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Talking to a golf ball won't do you any good. Unless you do it while your opponent is teeing off

1990/1991:

Back in the early 90's when I was still in El Monte I got a call from Luis Zapata. He had heard I was a golfer (just a rumor) and said a bunch of IRS guys were getting together to play on a Friday. At that time, the only IRS sponsored event was the annual tournament down in Laguna. Luis said that around 20 guys just wanted to get together, play some golf and have some fun.

We continued to play golf over the next year and 2 significant events impacted our little group in a way I could never have imagined. First, the IRS softball league was an aging bunch and needed another outlet to display their awesome power (I'm still waiting to see that display). They decided to give golf a try. The second event was the arrival of 3 energetic Revenue Agents in the Mid-Wilshire POD by the names of Kirk Boswell, Larry Taylor, and Victor Vannukul. This threesome took on the responsibility of organizing the events and became the impetus behind the formation of the actual club.

1993 / 1994:

Our initial board of directors had a vision of the group as an organized club and soon placed us under the welcomed umbrella of the Southern California Golf Association where we had official handicaps (besides our swings). We started out as a small group of 30-35 members in 1994.

The club also needed a name. Realizing that having the starter announce the "IRS Golf club" may not have been such a good idea, Victor and company simply reversed the

acronym for IRS LA into the current name of the club – ALSRI.

1995:

Victor realized that the club needed a form of media to communicate tournament dates, tee times, and miscellaneous news to the members. Thus our newsletter – Eagle, was born in 1995. It started out as two pages with no fancy graphics or pictures, but it served the purpose of keeping the membership informed. Soon after, Golfnut was born passing on gossip in the grand tradition of Rona Barrett.

1996:

The club established consistency in the scheduling by having one tournament every two months. In 1996 ALSRI had its first Tournament of Champions at Rancho Park. Jimmy Henson was our inaugural winner with no one having won it twice since its inception.



The club also began to venture outside the cozy confines of Los Angeles. Around Memorial Day 12-14 members traveled south to Carlton Oaks in San Diego where we spent two days grinding out two rounds a day (we were very young back then) to settle who had the most endurance. As it turned out, Wayne Nakama earned his nickname "The Negotiator" by setting his own terms for tees and handicaps and winning the two-day event by a mile.

By June our membership reached 80 and we were still growing at an incredible rate. Our turnout for each tournament was increasing also. 20 groups for a tournament was not unusual.

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Challenge Corner

Griffith Park—Wilson Results!!

"A" Flight

1st Place Rick Sackett
2nd Place Steven Klotz
3rd Place Victor Vannukul

"B" Flight

1st Place Ben Mungcal
2nd Place Jerry Chang
3rd Place Brad Ou

"C" Flight

1st Place Tim Forrest
2nd Place Bob Henderson
3rd Place Stan Teragawa

Closest to the Pin

#3 Victor Vannukul
#11 Chuck Wong
#15 Ron Havens

Ladies Flight

Linda Donato

Guest Flight

Fernando Beruman

Low Gross

Dennis Murakami

Long Drive

Mike Morikawa (with help from the yardage marker!)

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.

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

2002 ALSRI TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Monday, February 11, 2002	The Cascades Golf Course	8:00A	\$55**
Friday, April 12, 2002	Los Serranos (South), Chino Hills	7:30A	\$52
Monday, June 10, 2002	Oak Valley Golf Club	1:30P	\$60**
Friday, August 23, 2002	Rancho Park G.C.	7:30A	\$46
Friday, October 11, 2002	Griffith Park-Wilson	7:30A	\$46
Friday, December 6, 2002	Sierra Lakes G.C.	8:00A	\$67**

** Shotgun Start

The Sierra Lakes Tournament Starting Time – Friday, December 7, 2001
Starting at 8:00 AM Shotgun Start!
Please arrive at the golf course at least 1 hour before your scheduled Tee Time

No.	Time	Name	Flight	No.	Time	Name	Flight	No.	Time	Name	Flight
1A	8:00A	Larry Taylor	A	14A		Bill Kim	G	9B		Henry Eng	B
1A		James Rhodes	B	14A		Chuck Morris	G	9B		Bob Henderson	C
1A		Louis Pacho	B	14A		David Lee	G	9B		Frank Wun	A
1A		Tim Baldwin	A	14A		Duane Anderson	G	9B		Dennis Osaka	C
1B		Victor Vannukul	A	14B		Al Campbell	A	8A		Lou Barron	A
1B		B. Penafuerte	A	14B		Steve Campbell	A	8A		John Greenwood	A
1B		Jimmy Henson	A	14B		Gus Robinson	G	8A		Tim Forrest	C
1B		Richer Dubouis	B	14B		Shirley Worsham	L	8A		Jim Lamdagen	B
18A		Stephen Klotz	A	13A		Chuck Wong	C	8B		Larry Nelson	B
18A		George Murphy	C	13A		Alex Wong	B	8B		Jerry Guignard	C
18A		Max Hernandez	G	13A		Jerry Chang	A	8B		Paul Cummings	C
18A		Tom McGrael	G	13A		Dan Hoshi	C	8B		Kirk Boswell	A
18B		John Scott	G	13B		John Fawaz	B	7A		Robert Sackett	C
18B		Mario Transvina	G	13B		Joycelyn Fawaz	L	7A		Gene Johnson	G
18B		Ron Mendoza	C	13B		Brad Ou	C	7A		Stephanie Rogers	G
18B		Terry Cabrera	G	13B		Ron Yamada	A	7A		Jack Froelich	G
17A		Efrain Ruiz	G	12A		Mike Morikawa	B	7B		Bob Watson, Jr.	A
17A		Hugo Ramirez	B	12A		Earl Estrada	C	7B		Kyle Watson	B
17A		Mike Banuelos	G	12A		Frank Yusay	G	7B		Bob Watson, Sr.	G
17A		Jaime Hernandez	G	12A		Mike Morimoto	G	7B		Bruce Engles	B
17B		Glenn Kormann	C	12B		George Rey	C				
17B		Howard Korman	G	12B		Peter Rey	G				
17B		Jim Ryan	C	12B		A Rodriguez	B				
17B		Tim Bilotta	G	12B		Mario Alvarez	C				
16A		Wayne Nakama	A	11A		Rick Sackett	A				
16A		Nicholas Castro	B	11A		Gary Anderson	G				
16A		Archie Nakaoka	C	11A		Don Stephens	B				
16A		Stan Gin	A	11A		Dean Ines	A				
16B		Steve Mora	G	11B		Steve Ray	G				
16B		Mr. Banuelos	G	11B		Vern Miller	B				
16B		Jim Fetner	G	11B		Bernie Spaulding	G				
16B		Ed Pawasarat	G	11B		Richard Brawley	C				
15A		Steve Nichols	W	10A		Linda Donato	L				
15A		Chuck Fullington	B	10A		Howard Wu	A				
15A		Jesus Gonzales	G	10A		Dennis Murakami	A				
15A		Ron Havens	A	10A		Bryan Inoue	C				
15B		Jim Judd	C	9A		Brian Klotz	G				
15B		Mitchell Davis	W	9A		Ron Sikora	G				
15B		Jim Nelson	A	9A		David Sumlin	G				
15B		Stan Teragawa	C	9A		Matt Kaiser	G				

Use December SCGA Index:

A Flight: 0-15.9
 B: 16.0– 23.6
 C: 23.7 and above
 Ladies: Open
 W: Members without index
 Guest: Modified Calloway or established SCGA/PLGA/WGA index as of **December 2001**

Men: Use White Tee
Ladies: Use RED Tee

* **A, B & C Flight:** 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prize.

* **Ladies (L):** 1st place prize

* **Guest (G):** 1st place prize

* **Low Gross:** 1st place prize

* **Long Drive Prize:** On number #15 Men & Women

* **Optional \$\$\$ Holes**

* **Par 3s:** On #4, #6, #13 and #17.

* **(\$1 each hole – \$ 4 total 80/20% split)**

Sierra Lakes Golf Course Address & Phone Number

Address: 16600 Clubhouse Rd.
 Fontana, CA 92336
 (909) 350-2500

Directions: From the I-10 and I-15 inter-section, take I-15 North approximately 5

miles to the 210 Freeway; Go East on 210 freeway to Sierra Ave. Exit Sierra and go left to Clubhouse Dr. Turn left on Clubhouse Dr. and continue to the course. In case of an emergency, call - Victor's cell @ 626-786-2356!!!

ALSRI – A Look Back Over 10 Years...(cont)

2002 ALSRI Boardmembers

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Newsletter Editor

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Member-At-Large

Archie Nakaoka

Kirk Boswell

Tim Baldwin

Bernard Penafuerte

Howard Wu

1997:

1997 saw ALSRI move into the computer age (well, sort of) by purchasing its first notebook computer that allowed for faster and easier tournament results (for which Mr. Taylor will be eternally grateful). It also enabled us to use the **SCGA's** EHS system of posting tournament scores electronically as a group rather than having each member post scores individually.

That same year ALSRI began its tradition of special year-end tournaments which included a dinner and raffle after the round. **El Rancho Verde** was the year-end tournament and we celebrated with a buffet dinner at The Country Harvest Buffet. Crab legs were the specialty that night. **James Rhodes** was our Tournament of Champions winner that year and the only board member ever to have won.

1998:

In 1998 **Ben Novicki** took over as President of ALSRI and continued the leadership Victor had started. The annual **Primm Tournament** held near Las Vegas was initiated with the help of Golfing Guru Al Valentine. It was a wonderful trip as we played two brand new challenging courses with great facilities. My fondest memories lie with a slot machine at the Primm Donna Hotel. (About 1600 memories to be exact).

Augusto Rodriguez was our Tournament of Champions Winner that year.

1999:

In 1999 Ben left for the cold weather of the East Coast

and **Stephen Klotz** was elected President taking the club into the new millenium. That year we caught Ryder Cup fever as we initiated the **ALSRI Cup** – a Ryder Cup type competition, which featured teams from each Post of Duty competing against one another. The teams included Downtown, El Monte, Glendale, and Van Nuys/Woodland Hills. El Monte and Downtown tied for the Cup in the inaugural year in a very spirited contest. **Tom Veatch** took the last Tournament of Champions of the old millenium.

That same year saw ALSRI take significant steps toward "Customer Satisfaction". President Klotz initiated the first ALSRI member survey to determine whether the general membership was satisfied with the courses, prizes, fee rates, etc. Based on the survey the club initiated several changes we hope were for the better.

The Club made technological moves forward by taking the newsletter Eagle on-line allowing clearer graphics, type, and pictures. It also enabled faster delivery times via E-mail. It was also in this year that our website was created with the help of **Earl Estrada** and **George Murphy**. **ALSRI.COM** continues to post relative information regarding tournament results, board meeting minutes, upcoming tournaments, past newsletters, and much more.

2000:

The year 2000 saw our membership top 3 digits with many members being non-IRS employees who saw our club as a great way to have fun. This was the first year of "**Monterey Madness**" which saw 12 members and guests

play a magnificent set of courses, which included the famous Poppy Hills. Endurance was again the key as we played 4 courses in a 3-day stretch. Jimmy Henson proved to be too tough as he ran away with the event. **Rod Ammari** supplanted Tom Veatch as the Tournament of Champions Winner that year.

Present / Future:

As the year 2001 winds down we look for bigger and better things. We experimented with a new type of event – **The Survivor Series**. This allowed individuals to team up as partners in an exciting single elimination type event. **Chris Olson** and **James Rose** outlasted 17 other teams and were crowned champions for this year. We are also planning another outing back to San Diego under the direction of Al Valentine, which should prove to be quite exciting. Nick Castro is our reigning Tournament of Champions Winner and hopes to be the first back to back champion ever.

The ALSRI Golf Club continues to grow with a bright outlook toward the future. IRS retirees continue to play to visit old acquaintances while our ladies membership is the largest and most competitive since our inception. We are adding courses that are more scenic and challenging while maintaining many of the old favorites that we have come to enjoy so much. As it was when we first started 10 years ago we just get together, play some golf and have some fun.

Inside ALSRI.....Golfnut

(The writings of Golfnut do not reflect the opinions of the editor or the ALSRI Golf Club)

Happy 10th Anniversary **ALSRI!**...The Sierra Lakes tournament is the final event in which to qualify for the Tournament of Champions. It's last call - Bring some game!.... **Dennis Murakami**, after playing (a better word would be - surviving) **Lost Canyons**, finally found a golf course that had straightforward fairways, soft greens, and no OB left or right at **Griffith Park** - **Wilson**, earning him "Low Gross" honors with a 76....Nice r o u n d , Dennis.... It did not, however, earn him a MGD from his usual beer bet (who says



Looking Forward to the next 10 Years!!!

timing isn't everything, TB?)... Congratulations to club members **Jerry Guignard**, **Bill Evans**, and **Glenn Kormann** on their recent or impending retirements after many, many years of service. Along with **Gus Robinson**, **Lou Barron**, **Fred Wade**, **Shig Maeno**, and **Jim Mack**, we're going to have to create a **Retiree's Flight** for our next tournament....**Bernard "Little Ledbetter" Penafuerte** is back! Disappearing from the links after a disastrous 17th hole at **Oak Valley Golf Course** (lets see, how many balls did he hit into the water?) Golfnut observed Bernard talking smack again at a recent outing at El Rancho Verde - its good to see that the damage to his psyche was temporaryWord

has it that Bernard has been issued a challenge by **Archie "No more driving the cart" Nakaoka**. Archie says it doesn't matter where they play, as long as there are water holes on the course!... ALSRI membership dues are due now. Dues can be paid at the Sierra Lakes tournament to Membership Chairman Dennis Murakami.... **Victor Vannukul** is spending the weekend before the Sierra Lakes tournament sunning in South Carolina and playing in the

Washington, D.C. area. Good Luck Lou, even though a number of members are going to go hungry without your generous free lunches...You know what that means - more business for Cup O' Noodles #1 and #2. Congratulations to our newest ALSRI members, **Steve Nichols**, **Jesus Gonzalez**, **Mitchell Davis**, **Bill Kim**, **George Nichols**, and **Jean Song**. In the grand tradition of ALSRI, we will be expecting a dozen donuts from you guys at

the next tournament (**Krispy Kremes**, of course!).... The betting line for the tournament at Sierra Lakes has **Tim "The Sire of Sierra Lakes" Baldwin** at 2 to 1 odds to win the "A" Flight. Tim, who also was the club's

most improved golfer for the Month of November, says he'll be satisfied just winning his beer bet and lunch from Lou Pacho....The **Sierra Lakes** tournament features our end of the year prize raffle for club members.... Lunch is included, in the clubhouse after completion of the round, and there are free range balls to warm up with prior to the tournament.... Please try to arrive at the golf course at least one hour before the scheduled 8 o'clock Shotgun start.... Anyone who has fees to pay, please take care of the payment **before** going to the practice areas, so that our Officers also get a chance to warm up. Golfnut extends Holiday greetings to all ALSRI members and their families.

National IRS Golf Tournament. Victor is playing with past ALSRI President **Ben Novicki** and gaining the experience needed for us to sponsor a West Coast version of the tournament at Primm Valley in the near future. (By the way - who's the "little guy" hitting an iron off the tee?Want to know about the smile on **Ron Yamada's** face? USC 27-UCLA 0 (ouch!!)....Our Prez, **Stephen Klotz**, just got a promotion to Chief, SBSE Research in Laguna. Golfnut has already heard Stephen talking about establishing an ALSRI Cup team from Laguna. (Hey Stephen, does **Metrolink** go that far South?).... **"Sweet" Lou Pacho** is also leaving after getting a promotion in the

Join "ALSRI" private chat room at AOL on December 6, 2001 between 8-10 PM.

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ALSRI GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP FORM

Event: Cascades Golf Course

Date: Monday, February 11, 2002
8:00AM Shotgun Start

Entry Fee: **\$55**

(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: RICK SACKETT
934 E. Bennett Avenue
Glendora, CA 91741

Payment must be received by **January**
21, 2002 to guaranty a spot.