

## September 2007 Newsletter Frgc/Mga News

### Event Results

Our last event was The Match Play Qualifier conducted on August 4th. We had 40 players entered and 32 qualified to participate in Match Play. The top finishers of this event were:

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| 1. Fred Janzen   | 2. Robert Maldonado |
| 3. Bob Smith     | 4. Craig Cosgrove   |
| 5. Mike Blackmon | 6. Bob Meyers       |

The matches are under way and the Match Play Champion should be determined before our September event.

I am embarrassed by the omission of the Overall Winners in last month's report on the results of our Member/Guest event. I first blamed it on editing to conserve space but found it to be my error. Sorry about that guys!

**Late in reporting, but still the overall winners: James Howard and his son Alan Howard.** Congratulations for a steady and winning performance!

### Next Event

Our next FRGC/MGA event is "**The International**". The date is Saturday, September 15. This is the final event of our golf year and will be followed by our Annual Awards Banquet and Membership Meeting.

The format of this event is individual stroke play with scoring based on the Stableford Points system. This is similar to The International that has been played at Castle Pines, Colorado over the last several years except that we use the modified Stableford scoring system. This year we have added a deduction for triple bogey or worse.

It's a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. **All players must be checked in by 12:20PM.** The **entry fee is \$80/player** which includes green fees. Players whose card no. prefix is CF, CI, MFF, MFI, RF, RI, or PS **may deduct \$50.** The **deadline** for entry is Wednesday, **September 12.**

Get your entries in early to assure yourself of a spot in the event and to help make my job a bit easier, please.

### Shanks of the Month

I mentioned the Annual Awards Banquet and Membership Meeting above and need to expand on it a bit. We will elect the 2007-2008 FRGC/MGA Board members and discuss this year's events and the planned events for next year. If you are interested in being a candidate please inform one of the current Board members. We welcome your participation.

We need you there to tell us what you liked, or did not like about our events and to give us your suggestions for improvements. The cost to attend was included in your annual membership dues, so come on out to play in the tournament and enjoy the Banquet.

Hey guys! I'm sure none of our members are guilty of any of this but someone is doing it so, I feel a need to get on my soapbox again. Since I am not given much space in the monthly Forest Ridge newsletter now, I must use this means of getting out the message.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the heat has been fierce for several days now and it is taking a toll on our greens. It is more important than ever that we all take the responsibility to fix our own ball marks on the green and those others we see that were not repaired or were improperly repaired by the person whose ball caused the damage.

I see far too many ball marks that have been "repaired" simply by lifting the pushed up tuft of grass and pressing it down, leaving the pitch mark untouched. I also see too many where the "repair" was done by lifting the dirt to the surface and leaving a 1" circle of bare dirt/sand. When the sprinklers run it washes out the soil and leaves a hole.

You must use your divot tool to pull the turf around the pitch mark toward the center of the mark and press it down lightly with the bottom of your putter. This will result in grass covering almost all of the damaged area in most cases and will result in quick recovery of the grass over the mark.

If you want a true putting surface, you must be willing to do your share in maintaining the green. Please do your part on every green and insist that others do their part.

Also, please refrain from tossing trash, cans, and bottles out of your cart into the creeks and gunch. It doesn't take much room to store them until you reach the next trash bin. Cigarette and cigar butts should be treated similarly and not tossed on the tees and greens or the surrounding areas. If you see someone else do these things, challenge them to help keep our course looking great.

Until next time, forget about the heat and – **I will see you on the course at Forest Ridge.**