change will be forthcoming.

FROM THE HELM:

This year was another successful year mainly due to the enthusiasm shown at all of our events. Thanks to all of the members who participated in our events. The tournament committee of Doug Deng, Jay Lin, Alain Young and Alan Whiteside, thanks those members who volunteered their help with scoring at the events. Thanks to all of the Board members for their excellent feedback and work on various committees and for taking the time to attend the meetings sans the pandemic!

At the recent board meeting, due to the major changes happening on January 1, 2020, the members of the board will continue their officer’s duties in 2020. This will help in a smooth and consistent transition in 2020. Please check out the NCGA monthly club officer newsletters, which have been forwarded to you for more information on the changes regarding your handicap and the workings of the World Handicap System (WHS).

So what is there to look forward to?

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

This newsletter issue will be highlighting the changes for USGA and NCGA issued information to help members understand the World Handicap System (WHS). Look for the 18 reasons for liking the WHS in future emails.

FAQs for USGA Implementation of the World Handicap System:

1. What is the World Handicap System (WHS) all about?

Golf already has a single set of playing Rules, a single set of equipment Rules and a single set of Rules of Amateur Status overseen by the USGA and The R&A. Yet, today there are six different handicap systems used around the world. Each is well developed and successfully provides equity for play locally, but each of the different systems produces slightly differing results. The WHS unifies the six systems into a single system that:

- Enables golfers of different ability to play and compete on a fair and equitable basis, in any format, on any course, anywhere around the world;
- Is easy to understand and implement, without sacrificing accuracy; and
- Meets the varied needs and expectations of golfers, golf clubs and golf authorities all around the world and is adaptable to suit all golfing cultures.

The WHS will encompass both the Rules of Handicapping and the Course Rating System (formerly the USGA Course Rating and Slope System).

2. What are the benefits of the World Handicap System?

As the world becomes a smaller place with a much greater frequency of international play (as demonstrated by golf returning to the Olympics in 2016), we believe the development of a single handicap system will result in easier administration of international events and, potentially, allow National Associations more opportunity to focus attention on golf development and strategic planning to support the sport. It would also provide the opportunity to evaluate de-personal golfing data to help monitor the health of the game.

Net Double Bogey = Double Bogey + any handicap strokes received on a hole..

If you were to pick up on a hole before reaching Net Double Bogey, then you would record your Most Likely Score as long as it does not exceed your Net Double Bogey limit.

Under the Rules of Handicapping, you should submit your scores the day you play for two reasons:

1. Daily Revisions – Each time you submit a score, that score will be factored into the calculation of your Handicap Index for use the very next day.
2. Playing Conditions Calculation – It uses scores submitted each day to determine any adjustment for abnormal playing conditions.

By submitting scores the day you play, you ensure that your Handicap Index will be a responsive and up-to-date indicator of your ability. No excuses anymore, please be sure to post all your scores in a timely fashion!

How do we determine our handicap for courses we play?

Your course handicap can be calculated by the following formula:

(SLOPE RATING DIVIDE BY 113) X (HANDICAP INDEX) + (COURSE RATING - PAR) = COURSE HANDICAP

SLOPE RATING CAN BE FOUND ON MOST SCORE CARDS SELECTED BY TEES USED.

113 IS THE STANDARD AVERAGE SLOPE BY USGA / NCGA.

HANDICAP INDEX CAN BE ACCESSED VIA DAILY CALCULATIONS ON THE INTERNET

OR FROM MONTHLY REPORTS SHOWING YOUR HANDICAP INDEX.FROM YOUR HANDICAP COMMITTEE. USE THE COURSE HANDICAP FORMULA ABOVE TO DETERMINE YOUR COURSE HANDICAP.

FOR EACH HOLE: IT IS PAR PLUS TWO STROKES PLUS ANY HANDICAP STROKES OR “DOUBLE BOGEY PLUS HANDICAP STROKES.” THIS IS THE MAXIMUM STROKES FOR THAT HOLE.

HANDICAP STROKES IS YOUR COURSE HANDICAP APPLIED TO THE TOUGHEST HOLES 1 THROUGH 18.

e.g. IF YOUR COURSE HANDICAP IS 18, YOU HAVE ONE STROKE PER HOLE. IF YOUR COURSE HANDICAP IS 20, YOU HAVE TWO HANDICAP STROKES ON THE #1 AND #2 TOUGHEST HOLES, ETC.

Suggestion for posting your adjusted score.

A SIMPE METHOD WOULD BE FOR ANY BLOWUP HOLES, ANY STROKES OVER THE MAXIMUM OF "NET DOUBLE BOGEY PLUS HANDICAP STROKES", PLACE A MARK FOR EACH STROKE ON YOUR CARD. AT THE END OF THE ROUND, DEDUCT THE NUMBER OF MARKS FROM YOUR GROSS SCORE. THIS WILL BE YOUR ADJUSTED SCORE TO POST. ANY OTHER CREATIVE METHOD CAN BE USED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

For all future entry fees, please mail to Doug Deng, 730 Niantic Ave, Daly City, CA 94014
OR
PayPal at ducksseason@hotmail.com

Many thanks to Doug Deng and his committee of Jay Lin, Alain Young and Alan Whiteside for their time and efforts in successfully taking care of our tournament program. Also, thanks to other members who have helped the committee complete their scoring tasks.

If you have any changes in your address, phone or email address, contact Secretary Gaby Hemphill (ghemphill@gmail.com) who will pass on any changes to other members of the board.

THE BRIDGES GOLF COURSE IN SAN RAMON, CA

The first event of the year was a weekday tournament on Monday, May 11, 2020. The response was above and beyond expectations as 18 players tried to tame the difficult course. The results below show that only David Yip who shot a one over 73 netting a 68 made that happen.

Flight A:

- Low gross – David Yip 73! (68)
- Low Net – Tyler Eng 96 (80)
- Low Net 2nd – Doug Deng 89 (81)

Flight B:

- Low gross – Yao Liu 97 (79)
- Low Net – Judy Eng 109 (79)
- Low Net 2nd – Felix Cho 102 (85)

Closest To Pin: \$10 Starbucks, Amazon, or Target gift card

Hole:	Flight		
#5	A	Terry Owyang	11'-3"
#11	A&B	David Yip	4'-0"
#13	B	Frank Chiang	1'-0"

#17 A&B Gavin Fong 15'-0"

Skins winner: 8 players & 10 skins total. \$8 each.

- Judy Huynh #1
- Doug Deng #2 & #16
- Yao Liu #3 & #10
- Gavin Fong #4 & #17
- Terry Owyang #5
- Frank Chiang #12 & #13

CHARDONNAY GOLF COUSE – NAPA VALLEY

The Director’s Cup had the best turnout in the past two years with 32 golfers showing up at one of the nicest and toughest courses in Napa Valley. In spite of the SD rules and with required face masks on the facility, there was another outstanding round by David Yip scoring a two over par round of 74 winning Low Gross. However, the Low Field Net winner of the Director’s Cup trophy was won by Roland Kutaka shooting an 87 and netting a 64.

Director’s cup winner: Roland Kutaka net 87 (64)

Flight-A:

- Low gross: David Yip 74 (70)
- Low net 1st: George Kong 77 (69)
- Low net 2nd: Jay Lin 85 (71)

Flight-B:

- Low gross: Yao Liu 83 (66)
- Low net 1st: Felix Cho 84 (68)
- Low net 2nd: Frank Chiang 92 (72)

Closest to pin:

Unfortunately, the course did not provide signs and measuring tapes so many groups did not participate. Those that did participate were listed below.

- #3 Judy Huynh
- #5 Frank Chiang
- #8 Doug Deng
- #12 George Kong
- #14 Stuart Lum
- #16 Christine Lee

Skins:

There were 16 players total and only 3 skins total. Each skin = \$53.33

Yao Liu 2 skins

George Kong 1 skin

MARC RICE MEMORIAL TOUNAMENT

This memorial event began over 60 years ago when a loyal member showed his support during the early years of the club by sponsoring a tournament each year. Marc Rice, Jr. took over the sponsorship after the passing of his father who owned Marc Rice Jewelry store in Oakland and the traditional event has been continuing since. After the passing of Marc Rice, Jr, the club went to rotating trophies.

The event was played at the new Corica Park South Course on July 12, 2020 where another excellent turnout of 32 players tested out the excellent layout and fast greens. The course was playing tough with only one player, George Kong III netting under par with a 71. The fast undulating greens saw many three putts and some four putts which became the new normal for some.

The North Course's nine holes is scheduled to open next year in mid to late spring and will be another tough test of golf. Watch for the updates.

Tournament Prizes:

Field Low Net \$50.00 George Kong III Trophy NET 71
Field Low Net Women \$50.00 Christine Lee Trophy NET 77

Flight A Low Net
1st \$30.00 Ken Leung NET 74
2nd \$20.00 Douglas Deng 72

'Flight B Low Net
1st \$30.00 Alan Whiteside NET 76
2nd \$20.00 Douglas Low 78

Low Gross
Flight A 1st \$30.00 David Yip GROSS 75
Flight B 1st \$30.00 Yao Liu GROSS 78

Closest To Pin: \$10 Starbucks, Amazon, or Target gift card

Hole: 5 B Stephen Lee 15'-6"
Hole: 7 A Ken Leung 5'-8"
Hole 11 A&B Quinlan Tom 9'-10"
Hole 16 A&B David Yip 7'

Skins (7)

Total \$ 32.86 per skins
Douglas Low 1st

Yao Liu 6th and 18th
 Alex Fong 10th
 Jay Lin 11th
 Alan Whiteside 14th & 16th

PLAYER OF THE YEAR (POY) RESULTS

The board authorized \$200.00 for the POY to encourage participation and rewards members for attaining a high level of excellence. At each event, points are awarded for field low net. Twenty-two places are awarded points beginning with 40, 30, 20, 19, 18, 17, etc. down to one point. For participation, the remaining players receive one point. For net ties, points are divided equally. For team events, two or four player teams, points will be divided equally. E.g., the first place team of two players will receive 35 points each. (40 + 30)/2. The second place team of two players will receive 19.5 points each. (20 + 19)/2, etc. The POY will continue in 2020. Thanks to Frank Chiang for the POY results.

Looks like David has had some great rounds to be on top, but with Yao who won last year only eight points behind and we have four events left to play, it's anyone's game!

NAME	TOTAL POINTS	THE BRIDGES		CHARDONNAY		CORICA	
		NET	POINTS	NET	POINTS	NET	POINTS
David Yip	78.0	68	40.0	70	18.00	75	20
Yao Liu	70.0	79	25.0	66	30.00	78	15
George Kong III	59.0			69	19.00	71	40
Douglas Deng	51.0	81	18.0	72	15.50	77	17.5
Roland Kutaka	51.0			64	40.00	79	11
Ken Leung	46.5	82	16.5			74	30
Alan Whiteside	38.5	90	12.0	77	7.50	76	19
Frank Chiang	36.5	92	10.0	72	15.50	79	11
Tyler Eng	34.0	80	19.0	77	7.50	80	7.5
Felix Cho	33.0	85	13.0	68	20.00		
Alex Fong	32.5	82	16.5	79	1.00	78	15
Kenny Fong	32.5	84	14.5	75	12.00	81	6
Judy Huynh	25.5	91	11.0	76	10.00	82	4.5
Judy Eng	25.0	79	25.0				
Jay Lin	24.5			71	17.00	80	7.5
Christine Lee	21.5			78	4.00	77	17.5
Gavin Fong	19.5	93	8.5	76	10.00	87	1
Elmer Meredith	16.5	84	14.5	82	1.00	89	1
Ethan Fong	15.0			78	4.00	79	11
Justin Fong	15.0			78	4.00	79	11
Alain Young	14.5			73	13.5	84	1

Stuart Lum	13.5			73	13.50		
Hugh Lee	11.0			76	10.00	84	1
Clifford Tong	11.0					79	11
Stephen Lee	9.5	97	6.0	80	1.00	83	2.5
Terry Owyang	9.5	93	8.5			92	1
Valerie Yee	7.0	94	7.0				
Joyce Shao	5.0	NA	5.0				
Dennis Itani	4.0			78	4.00		
Harry Huang	4.0			78	4.00		
Clement Leung	3.5					82	3.5
Jack Schram	2.5					83	2.5
Bernie Lee	2.0			84	1.00	91	1
Jesmer Lorenzo	2.0			87	1.00	88	1
Nelson Chee	2.0			84	1.00	90	1
Alan Lam	1.0			80	1.0		
Chuck Chinn	1.0					95	1
Quinlan Tom	1.0					89	1

SHORT SHOTS

We are into our third (semi-final) round of Match Play and have seen some really close matches being played of which several have gone down to the final hole! The third round of Match Play was won by Yao Liu who played against Alex Fong . Yao Liu will be playing in the finals. The remaining finalist will be determined between Jack Schram and Roland Kutaka. The plan will be to have the winner declared by the end of September. See attached for the current standings.

The NCGA has associate club’s tournaments on their website that OCGC members can participate in playing designated courses for each competition. Winners of the preliminary rounds advance to championship rounds played at Poppy Hills or Poppy Ridge. We had four members who recently took advantage of the NCGA Two Person Scramble Event at Yocha Dehe at Cache Creek Casino in Brooks, CA. Jon Lam and Graham Matthews paired up as one team and George Kong III and Terry Owyang paired as a team for an NCGA 2 person Scramble event. In the flight for lower handicaps George and Terry was one stroke short tying for third place and Jon and Graham were tied for 31st.

Please note that the monthly NCGA newsletter outlines the many NCGA tournaments that associate clubs can participate in. In past years, the club has had members participate in best ball and medal play events. At one time the club has subsidized the entry fee to the championship rounds should the members win the qualifier round at their own expense. If there is interest, recommendations should be made to continue this club support. Please check out the NCGA newsletters to see if there is any interest.

Thanks to our Handicap Chair Alex Fong who passed the Handicap Certification exam. Every four or five years every club is required to be re-certified to continue to be supported by NCGA for handicapping services. This exam is in four sections asking questions on golfing rules and scenarios including the proper scoring for specific golfing situations. After each section an exam is taken and members must score well to become certified for the next certification period.

On the lighter side:

Murphy's lesser known Laws:

1. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
2. A fine is a tax for doing wrong. A tax is a fine for doing well.
3. He who laughs last, thinks slowest.
4. A day without sunshine is like, well, night.
5. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
6. Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
7. Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.