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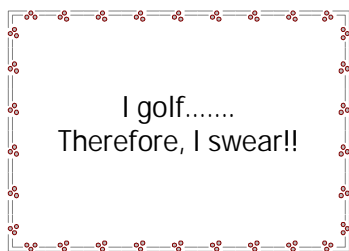
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- Thoughts on "Primm III"
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- Join private chat at AOL on 8/24 between 8-10 PM



V2 Takes a Mulligan!!

In the early 1990s, as the IRS ended new employee hiring and the LA IRS softball league players began to age, he had a vision of what could take IRS employee camaraderie to the next level - an LA IRS golf league. At the beginning there was less than 30 players in friendly matches sporadically held throughout the year using the Callaway scoring system, mulligans, and games such as best ball and better ball team play.

He acted as tournament director, newsletter editor, membership chairman, treasurer, scorekeeper, and any other job that needed to be done; sometimes all at one time!! Of course, at this time there were no official positions, just a need for someone with enthusiasm and dedication to get things organized and running.

By the mid-1990s, interest grew both in

numbers and the desire to establish handicaps and have individual play. He felt it was time to take the next step and ask for accreditation as an Affiliate club of the SCGA. The club received accreditation, as the ALSRI Golf Club, and he became its first President.

Now he had to deal with a fast-growing membership, establishing books and records for a new taxable entity, the need to run more tournaments, and establishing guidelines and an official board to help him run this new official organization.

He continued to be the President during first few years of the new affiliate. But he didn't stop there; he continued to act in whatever capacity was needed to ensure that players enjoyed their tournament round; although it was transparent, and sometimes taken for

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River Ridge Results!!

A beautiful day for golf, and plenty of "Mrs Rhodes Cookies" awaited the ALSRI Tour at the beautiful River Ridge Golf Course. "Sweet" Lou Pacho bagged the Long Drive trophy. Closest to the pin honors went to **Tim Baldwin #3, Peter Lee #5, Jack Ferguson #8, Roger Law #14 and James Rhodes #17.** **Linda Donato** eeked out a win in the Ladies flight in a tiebreaker with **Jean Song.**

The winners are:

"A" Flight

1st Place Larry Taylor
2nd Place Bob Watson Jr.
3rd Place Dennis Murakami

"B" Flight

1st Place Alex Wong
2nd Place Tim Baldwin
3rd Place John Fawaz

"C" Flight

1st Place Sweet Lou Pacho
2nd Place Bob Sackett
3rd Place Archie Nakaoka

Ladies Flight

1st Place Linda Donato

Guest Flight

1st Place Roger Law

For your individual results and standings, please contact Larry Taylor at ljt356@aol.com, or go to the ALSRI web page at <http://www.ALSRI.com>. Check with Victor Vannukul to claim your prize.

Challenge Corner

PRIMM VALLEY TOURNAMENT IS A FIRST CLASS EVENT

After not participating in Primm I and II, I figured it was time to participate in Primm III. After all, the price was right and individual rooms were now available to bring family along.

On Sunday my family and I were able to "case the joint", relax in our room, and enjoy a leisurely meal before gearing up for the big tournament on Monday and Tuesday. My 18 year old son loved our timing; when we arrived at the Primmadonna to check-in, the winners of the Miss Nevada Hawaiian Tropic contest were lining up in front of the hotel for publicity pictures. Upon entering the hotel to register, I got in line behind 2 golfers who had just returned from the Primm Valley golf course-- Larry and Archie had just finished a practice round teeing off at high noon in the desert sun!

On Monday I arrived at the course to find my name on a list with the security guard, my cart waiting for me in the parking lot, and a friendly staff to assist me with my bag before I went to the driving range filled with complimentary range balls. The carts all had the players names already printed on the front, ice chests with complimentary bottled water, and wet towels for each player. The temperatures was only about 106-108 degrees (I say only, because of course it was 100-102 degrees in the LA valleys). There was ice cold, fresh water stations located at the tee every 3 holes on both courses to refill your bottled water.

We teed off on time (I was in the last group on Monday) on the Desert course, and the course was in excellent condition. The landing areas were tight and the greens hard and fast--a true test for most of any golfers arsenal. At the end of the round, the staff cleaned our clubs, cleaned the carts, and left our clubs on the cart for the round the next morning (no need to pack, haul, and unpack clubs!!). Even though our group did not finish the 16th-18th holes due to lightening and rain, the club (after negotiations by V2) allowed us to show up early the next morning to complete the round.

We again teed off on time on Tuesday, at the Lakes course (we finished the Desert course in time to start as the first group). This course was a little more forgiving off the tee than the Desert course, but the putting was still challenging. The temperature was even lower Tuesday than on Monday!! The clubhouse was immaculate, and the restrooms were fully stocked with real towels, lockers, showers, and toiletries.

In research done by Golf Digest of over 6,000 semi-private and public courses, The Primm Valley Golf Club is rated 2nd best in service and 3rd best in course conditions. I sure would like to play the ones that are ahead of them!!

I will not bore you with details about the actual scores, winners, etc. as I am sure that will be the subject of another article in this or the next newsletter. I am very glad I went to Primm III and whole-heartedly recommend that our entire membership strongly consider participating in Primm IV next year. It is well worth the price.

Stephen Klotz, ALSRI Golf Club President

Remember to forward results of any upcoming challenges to Larry Taylor. He can be reached at LJT356@aol.com .

2000 ALSRI TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, February 18, 2000	Westridge Golf Course	8:00A	\$65
Friday, April 14, 2000	Los Serranos (North), Chino Hills	9:00A	\$45
Friday, June 9, 2000	River Ridge G.C.	8:02A	\$45
Friday, August 25, 2000	Lakewood Golf Course	10:00A	\$45
Friday, September 22, 2000	Griffith Park-Wilson	8:00A	\$50 ***
Friday, October 20, 2000	Rancho Park G.C.	7:36A	\$45
Friday, December 1, 2000	Sierra Lakes G.C.	To Be Announced	

*** Tri-Org (AIM-APO-HIRE) Golf Tournament Not an Official ALSRI Tournament

LakeWood Golf Course Tournament Starting Time - Friday, August 25, 2000
Starting at 10:00AM
 Please arrive at the golf course at least 30 minutes before your scheduled Tee Time

<u>No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Flight</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Flight</u>
1.	10:00A	Larry Taylor Dennis Murakami Matthew Faildo Bryan Inoue	A A G B	10.	11:06	George Rey's guest George Rey's guest George Rey's guest George Rey's guest	G G G G
2.	10:06	Lou Pachó Rocher Dubois Tom Veatch Paul Cummings	C C C C	11.	11:12	Bob Henderson Dennis Osaka Frank Wun Henry Eng	C C A B
3.	10:12	Ben Mungcal Daylan Faildo Nick Castro Wayne Nakama	B C C A	12.	11:18	Chris Olsen James Rose Chris Olsen's guest Jimmy Henson	A A G A
4.	10:18	Dan Hoshi Chuck Wong Jerry Chang Alex Wong	C B B B	13.	11:24	Tim Baldwin Howard Wu Mike Morikawa Earl Estrada	B A B C
5.	10:24	Bill Evans Dan McKenna David Jew Archie Nakaoka	G G C C	<p style="text-align: center;">The First annual Tri-Org Golf Tournament will be held at the Griffith Park Golf Club—Wilson Course, Friday September 22, 2000. All interested golfers should contact George Murphy as soon as possible. Your \$50.00 entry fee should be sent to :</p> <p>APO Attn: TriOrg—Golf P.O. Box 53-2175 Los Angeles, CA 90053-2175</p>			
6.	10:36	Hugo Ramirez Jack Ferguson John Wong Ron Mendoza	C W W C				
7.	10:42	Kirk Boswell Richard Sanchez David Sanchez Fernando Beruman	B C B G				
8.	10:48	George Rey Mario Alvarez Augusto Rodriguez Peter Rey	C C B G				
9.	11:00	Jim Lamdagan Richard Page Rick Sackett Vern Miller	B B B C				

ALSRI ACES

George "The Webmaster" Murphy at Los Serranos-North Golf Course. 3 iron, 171 yard, 2nd hole.



Use August SCGA Index:

A Flight: 0.0 - 15.9
 B: 16.0 - 22.9
 C: 23.0 and above
 Ladies: Open
 W: Members without index
 Guest: Calloway or established SCGA/PLGA/WGA index as of August 2000

Men: Use **WHITE** Tee
Ladies: Use **RED** Tee
W: ALSRI members without established SCGA index (use Calloway)

ALL Gentlemen participants please tee off from the WHITE Tee!

**PLAY READY GOLF
 HIT & PUTT WHEN READY
 KEEP THE PACE WITH THE
 GROUP IN FRONT OF YOU!**

Lakewood Golf Course Address & Phone Number

Address: 3101 E. Carson
 Lakewood, CA 90712
 (562) 429-9711

course. In case of an emergency, call the golf course or Tim's cell phone @ 909-897-3977!!!

Directions: From anywhere in Los Angeles county, Take San Diego Fwy (405) to Lakewood exit. Go north to Carson Street. Turn west to golf the

- * **A, B & C Flight:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize.
- * **Ladies (L):** 1st place prize
- * **Guest (G):** 1st place prize
- * **Long Drive Prize:** On number #16
- * **Optional \$\$\$ Holes**
- * **Par 3s:** On #3, #5, #12, and #17.
- * **(\$1 each hole - \$4 total 80/20% split)**

Just a Few Thoughts..... Dennis Murakami

2000-01 ALSRI Boardmembers

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Kirk Boswell

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Dennis Murakami

The other day I was thinking how great it would be in Linda Donato's situation. Imagine knowing you were going to win your flight regardless of what happened as long as you completed the round. Taking that one step further I thought about suggesting in the next survey that ALSRI add the following flights to help the following players:

"One handed putting" Division. Winner: James Rhodes

"4 sets of irons, 7 drivers, and 20 putters in the garage" Division. Winner: Stan Gin

"Did you see where my ball went?" Division. Winner: Chuck Wong

"Never met a stray golf ball I didn't like" Division. Winner: Victor Vannukul

"Left handed golfer to complete a round in the fewest words" Division Winner: Ben Mungcal

"Left handed golfer to complete a round in the most words" Division. Winner: Larry Nelson.

"I can drive a car blindfolded with one arm tied behind my back" Division. Winner: Lou Pacho or

"Hey buddy, you got a match to light my cigar?" Division. Winner: again, Lou Pacho

"Hole-in-one during an ALSRI event" Division Winner: George Murphy.

"I've got 150 cans of Whup-Ass but can't find the right driver to open them with" Division. Winner: Tim Baldwin.

"Uh Oh, Its harder to play to a 20 handicap than I thought" Division. Winner: Bryan Inoue.

"Of course I need a large suitcase, a carry-on, and an ice chest to go on a 3 day golf trip" Division. Winner: Archie Nakaoka

"I don't care how hot it is, I'm wearing long sleeves" Division. Winner: George Rey

"Nice Guy with a killer attitude" Division. Winner: Wayne Nakama Runner-Up: Howard Wu

"I shoot the same in golf as I do in bowling" Division. Winner: Vernon Thomas.

"Hey buddy, that's a really nice swing you got; wanna play for a little something?" Division Winner Jimmy Henson.

"I'll never ride with Dennis, again" Division. Winner: Dan Hoshi.

"I love retirement; how many years YOU got left?" Division. Winner -Toss up: Gus Robinson, Lou Barron, Don Odama.

"Nobody ever tells me anything" Division. Winner:

Dennis Murakami

Special Categories:

Special Category #1: The **"Executive Development Training Division"**. Winner - Kathy Petronchak. And might I add, that was a really fine round at Rancho Park she shot 2 years ago.

Special Category #2: **"Manager's Division"** Under the 1998 Reform and Restructuring Act, managers are no longer allowed to keep score but will be judged on completing their Golf Course Cycle Time under 4 1/2 hours.

Special Category #3: **"DORA Division"** - We're not exactly sure how you get in this division and we're not exactly sure what you do in this division. But we're always told that it's an important division.

Special Category #4: **"Appeals Division"** - Great Division to be in. Everything on the green is given away. In all the bunkers, the Hazards of Litigation Rule is invoked and you walk away with 10% of the actual score.

Honorary Category #1: **"I can talk trash with the best of them and back it up"** division. Winner Donald Toda.

Honorary Category #2: **"You're not swinging that club in the house again, are you?"** division. Winner: Peggy Murakami.

Handicap Notes..... Archie Nakaoka

Handicap Points of Interest for July/August

- Average club index is 19.3
- Most improved golfer for the month of July is **Michael Takahashi** from 14.5 to 12.4
- **Ed Ines** leads the club

with a handicap of 5.5

- Best improvement for their index in the last 12 months is **Larry Nelson** from 25.1 to 18.1

Congratulations to **Larry Nelson** for his Third Place finish in the Treasurer Flight of the SCGA Amateur Net

Tournament. Look for Larry's picture in the July/August edition of FORE Magazine.

If you cannot record your score, contact Archie at (213) 576-3844 to have him input your score(s).

Inside ALSRI.....Golfnut

In the last edition of EAGLE I started a list of 50 things to make a better golfer. Unfortunately, I was only able to complete 27 of the 50 items. Therefore, I will now complete the list for those that are interested.

To the other golfers in the family.....

28. It takes considerable pressure to make a penalty stroke adhere to a scorecard.

29. It's not a gimme if you're still away.

30. The more your opponent quotes the rules, the greater the certainty that he cheats.

31. Always limp with the same leg for the whole round.

32. The rake is always in the other trap.

33. The wind is in your face on 16 of the 18 holes.

34. You always have the honor on a tricky par-3.

35. Nothing straightens out a nasty slice quicker than a sharp dogleg right.

36. The rough will be mowed tomorrow.

37. The ball always lands where the pin was yesterday.

38. It always takes at least five holes to notice that a club is missing.

39. The nearest sprinkler head will be blank.

40. Every time a golfer makes a birdie, he must subsequently make two triple bogeys to restore the fundamental equilibrium of the universe.

41. You can hit a 2-acre fairway 10 percent of the time, and a 2-inch branch 90 percent of the time.

42. Out of bounds is always on the right.

43. The practice green is either half as fast or twice as fast as all the other greens.

44. No one with funny headcovers ever broke par.

45. Your straightest iron shot of the day will be exactly one club short.

46. The number of tees in your bag is always less than 3 or more than 100.

47. If you seem to be hitting your shots straight on the driving range, it's probably because you're not aiming at anything.

48. Never wash your ball on the tee of a water hole.

49. A ball you can see in the rough from 50 yards away is not yours.

50. If golf is just a game, why the pro is playing for hundreds or thousands of dollars?

Join ALSRI Private Chat at AOL on August 24th!

If you haven't had the opportunity, take a few minutes and join the ALSRI private chat room between 8 and 10 on August 24th. The smack will start promptly at 8PM. To get to ALSRI Private Chatroom, on your AOL screen, CLICK "PEOPLE", then click "FIND PRIVATE CHAT" to find name screen. Then type "ALSRI" to join. Hope to see you there!!!

**Join "ALSRI"
private chat
room at AOL
on August 24,
2000 between 8-
10 PM**

Victor Vannukul Steps Down From Duties

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granted, his endless duties made sure that the rest of us had the time to prepare and play even though he often did not have that luxury.

He expanded competition to road trips outside of the LA area, the ALSRI Cup and the Affiliate Club challenges, and continuously looked for new ways for IRS LA golfers to have fun and compete. During the last few years, he decided it was time to pass on

the torch of the Presidency, but continued on as Treasurer and performed his many unofficial duties to ensure successful tournaments were held and a successful club was run.

Recently, however, he decided it was time to take a sabbatical from the board. He felt it was time to let others contribute to the growth of the club and time for him to dedicate more time to his family and his game.

I would like to personally thank

Victor Vannukul for his assistance to me as the club President for the past 2 years and for his undying devotion to the vision he had in the early 1990s. We are all in great debt to him for the competition, fun and fellowship we enjoy today in the ALSRI Golf Club. I am sure you all join me in wishing him good luck in his sabbatical from the board, but also to wish that it is a short one!

Stephen Klotz, ALSRI Golf Club
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ALSRI GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP FORM

Event: ***Rancho Park Golf Course***

Date: ***Friday, October 20, 2000***
7:36AM

Entry Fee: ***\$45***

(One round of golf, 1/2 cart and tournament prizes)

Player #1: _____

Player #2: _____

Player #3: _____

Player #4: _____

Make check payable to:

ALSRI GOLF CLUB

Mail check (***payable to ALSRI***)
along with this entry form to:

ALSRI GOLF CLUB
c/o: STAN TERAGAWA
6044 Magnolia Ave
Whittier, CA 90601

Payment must be received by ***September 29,***
2000 to guaranty a spot.