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Aerospace Employees Association Golf Club
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AEA Golf Club Annual Letter

Special Thanks

Thanks to all of the officers and volunteers who help the Club in conducting AEAGC events and compiling the results through the year. There is a lot of work that takes place so the Club members can all enjoy a little time out on the course.

A special thanks to past presidents and officers who continue to offer support to the Club – Wayne Stuckey, Ron Herm and Gene Hellie. And thanks to the current officers – Joe Tomei, who took on the duties of Vice President this past year; Richard Rodriguez, our Treasurer and ISGA/SCGA representative; Glen Brewer, our Membership Chairman; Tammy Choy for her continued efforts in setting up our tournaments; and Ken Luey who enters every shot you took last year into our handicap and tournament database system. Thanks to the tournament directors who have helped run our tournaments this past year – Joe Tomei, Mark Crofton, and Paul Fleischauer. The AEA Golf Club would not be able to function without these volunteers.

And thanks to the members of the AEA Golf Club. Without you, there would not be much for the officers and volunteers to do.

AEAGC 2009 Tournaments

The Aerospace Employees Association Golf Club completed 2009 with seventeen golf dates at courses around the Southern California area, including two weekend trips. The President's Cup Tournament, held in Palm Springs, was played on the Dinah Shore Course at Mission Hills in Rancho Mirage and the Mountain Course at the La Quinta Resort in La Quinta. The optional Friday tournament was on the Arnold Palmer Course at Mission Hills. In late September the Club stayed at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in Northern San Diego County and played at Mt Woodson (Ramona) and Twin Oaks (San Marcos). The Club Championship was played in late October on the North Course at Los Serranos County Club.

Congratulations to the Club Champions and the President's Cup Winner:

2009 President's Cup Winner:	Ray Gordon
2009 Club Co-Champions [73]:	Dean Rollins and Dave Hamdorf
2009 Low Net Co-Champions [64]:	Robert Castaneda and Dick Stevenson
2009 Best Ball Champions [58]:	Dave Sutton and Sandy Sutton

With the seventeen golf dates in 2009, there were forty-seven flights (not counting the open flight) with thirty-nine different flight winners (or co-winners). Congratulations to the winners of 2009:

Arnold, Henry	Harrison, Frank	Pearson, Jerry
Brooks, John	Hellie, Gene	Peresztegy, Sam
Brown, Andy	Herm, Joe	Prazak, Jan
Bunker, Laren	Hess, Otto	Rodriguez, Richard
Cadwallader, Eric	Htway, Tin	Rollins, Dean
Castaneda, Robert	Hudson, Steve	Ryan, Bill
Chavez, Art	Jervik, Lynn	Sakaguchi, Ed
Chavez, Danny	Kashyap, Anil	Schraibman, Herb
Drinkgern, Lyle	LaBrie, Joe	Smith, Don
Dubois, Steve	Lacer, Buck	Stevenson, Dick
Estorge, John	Lam, Tony	Sutton, Sandy
Fuchs, Jeremy	Nagano, Satoshi	Unverzagt, Rob
Halvorson, Mary	Ochsner, Dave	Yoshiki, Gary

AEAGC 2010 Tournaments

For 2010, 17-18 golf dates are on the schedule, including two weekend trips. The **President's Cup** Tournament will be in Palm Springs early in June and will be played on the Arnold Palmer Course at Mission Hills on Saturday and on the Mountain View Course at Desert Willow on Sunday. The optional Friday tournament will return to the Indian Springs Golf Club. The Club will again visit the San Diego/Temecula area in late September/early October, as in past years. The 2010 (as currently booked) is attached.

The **President's Cup** is awarded to the Aerospace employee with the low two-day net score at Palm Springs. To qualify, the President's Cup winner must have a minimum of six AEAGC tournament rounds during the twelve months immediately prior to the Palm Springs event.

The **Club Championship** will again be held during the Los Serranos North Tournament on Sunday, October 24th. There will be a Low Gross Champion and Low Net Champion. Members with a minimum of six AEAGC tournament rounds since the last Club Championship, and in good standing (yearly membership dues paid) qualify for the Club Championship. The Best Ball Champions are determined at the same event.

The AEAGC has a web site for those with Internet access. It has the schedule, tournament announcements, tee times, and results. It also hosts the tournament score database used for handicaps and other Club information. Let us know what you would like to have available on the web pages. Please bookmark this URL for Golf Club information and check it for the latest news.

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AEAGC Membership

Yearly membership fees (see table) are due in January. Nonpayment of dues before the April tournament causes loss of membership. Please fill in the online form, print it, and return with a

check for the appropriate dues. The addresses and phone numbers will be made available to Tournament Directors and Club Officers in case last minute notifications and/or changes are needed for (rainouts or cancellations) any of our events.

Category	Description	Membership Fee
M	Current or retired Aerospace employee	\$10/year
A1	The spouse or children of a current or retired Aerospace employee	\$12/ year
A2	Active AF or civil service, located at LAAFB	\$12/ year
A3	Retired AF/civil service, friends and relatives	\$15/ year
T	Temporary membership	\$3/one day tournament, or \$5/two day tournament

[AEA Golf Club Membership Renewal Form](#) | [AEA Golf Club New Membership Form](#)

AEA Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement

In order to control the cost of insurance, all AEA Club members are required to sign a Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement. This is a one-time requirement - if you have signed the release, you do not need to do so again. (If you are asked to sign a second one, it is because the original has been misplaced or your signature can't be read.)

[AEA Golf Club Waiver Form](#)

AEAGC Tournament Fees

The fees for AEAGC events are based on the tournament fees paid to the golf course and a prize fund of \$8 per tournament. The tournament fees the Club pays are typically higher than the normal green fees and mandatory carts are almost always required. Many courses, including the LA County courses, add a \$15 tournament surcharge fee. The Club attempts to limit tournaments at these courses to the most popular ones. Every attempt is made to balance a selection of quality golf courses with reasonable tournament fees.

Optional best ball and skins competition is available in most events (tournament director's discretion). As a reminder for best ball entries: (1) the cost per player per team is \$1. (2) If you want to play best ball with each member of your foursome, submit \$3 per person. (3) Otherwise, it is assumed that you want to limit the number of best ball teams in your foursome. (For example, one of your teammates lacks a handicap or doesn't want to play best ball.)

No tournament fees are required for closest-to-the-pin or hole-in-one competition. \$10 is provided on all par three holes for closest-to-the pin competition. \$100 will be paid for any hole-in-one during tournament play.

AEAGC Handicaps

The AEAGC handicaps are based on the USGA handicap calculation and as with USGA handicaps, a minimum of five rounds is required to establish a handicap. All rounds are kept in the database,

however, as per the USGA calculation, only the ten best of the last twenty rounds are used to calculate a handicap.

The parameters for the handicap calculation can be found at:

[Section 10 USGA HANDICAP FORMULA](#)

For those who do not have an AEAGC handicap, there are two ways to establish one:

1. Play in five AEAGC tournaments in the Open Flight, or
2. Present the Handicap Chair with a current SCGA membership number to access SCGA handicap data (or validated historical data). The Handicap Chair will use that information to establish your AEAGC handicap.

All competitions in the Open Flight will be handicapped based on the Scheid handicap, which is described at:

[Handicapping The Unhandicapped](#)

Handicaps are posted at the end of each month and are effective for the entire next month. In general, the handicaps will include tournaments held prior to the 16th of the month. Exceptions to posting are made for those who are establishing handicaps. Please contact the Handicap Chair with any questions. Members who have not renewed their AEAGC membership for several years may be purged from the handicap database and may have to re-establish their handicaps.

Rules of Golf

Tournament play in AEAGC events is governed by the United States Golf Association (USGA) rules of golf. The USGA rules are available in most pro shops and on the USGA web site.

[USGA Home Page](#)

The Southern California Golf Association also has a section on their web site to assist in “Knowing the Rules”.

[SCGA Home Page](#)

Another good source of information is Bill Pennington’s article entitled:

[10 Rules Every Golfer Should Know \(Before Abusing Them\)](#)

In general, the ball is played as it lies unless USGA rules allow relief. Since most tournaments are medal play, all holes should be putted out - **no gimmies**.

Score Cards

Signed scorecards, attested by at least two members of the group, should be submitted for each group at the course to the Tournament Director or a Club Officer (if unable to return it at the course, please make arrangements to get it to the Club

ASAP). Please make sure that full names are on the card and that the scores on each and every hole are legible! And please, the group should retain a copy of the group card until the scores are posted (accidents happen and scorecards do get lost).

AEAGC Flights

Where possible, the field will be divided into nearly equal flights, based on handicap. The prize fund for each flight will be paid back to one-third of the field, including ties (the AEA Golf Club does not use the USGA tie-breaker to determine flight winners). If ties produce prizes of less than \$5, the Treasurer may elect to hold and distribute with future prize disbursements. (Note the same policy will apply to refunds of less than \$5.)

The optional best ball and skins competition are not flighted. Instead, 90% of the AEAGC handicap will be used for best ball (USGA recommendation), and 60% of the AEAGC handicap will be used for skins (empirically derived for uniform distribution).

Participants who do not have an AEAGC handicap will be placed in the Open Flight. They are not eligible for the optional best ball or skins competition. They are automatically eligible for closest-to-the-pin and hole-in-one competition.

USGA Membership and Handicaps

The AEAGC continues to maintain our own handicaps and use them exclusively for our tournaments. However, our handicaps are not recognized by the USGA or the SCGA. SGGA/USGA affiliation would require AEAGC members to join both the AEAGC and the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA) and pay the additional SCGA membership dues. However, AEAGC Members that desire an official SCGA handicap can join through the Industry and Services Golf Association (ISGA). Contact the ISGA/SCGA Club representative for additional information or check the ISGA web site link on the AEAGC web page.

[ISGA Home Page](#)

As the AEAGC is a “social” club, it will not post your tournament scores played with the Club for you (assuming you belong to a club(s) like the ISGA). It is your responsibility to properly post your own score.

Local Rule

Following the USGA Rules of Golf guidance, the AEAGC has adopted the following local rule for all events: *“A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used. These devices and the yardage information may be shared by players.”*

Pace of Play

Slow play is not fun for anyone. The key should be to play efficiently, not necessarily to play faster. Here are some tips to make your round, your group's round, and the rounds of those on the course behind you, more enjoyable.

- 1. Play "ready golf" whenever possible. Focus on the group in front of you, the group behind you will take care of themselves. Know when you can play, be ready with your club selection, and plan your shot while getting to your ball,**
2. Read the local rule sheet (back of score card). Know what tees you are using, where the drop areas are, and how the hole locations are determined. Have your scorecards prepared, golf balls marked, ball mark repair tool and tees handy, and your shoes on,
3. Always carry an extra ball in your pocket, in case you need to hit a provisional ball, and always hit a provisional ball if there is any question that your ball is lost or out of bounds,
4. Watch the drives of the other members' of your group in case they hit an errant shot. Try to get a line on their shots,
5. Enter scores on your scorecard at the next tee box (not at the green you just finished putting on), and while someone else is teeing off,
6. If a golfer plays from a bunker, others should putt while the bunker is being raked and while the bunker player is getting to their ball,
7. While others are putting, read your own line. Putt out short putts if you do not interfere with another's line,
8. If you know where your ball is, help another player find their ball if it could be lost, unless it is close to your turn, then make your shot first before helping,
9. Mark and clean your ball as soon as possible and fix ball marks as soon as you get to the green, and
10. In general, park your cart so you will be moving away from the green after putting. This will get you out of the way of approaching shots as you move to the next tee.

Sold Out Tournaments

While it has been some time since this policy was used, the following dictates the priorities used in the event that a tournament is sold out (and the Club has not been able to secure additional tee times). The first to be eliminated will be those who signed up after the tournament deadline. In addition, golfers who signed up before the deadline will be eliminated according to the schedule given below. This schedule refers to the categories of golfers on the membership form (and shown above):

1. The first to be eliminated will be non-members, i.e., individuals who have not paid their yearly dues and who signed up for this tournament by paying the temporary membership fee for non-members. Within this group, individuals will be eliminated in the following order:
 - 1) Retired AF/civil service, friends and relatives (A3);
 - 2) Active AF or civil service, located at LAAFB (A2);
 - 3) The spouse or children of a current or retired Aerospace employee (A1); then
 - 4) Current or retired Aerospace employee (M).
2. The next group to be eliminated will be those members who have not played a minimum of six AEAGC tournament rounds in the twelve months immediately prior to the event. Within this group, the order eliminated will be as in (1): A3; A2; A1; then M.
3. The final group to be eliminated will be members who have played six or more AEAGC tournament rounds in the previous year. Here again, the order will be: A3; A2; A1; then M.
4. Within a particular group and category, the last to enter will be the first out, etc.

Holes Not Finished/Not Played

Under the USGA Handicap System, a player is required to record a score for a hole not finished, not played, or not played under the Rules of Golf. For tournament purposes the most likely score for the hole should be recorded. An "X" should precede this most likely score. For handicapping purposes, the score used will be the player's Equitable Stroke Control score. In general, holes not finished, not played, or not played under the Rules of Golf will result in disqualification from flight results (the golfer is still eligible for skins and/or best ball competition as well as closest-to-the-pin and hole-in one competition).

Please make the tournament director and/or handicap chairman aware of the circumstances of any hole not finished, not played, or not played under the Rules of Golf.

Cancellations

There will be times when a player must cancel plans to play in an AEAGC event. The Club collects fees in advance because it is contractually required to pay in advance. The likelihood of recovering the fees is largely based on the arrangements with the golf course. Typically, the Club must confirm the number of players ten to fourteen days in advance of the tournament date. In some cases, all fees must be paid at that time. In other cases, a final payment is made on the day of the tournament.

An attempt to inform the tournament director (even at the last minute) should be made, of any change in plans, as the tournament director may be able to avoid loss of fees. For example, a final payment may not have been made to the course so that the number of players can be modified, a substitute may be available, or some non-monetary compensation may be worked with the course. In general, once the fees have been paid to the course, it is nearly impossible to recover the fees.

Club Officers

President:	Jan Prazak
Vice-president:	Joe Tomei
Treasurer:	Richard Rodriguez
Tournament Chair:	Jan Prazak
Handicap Chairs:	Tammy Choy/Ken Luey
Membership Chair:	Glen Brewer
Communications Chair:	Jan Prazak
ISGA Representative:	Richard Rodriguez

2010 Schedule

Date	Day	Course
January 23rd	Saturday	Marshall Canyon, La Verne
February 28th	Sunday	Brookside, Pasadena
March, 13th	Saturday	Los Serranos - South, Chino
April		TBD
May 15th	Saturday	Los Verdes, Rancho Palos Verdes
June 4th	Friday	Indian Springs, Indio
June 5th	Saturday	Mission Hills - Palmer Course, Rancho Mirage
June 6th	Sunday	Desert Willow – Mountain View Course, Palm Desert
June 24th	Thursday	Navy Course, Cypress
July 24th	Saturday	Lakewood, Lakewood
August 15th	Sunday	Diamond Bar, Diamond Bar
September 11th	Saturday	Simi Hills, Simi Valley
Late September	Saturday	TBD
Early October	Sunday	TBD
October 24th	Sunday	Los Serranos - North, Chino
November		TBD
December		TBD

[AEA Golf Club Calendar and Schedule](#)

For comments, questions, additional information, membership applications or complaints, contact:

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