

# CCMGA NEWS

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#### **Good turn out marks New Year opener.**

One hundred thirty-three players teed it up for January's Individual Gross and Net Tournament.

In the A Flight, David Bray's 67 took low gross honors, with Steve Willis winning low net with a 67.

The B Flight winners were Craig Smith's low gross 73, and Fran Wolcott's low net 66.

The C Flight had Tom McConnell's 78 winning low gross, and Paul Rogin's 68 topping the low net contenders.

In the D Flight, Mario Gallaburri captured low gross with 79, with Yusuke Mikami's 66 winning low net.

Taking the E Flight's top low gross spot was Richard Baker's 77, with Bill Daniel and Leonard Knape sharing low net honors with matching 67's.

Winners in the F Flight were Roy Willis' 84 low gross and Mike Motzko's 65 low net.

For full tournament details click on [www.ccmga.net](http://www.ccmga.net).

#### **Short turnaround for February 4 tournament**

The entry deadline for our Two Man Aggregate outing is **January 29**. Entry forms are available on our website and in the pro shop.

The format is eighteen holes, combined score of the twosome, flighted, gross and net, white tees.

#### **Razz flighting system revised.**

Large Razz turnouts have led to equally large flights, often more than 30 players. In response to player input, the RAZZ Committee has adopted our tournament guideline of dividing the field into flights of 16 to 24 players. The committee believes the additional flights will result in a narrower range of handicaps in each flight, and more equitable competition.

The new flighting system will be used in February 2 RAZZ.

**For complete details on this change, see "RAZZ FLIGHTING CHANGE" on [ccmga.net](http://ccmga.net)**

#### **Stronger medicine prescribed as pace of play continues to lag.**

Although the introduction of the time clock last year seemed to help reduce the length of rounds for a short while, those gains slipped away as the year progressed. The time clock is a useful tool, but is not the only solution to this nagging problem.

Clearly, the first step is for players to be aware that they are out of position. Our standards are posted on the website home page under 'Pace of Play Suggestions',

item #5: **'Players are out of position if they reach the tee on a par 3 or par 4 and the group ahead is off the same green, OR if they reach the tee on a par 5 and the group ahead is already on that green.'** So, get into the habit of checking your position on each tee...if you're losing touch, take steps then to close the gap, not after it grows.

These guidelines are completely objective...a group is either in position or out of position, based on when they set foot on a tee. Therefore, if your group is warned about being out of position, please don't argue with or confront the person advising you, use that time instead to close the gap. Our policy has always been to offer groups that are out of position a reasonable time to close the gap (2 or 3 holes maximum, usually.) If they are subsequently out of position at any other time during the round, all players in the group are subject to a 2-stroke penalty.

The February event is a chance for everyone to reassess their pace of play and these guidelines, but **starting with the March 4th Stableford tournament, marshals will be instructed to notify any groups in violation that they are being penalized, and to report that information to the tournament committee.** Players will have the opportunity to appeal the penalty to the Board, but unless there is compelling evidence that the marshal was actually in error about their position, the penalty will stand. It is also not realistic for a marshal to spend enough time with any group to determine whether one or two individuals are causing all the delays...each group is responsible for moving other players along, and the entire group will be penalized.

Please take this opportunity to remind all your fellow CCMGA members to pick up the pace, and we also encourage everyone to read the 'Pace of Play Suggestions' document on the website.

Thank you.

Dave Maddox, President  
CCMGA Board of Governors

**Meet your new Board of Governors committee chairmen.**

Don Chambers, Chairman and Peter Nagy, Vice Chairman, Tournament Committee.

Brian Metheny, Chairman and Gary Applegate, Vice Chairman, RAZZ Committee.

Nolan Warren, Jr., Chairman, Greens Committee

Craig Munsey, Chairman, Handicap/Membership Committee

Tom Yamauchi, Chairman, Special Events Committee.

**Cave Creek to host city's annual Junior Golf fundraiser.**

Since its inception, CCMGA has had as part of its Mission Statement this goal: "To provide funding and volunteers for scheduled Junior Golf Activities."

What better time to ante up on both counts when this year's fundraiser will be played on our home course on April 14.

The entry fee is \$85 per player or \$340 per team. Your fee includes greens fee, cart, shirt, contest holes, prizes, gift bags, continental breakfast and lunch.

Entry forms are available now on [www.phoenix.gov/golf](http://www.phoenix.gov/golf).

**You're welcome!**

Received a note from Butch Lombardi and Kevin McKenna, our entry in the AGA's 2011 Club Team Championship, thanking the association for its sponsorship of their participation in the qualifier and final tournament. They also noted they won low gross in their flight.

**One reason to stop reading golf how-to books.**

..."The short putt has been and always will be more a matter of the physics of nature and the human physique than the technique of the stroke. With so many variables, such as the moisture in the ground, the type of grass, the imprecision of human arms, even the unique balance of each, a grand unified theory of putting has always eluded scientists..." *Matthew Futterman, WSJ*