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## Los Serranos-North Results!

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- 2000 ALSRI Cup Results
- Handicap Notes
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- Join private chat at AOL on 6/8 between 8-10 PM

Golf is based on honesty. Where else would you admit to a seven on a par three?

The ALSRI Tour resumed the 2000 campaign with a stop at the friendly Los Serranos North course. Tiebreaker was the word for the day as the "A", "C", and Guest flights were all decided by tiebreakers. Bob Watson finished on top of the leaderboard in the "A" flight with a net 69 followed by Howard Wu and Wayne Nakama. Jerry Chang topped the "B" flight with a net 66 followed by Brad Ou and Al Campbell. The El Monte duo of "Sweet" Lou Pacho and George "Ace" Murphy outdistanced Ron Mendoza Jr to take 1st and 2nd in the "C" flight with net 67's. Linda Donato regained her scoring touch and reclaimed her spot as winner of the Ladies Flight. In the Guest Flight, Ron Havens was the winner in a tiebreaker with Rick Petronchak. (Ron, do you know who you're messing with?)

### The winners are:

**"A" Flight**  
1st Place Bob Watson, Jr.  
2nd Place Howard Wu  
3rd Place Wayne Nakama

### "B" Flight

1st Place Jerry Chang  
2nd Place Brad Ou  
3rd Place Al Campbell

### "C" Flight

1st Place Lou Pacho  
2nd Place George Murphy  
3rd Place Ron Mendoza, Jr.

### Ladies Flight

1st Place Linda Donato

### Guest Flight

1st Place Ron Havens

Next stop on the tour is **River Ridge** and the return of "**The Skins Game**". Visa and Mastercard will be accepted in lieu of cash.

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.

## Just a Few Thoughts.....by Dennis Murakami

On May 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> 11 members of ALSRI and one guest ventured away from the cozy confines of Southern California to challenge themselves against the courses of Central and Northern California. The 3 day trip was to include 4 golf courses, one highly anticipated poker game, 3 separate matches involving James "I can't catch a break" Rhodes, and a competition for each course and overall play.

The first day started off at La Purisima located in Lompoc, California. La Purisima is a long and difficult course with breathtaking views from the top of the course. At the start of play we had 8 players who decided to ride carts and 4 players (Victor, Larry, Stan Gin, and Archie Nakaoka) who wanted to walk. On the first tee, the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> fairway was pointed out to Archie and Stan high in the hills overlooking the rest of the course. Archie and Stan immediately went back to the clubhouse to get

a cart.

There was a little light drizzle and some coolness but the Sun came out in intermittent spots, which made for a wonderful day of golf. For the first day's competition, Jimmy Henson took first place with a nice round of net 67 followed by Han Chau (Dan Hoshi's guest) and Dennis Murakami with a net 72 and 78 respectively. Closest to the pin awards were taken by Dennis Murakami (3)

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# Challenge Corner

The Y2K “**ALSRI Cup**” matches are back. The teams for El Monte, Downtown, and Glendale have broken out the “Sticks” again for a chance to capture the “**Cup**” for the new millennium! That’s right, the 2000 year matches have begun.

A new format has been adopted for this year. The team Captains have decided to use the NCAA format for this years competition. In this format, a team sends out 5 players in medal play. The team score is determined by the low four net scores of each team. The high score for each team is not counted. The team with the lowest cumulative net score after three matches will be declared the winner of the 2000 “**ALSRI Cup**”.

The standings after the first round for the 2000 “**ALSRI Cup**” matches are shown below. Information on future 2000 matches will be reported in the newsletter in the upcoming months.

<b>Standings</b>	<b>Round 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Team Score</b>
1. El Monte	285			285
2. Downtown	294			294
3. Glendale	300			300

Congratulations to the El Monte squad for a terrific first round. Inspired by **George Murphy’s** hole – in – one, you guys all did a great job! Just remember, there are still two rounds to go!

Remember to forward results of any upcoming challenges to Larry Taylor. He can be reached at [LJT356@aol.com](mailto: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 2, 2000	To Be Determined	To Be Announced	

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

**River Ridge Golf Course Tournament Starting Time - Friday, June 9, 2000**  
**Starting at 8:02AM**  
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.	8:02A	Larry Taylor Chris Olson Jimmy Henson Sweet Lou Pacho	A A A C	10.	8:58	Glenn Kormann Howard Kormann Jim Ryan Tim Bilotta	C G C G
2.	8:08	Dylan Faildo Ben Mungcal Wayne Nakama Nick Castro	C B A C	11.	9:04	Stan Gin Bobby Lee Tim Lee James Rhodes	A G G B
3.	8:14	Brad Ou John Fawaz Bruce Summers Gus Robinson	B B G A	12.	9:10	Bob Henderson Tim Forrest Henry Eng Frank Wun	C C B A
4.	8:20	Alex Wong Chuck Wong Jerry Chang Jim Lamdagan	B B B B	13.	9:16	Paul Cummings Tom Veatch Steven Klotz George Murphy	C C B C
5.	8:26 (New mbr) (New mbr)	Hugh Ramirez <b>Jack Ferguson</b> <b>John Wong</b> Ron Mendoza	B <b>W</b> <b>W</b> C	14.	9:22	Rick Sackett Bob Sackett Vern Miller Dennis Murakami	A C B A
6.	8:32	Fred Wade Shig Maeno Mario E. Efren Ruiz	C A G G	15.	9:28	Bob Watson Kyle Watson Bill Evans Dan McKenna	A B G G
7.	8:38	Jim Nelson Jim Judd Peter Lee Jean Song	A C G L	16.	9:34	Victor Vannukul Tim Baldwin Howard Wu Bryan Inoue	A B A B
8.	8:46	Dave Holtz Mitch Davis Roger Law Stan Teragawa	G G G C				
9.	8:52	Al Campbell Steven Campbell Archie Nakaoka Linda Donato	B A C C				

**ALSRI ACES**

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



**Use June 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 **June 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!**

**River Ridge Golf Course Address & Phone Number**

**Address:** 2401 West Vineyard Avenue  
Oxnard, CA 93030  
(805) 983-4653

**In case of an emergency, call VICTOR's cell @ 626-524-1418!!!**

**Directions:** Take Hwy 101 to Vineyard exit in Oxnard. Turn left, West 2 miles to River Ridge Golf Course.

- \* **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 #10
- \* **Optional \$\$\$ Holes**
- \* **Par 3s:** On #3, #5, #8, #14, and #17.
- \* **(\$1 each hole - \$ 5 total 80/20% split)**

## Just a Few Thoughts..... (Cont from page 1)

### **2000-01 ALSRI Boardmembers**

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**George Murphy**

#### **Newsletter Editor**

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#### **Tournament Starter**

**Kirk Boswell**

#### **Member-At-Large**

**Dennis Murakami**

and Chuck Wong (1).

Dinner that night was at the Bubba Gumps Restaurant on Cannery Row. This was a really fun place, based upon the Forrest Gump movie. Many of us kept trying to buy Jimmy 44 oz glasses of beer so that we would have a chance the next day. The excitement of the morning flowed over into dinner as the conversation turned to fast greens, long drives, scores that might have been, and who **wasn't** in last place.

The next morning the trash talk carried over through the great breakfast buffet at the Embassy Suites. With breakfast over we ventured forth onto the famous 17 Mile Drive to get to the next course. It was during this time that we decided to rename our tournament director Lou "Mario Andretti" Pacho. Watching him take on 17

Mile Drive was like watching a driver at the Indy 500. Victor and Jimmy are still recovering.

The next course was the famous Poppy Hills. This was a spectacularly beautiful course with gorgeous fairways and stunning scenery. Accurate tee shots were required and any approach shot which left you more than 20 feet from the hole would more often than not leave you with a 3 and sometimes 4-putt. By far everyone agreed this was the best course of the trip.

One of the highlights of the day featured the match between James Rhodes and Dennis Murakami. Ordinarily, a small wager is made for lunch. However, having heard about "Mrs. Rhodes" oatmeal raisin cookies the wager was changed slightly. If James won, he would get dinner. If Dennis won he would get 3

dozen cookies (½ oatmeal raisin and ½ chocolate chip). Dennis will pick up his cookies at the River Ridge Tournament.

Once again, the ironmen twosome of Victor Vannukul and Larry Taylor decided they would walk the course and take in all the scenery. Although not as hilly as La Purisima, this course was not to be walked by those out of shape.

The morning winners were Lou Pacho with a nice net 72 followed by Chuck Wong in second with a net 73. Dan Hoshi, Alex Wong and Jimmy Henson tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> with net 74's. Closest to the pins were won by Han Chua, Dennis Murakami, Victor Vannukul, and Dan Hoshi (2).

The second round of the day was played at Bayonet.

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## Handicap Notes..... Archie Nakaoka

### **Why do I have both a Handicap Index and a Course Handicap?**

Because courses have varying levels of difficulty. Let's say you have a handicap index of 30.0. At a difficult course you might receive a course handicap of 34. So you get four additional strokes at that course. All courses post a course handicap table so you can compute your course handicap before you play. If you look in your SCGA Directory of Golf you will see the conversion tables. If you

do play someone for lunch and would like to insure a fair competitive game, look at the course scorecard. Each hole is assigned a handicap number 1 through 18. If your course handicap is 34, you'll receive 18 holes and an additional stroke on the no 1 through 16 handicap holes.

### **Handicap Points of Interest**

- Average club index is 19.3
- Most improved golfer for the month of June is District Counsel's **James Nelson** from 17.7 to 15.1

- **John Greenwood** finally lowered his handicap below 10.0 to 9.6
- Best improvement for their index in the last 12 months is **Larry Nelson** from 25.7 to 18.6

If you cannot record your score due to the lack of computers or the pro shop closing, you can contact Archie at (213) 576-3844 to have him input your score (s). Keep your score cards so he can verify the score, slope, and course ratings.

# Inside ALSRI.....Golfnut

To the other golfers in the family...

1. If you really want to be better at golf, go back and take it up at a much earlier age.

2. If your driver is hot, your putter will be ice cold; if you can hit your irons, you will top your woods; if you are keeping your right elbow tucked in, your head will come up.

3. Progress in golf consists of two steps forward, and 26.6 miles backward.

4. The stages of golf are: Sudden Collapse, Radical Change, Complete Frustration, Slow Improvement, Brief Mastery, and Sudden Collapse.

5. Since bad shots come in groups of three, a fourth bad shot is actually the beginning of the next group of three.

6. The only sure way to get a par is to leave a four-foot birdie putt two inches short of the hole.

7. No golfer ever swung too slowly.

8. No golfer ever played too

fast.

9. One birdie is a hot streak.

10. Don't play with anyone who would question a 7.

11. No matter how badly you are playing, it's always possible to play worse.

12. Whatever you think you're doing wrong is the one thing you're doing right.

13. Any change works for three holes.

14. The odds of hitting a duffed shot increase by the square of the number of people watching.

15. Never teach golf to your wife (or husband).

16. Never try to keep more than 300 separate thoughts in your mind during your swing.

17. The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.

18. There are no little problems.

19. There are no tiny changes.

20. There are no small pieces of advice.

21. Golfers who claim they



**Monterey Madness Participants**

never cheat also lie.

22. There is no such thing as a friendly wager.

23. A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.

24. Good sportsmanship is as essential to golf as good penmanship is to stock car racing.

25. It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 10.

26. The statute of limitations on forgotten strokes is two holes.

27. Bets lengthen putts and shorten drives.

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

You are invited to join "ALSRI" private chat room at AOL on June 8th between 8-10 PM

If you haven't had the opportunity, take a few minutes and join the ALSRI private chat room between 8 and 10 on June 8th. 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!!!



**Teeing off on #1 at La Pursima Golf Course**

# This is Why We Play Golf..... (continued from Page 4)



**These Guys are  
Good!!!**

**L and R-Participants in the  
recent Monterey Madness trip!!**



This course was built near the Fort Ord army base and relies upon tight fairways and hundreds of trees to make it challenging. The wind came up in the afternoon and the scores skyrocketed from the morning rounds. Victor and Larry continued to walk the course but by the end of the day, Victor was seen hitching rides on various carts. By the end of the round I think everyone agreed that the course won. James Rhodes had his 2<sup>nd</sup> match with Lou Pacho. The stakes were the same as the first match. Lou will pick up his cookies at the River Ridge tournament. The individual round winner turned out to be Archie Nakaoka with a net 75. Dan Hoshi with a net 76 took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Jimmy Henson and Lou Pacho tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> with net 77's. Closest to the pins were taken by Victor Vannukul (2) and Chuck Wong (2).

That night we again gathered on Cannery Row to meet at Gianni's Pizza for dinner. Again the conversation turned to shots that barely missed clearing bunkers, cross-handed putting, and who still wasn't in last place. Lou tallied up the first three rounds to determine whom the overall leader was going into the final round. As it turned out, Jimmy Henson had a significant lead over his competitors. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the surprising Dan Hoshi, 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Lou Pacho, and 4<sup>th</sup> was yours truly. In the final round the 4 competitors would be gathered in the last group to determine the overall winner. Dan

suggested we hide Jimmy's cigarettes so that he would have the jitters the next morning.

The famous poker game that was going to match Victor "Studs" Vannukul, Stan "4 aces up his sleeve" Gin, and the famous Wong cousins (Alex and Chuck) never came off as the contestants were weary from the day's labors. Everyone agreed to go back to his or her rooms to rest up for the last round the next morning.

The final round would take place at Hunter's Ranch in Paso Robles. This scenic course was made challenging by rolling fairways, fast but excellent greens, and several approach shots over water or hazards. 3 woods and long irons rather than drivers were probably the wisest choices for the tee shots.

The groups went out with the top 4 competitors going off last. Unless Jimmy had a stroke no one was going to catch him so the battle was for 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Dan Hoshi had a tough going the front nine and Lou had moments of brilliance as well as moments he'd rather forget.

The back nine continued to be difficult for Dan and he never got into a rhythm. Lou again showed flashes of Colin Montgomerie as well as moments of Elizabeth Montgomery. Lou never displayed the 2-iron skill that this writer feared but showed that he was growing as a player by nailing some drivers that should put the fear of God into many

ALSRI members thinking about challenging him. Jimmy just played his game and never looked back.

After the smoke cleared, Jimmy Henson once again took first place for the day with a net 70. Stan Gin and Chuck Wong tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with net 73's. Closest to the pins were won by James Rhodes (2) and Chuck Wong (2). Overall Jimmy Henson finished first with an excellent 4 round total of net 288. Dennis Murakami finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall with a net 311 just edging out Lou Pacho who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall with a net 312. James Rhodes had his 3<sup>rd</sup> match of the trip against Stan Gin with the same stakes as before. Stan will pick up his cookies at the River Ridge Tournament. For the fourth straight round Victor walked the course and definitely took home the "Ironman" award for endurance.

We all agreed that we had a wonderful time during this trip and would definitely return should another trip be set up next year.

The ALSRI Club members would like to thank Lou Pacho and his committee for all the hard work in setting up this memorable trip. His planning and effort made the trip smooth, affordable, and definitely unforgettable. Thanks Lou, we can't wait until next year!

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## ***ALSRI GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP FORM***

***Event:*** *Lakewood Golf Course*

***Date:*** *Friday, August 25, 2000*  
*10:00AM*

***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 August 11,  
2000 to guaranty a spot.