

The Word on SIR Golf for Lodi-Stockton

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Season Greetings

As we wrap up the season of 2017 we can start looking forward to 2018. Your tournament chairmen-John Stevens, Bob Cossey and I have been diligently working out the schedule for 2018. It'll be very similar to 2017, except we'll be starting in February at Manteca. Lockforde may not be open in February. Manteca is also a good 'draining' course, and has been playable when many other is our region are not.

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Other 'stuff'

*Local Rules- Last year, the Tournament Committee established several 'local rules' which were brought to light in the Finale. One of them is the 'ball lost on course' rule. To keep play moving, a ball lost on the course may be played where it was deemed to have been lost, **with a one stroke penalty**. A companion rule allows you to play a 'provisional ball if you think you may have gone into a hazard. This is again an effort to speed up play. A more comprehensive list will be printed later. 'Ball lost off the tee' is still 'stroke and distance'.*

Speaking of rules, an update goes into effect in 2019. NCGA will have some seminars and a web page on them. I know several would like to attend the seminars, and I'll keep you advised.

Renewals- At this time only 49% have renewed their GHIN memberships. You will be inactivated on Dec 31, so send in your \$43 now. There is a \$10 late charge after Jan 14.

NCGA-At the NCGA meeting on Dec 3 (Which Chad and I attended) we were advised that there are some progressive changes coming. You can now post your scores at any course, and they will soon be updating daily. It is a goal to be able to adjust the players scores daily to take in the differences of the climate, so difficult days like wind and rain may affect the slope and your differential on that day.

Be Kind to your Tournament Chairman-In an effort maintain TC's sanity.

- 1. This year You will be expected to check in at least 15 minutes prior to the tournament.*
- 2. Most tournaments will be 'pay in advance'. Even Swenson said they would like to see that.*
- 3. Paying the day of the tournament will be minimized. All of that paying and then running to the bank to cover the check to the course is unnecessary and needless confusion.*

Enough of this stuff---Go play and have fun!! BR