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## President's Message

Jeff Wells



Hello fellow Golfers,

I Need to get this off my chest and get everyone on the same page.

Golf is a Gentlemen's game. As members of the LVMC our behaviors as members of the club also need to be adhered to in all areas of the facilities, the course, the bar and banquet areas, all the way to the parking lot. We should always conduct ourselves as gentlemen. We all are bound by our by-laws. I refer each one of you to go to our website and read Article IV especially.

### Gearing up for Summer:

With all the foul weather we have had this year, we all deserve terrific conditions. I've never seen the course greener than it is now, I can't wait for summer to arrive, it's almost here.

Our **Partners best ball** had a wonderful turnout with a full field.

Captained by our Tournament Director, Paul Hendrickson, he was assisted by Mike Benedetto. Our winners/qualifiers are Tom Hunt and David Teuber team #1. Michael Benedetto and Paul Hendrickson Team#2. They will go on to participate in qualifying and representing our club. We wish them well.

Jim Zupon won the individual low net with an adjusted score of 68. Congratulations Jim.

Our **Next tournament** will be Captained by Ralph Ferdinand, the format will be an Individual Low Net. This is a popular tournament so sign up fast if you want in.

As promised, we will have a speaker at each dinner meeting which will be Golf related, aimed to help you improve your game and offer resources that you might not have otherwise. Please make sure you show up and take advantage of this opportunity provided to you from our Board members, they put plenty of work into this area to help our members. See y'all out there soon.

Hit them straight and not too often gents!

Jeff Wells Sr.  
President

PS: Check the Script list for your winnings.



**Dinner Meetings and Putting Contest  
Schedule:  
Starts May 10th, 2023**

**Dinner Speaker:**

**Subject:**

**Register for the May 10th  
Monthly Dinner  
CLICK THE LINK BELOW  
[www.golfgenius.com/ggid/  
xdvndu/register](http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/xdvndu/register)**

All monthly meetings are held on a Wednesday night.

**January through October** they are held on the **2nd Wednesday** night of the month.

**November and December** the meetings are held on the **1st Wednesday** night of the month.

The dinner starts at 6:00. The meeting starts at 7:00pm.

The putting contest starts 4:30 unless it starts at 4:00. **You know what that means? Get there early!!!!**

## Entertainment Chairman

**Randy Sgro**

**Meeting Night is May 10th, 2023**



Hello Golfers,

Well golf season is now in full swing!

What an April we had at Los Verdes. Our Saturday team is the SCGA champions for the first time in club history. Unfortunately captain Mike Eastman can not make this months meeting do we will be celebrating the teams victory at the June meeting.

The putting contest is off to a great start and continues in May.

Remember anyone who scores a 15 automatically advances to the championship in October. So you want to get to course to show off your putting skills to win this year's buckle. The putting contest starts at 4:30 pm.

This month's dinner is going to be a beef and chicken taco bar. Complete with corn or flour tortillas rice beans guacamole salsa tortilla chips and all the trimmings to make your ultimate taco. We also will have Churros for desert. What goes better with a taco bar than ice cold beer.

All of this for the price of \$25.00 per person

We have had some great speakers so far this year and we are working on getting one for this month, but even if we don't have a speaker come on out to meeting night. Try to qualify for the putting championship and spend a few hours with friends.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on meeting night on May 10, 2023

Randy Sgro - LVMC Entertainment Chairman

Dinner registration

[www.golfgenius.com/ggid/xdvndu/register](http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/xdvndu/register)



### **Satellite Tournaments**

Satellite Tournaments are competitive, exciting matches against LVMGC members. You never know how the match will end up!!!!

Highly recommended for new members to play.

### **Satellite Tournament Captains:**

Classic Blue.....Tom Gibson  
Classic White.....Paul Hendrickson  
Eclectic.....Mike Mc Coy  
Presidents Cup .....Mike Mc Coy  
Seniors Match.....Tom Gibson  
Putting Champ.....Tony Vinter



Mike Eastman Above

## **Tournament Chairman**

### **Paul Hendrickson**



Hello Members,

For the first time in the 60 year history of our golf club, we brought home the SCGA Team Play Club Championship. Pictured below.

Captain Mike Eastman (Pictured on the Left) will be bringing the entire team to the June General Meeting and they can regale you with stories of glory and triumph.

In the monthly tournament, long time members Tom Hunt and David Teuber took home the win and will represent us in the SCGA 2 Man Best Ball qualifier. David Teuber shot a net 66 from the Blues and enjoyed 12 year Mac Callum with his partner after the round. Also, representing Los Verdes will be Paul Hendrickson and Mike Benedetto. Mike is a beneficiary of the teachings of Ryan from Golf Tec whom spoke at our April General Meeting. With 2 excellent rounds in a week, Mike's handicap has dropped 2 full strokes. So, if you lost to him in a White Classic Match (RL) you can quit your crying.

Mike Mc Coy is running the President's and Eclectic and will be posting the results on a monthly basis.

Tom Gibson has submitted rules for the Senior Match Play (55 years of age+) and Classic (Open to all 2-Man teams and played from the Blue's). Sign-up's are coming soon. The White Classic has started with a full field and Paul Hendrickson will post results to the field.

Please take advantage of the Satellite tournaments. The course is providing us with (4) Sunday morning times to accommodate matches. Also, if given at least 10 days notice we can request 1pm afternoon tee times for Wed, Fri, Sat and Sun to accommodate matches. It's nearly impossible to get tee times but the course is giving us a way to play and complete these matches. Sign up and go on a big summer winning streak like Brian Watts did last year.

Individual Net is scheduled for the May Tournament and will be captained by Ralph Ferdinand. We do need a handful of volunteers to assist Ralph with check-in, marshaling, scoring and 9 hole check-in. Please let me know if you are available and can help.

Sign-ups will be out at the start of the month and priority will be given to those that attend and eat at our May general meeting.

Sign-up's for the Satellites are ongoing now.

See you at the meeting,

Paul Hendrickson – Tournament Chairman

**April Monthly Tournaments**

**Click below to register**

**Partners Best Ball/ SCGA Qualifier, April 22nd**

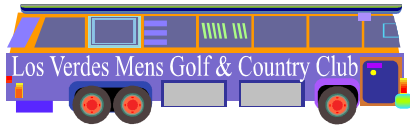
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**Individual Net, April 30th**

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## BUS TRIPS



- **March 5th—Industry Hills— OVER**
- **Sunday, May 7th - Arroyo Trabuco**
- **Friday, July 28th - Los Serranos**  
**Old Man Endurance**
- **Sunday, Sept 17th - Tijeras Creek –**  
**Ryder Cup**

Check out the link below for  
Dates and Tees time

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## Bus Trip Chairman

Tino Gomez



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**Sunday May 7, 2023**

**Sign Up Deadline 4/28/23**

**Details:** Meet at Marie Calendars Parking Lot 6:45am for 51miles drive, leaving 7:15am. Marie Calendars address for Bus – 15466 S. Western Ave. Gardena, Ca. 90249.

**First Tee Time:** 9:00am - Playing from the White Tees

**Cost:** \$155 includes, Green Fees, Carts, Range Balls, No Food

**Format:** Individual Low Net 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> -

High Handicap Group and Low Handicap Group SKINS\$\$, CTP

**Payment:** Golf Genius – Registration sign up holds your spot, put in nots who you want to play with. Payment invoice will be sent later. Check email or registration.

Contact – Bus Chairman Tino Gomez III [tino.gomez@infineon.com](mailto:tino.gomez@infineon.com) or 310-650-124. If you did not receive email or have questions.



Course rules – All Groups are expected to play at a speed consistent with playing conditions and observe proper golf course etiquette and safety factors. Players shall, at all times, play without undue delay. 4h 20 min. is expected pace of play for group play.

**No Food or Drinks will be supplied and no personal food or drinks allowed.**



## Golf History

**"Skipper" Young, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, founded Titleist in 1932.**

When playing a round of golf with his dentist, Young missed a sure putt that seemed to be caused by the weight of the ball.

He then asked his dentist friend to X-ray the ball and the film showed that the rubber core was off-center.

After this initial discovery, Young took X-rays of more golf balls and found that most were poorly constructed with off-center cores and prone to erratic shots.

This inspired Young to produce his line of golf balls, which would become known as Titleist.

1930: Young developed a machine that could uniformly wind rubber string around a rubber core, making a "dead center" golf ball. He named the ball "Titleist," noting it was the "winner" of the quest to create the best for the game.

Today Acushnet employs roughly 3000 people in Massachusetts, making it one of the largest employers in the region. It is headquartered in Fairhaven, Massachusetts alongside its Packing and Distribution Center about three miles south of its original location.

They also have two golf ball manufacturing plants and an R&D Technology Center located in the New Bedford Industrial Park, as well as a Custom Golf Ball plant located in New Bedford.

And all this is due as the result of a missed putt... and a lot of blood sweat and tears, persistence & dedication to making things happen!

## Weekend Team Play 2023 Wins the SCGA finals! Congratulations Boys!



If you see one of these players around the club don't shy. Introduce your sell, congratulate them on a GREAT SCGA win, buy them a beer. Congratulations Boys!



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**Individual Net, May 21, 30th**

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Month	Format		2023	Captain
January	Individual Low Net	Sunday	22-Jan	Maroun Aboutanos
February	Individual Low Net	Sunday	19-Feb	Tony Vinter
March	Foursomes, 2 Best Balls	Sunday	19-Mar	John Keigharn
April	Partner Best Ball/ SCGA Qualifier	Saturday	22-Apr	Paul Hendrickson
April	Individual Net	Sunday	21-May	Ralph Ferdinand
June	Individual Net + Partner Blind Draw Net (total)	Saturday	24-Jun	Ralph Ferdinand
July	Orange Ball	Sunday	22-Jul	Al "K9" Von Kanel
August	Club Championship Weekend	Week-end	19-Aug	Jeff Wells
August	Club Championship 1 day	Sunday	20-Aug	Jeff Wells
September	Member - Guest Partner Best Ball	Sunday	24-Sep	Jeff Wells
October	1-2-3 Waltz	Sunday	21-Oct	Mike Benedetto
November	USC-UCLA Showdown	Friday	17-Nov	Steege & Ventura
November	Foursomes, 2 Best Balls	Saturday	11-Nov	Rob Hoeberling
December	Hail to the Chief Individual Net	Friday	8-Dec	David Haehnel
December	Limited Club (4 clubs)	Saturday	16-Dec	Stan Kohler



**SCRIPT** is your winnings from golf tournaments. It is paid out in the form of a credit in the pro shop.

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## Weekend Script Winners

**January 2023**

Name	GIN	Weekend	Total Scrip
Andy Abrams	9725860	\$6.00	\$6
Brennen Willett	10199730	\$6.00	\$6
Brian Beckman	1338304	\$25.00	\$25
Brian LaPointe	11563745	\$25.00	\$25
Daniel Samaro	716785	\$30.00	\$30
David Deane	270737	\$70.00	\$70
David Rosenblum	462764	\$25.00	\$25
David Teuber	8689805	\$52.00	\$52
Don Balzano	9649294	\$25.00	\$25
Doug Holker	9303112	\$25.00	\$25
Eric Daniels	10709310	\$125.00	\$125
Eric Mori	1939267	\$117.50	\$118
Eric Nelson	5148519	\$27.00	\$27
Frederick Hahn	9649217	\$75.00	\$75
Greg Sparkman	1759827	\$25.00	\$25
Greg St. Clair	328542	\$25.00	\$25
Gus Sartorius	9218225	\$85.00	\$85
James Bunnell	10483671	\$50.00	\$50
Jeff Johnson	9531612	\$25.00	\$25
Jeffery Nunns	8687311	\$31.00	\$0
John Moody	9691131	\$25.00	\$25
John Ziello	1397858	\$25.00	\$25
Kraig Scheyer	29373	\$25.00	\$25
Kurt Gamlin	9621301	\$6.00	\$6
Kyle Meredith	2998250	\$25.00	\$25
Larry Portiz	2491565	\$100.00	\$100
Lewis Simon	9710631	\$25.00	\$25
Mark Koltko	9344336	\$92.50	\$93
Maroun Aboutanos	9704919	\$85.00	\$85
Paul Czer	2491613	\$25.00	\$25
Peter Smith	11238946	\$70.00	\$70
Scott Saito	1795196	\$85.00	\$85
Soonjo Hong	10601913	\$25.00	\$25
Steve Leigh	591778	\$25.00	\$25
Terry Ahn	11126790	\$27.00	\$27
Tino Gomez	1564619	\$6.00	\$6
Trevor Portiz	11214957	\$60.00	\$60
Willie Krenz	23159	\$25.00	\$25



## FUN TIMES

Believe it or not: Mike Eastman pictured here on Mt Rushmore. For leading the Weekend Team Play to SCGA champion status in the SCGA finals! Congratulations to Mike Eastman and the Weekend Team Play SCGA champions!



## Golf Genius Tips

This month's tip will assist you if you are having troubles **Registering** for tournaments via **Golf Genius** if you are having troubles.

I highly recommend registering via a computer rather than a mobile device as it is an easier transaction with a stable network connection. If you are using a mobile device, please make sure you are connected to a stable network, and I would use caution if you're just using it over with cellular data connection.

### Logout of Golf Genius!

The most common problem I see, is that members are currently logged in to Golf Genius from a previous tournament or another club. Please logout of Golf Genius prior to clicking on the registration link. Our system is not set-up to have a Username / Password to use Golf Genius. **All you need is the GGID** of the tournament to complete your registration.

If you are **NOT receiving** our tournament invite emails from Golf Genius, please check your Spam/Junk folder for emails from [norply@golfgenius.com](mailto:norply@golfgenius.com).

We also recommend you add that address to your address book which will most likely end up in your inbox.

If you would like to have quick and easy access to all the events available for our members, we suggest that you **add this link** <https://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/qtttph> to your favorites.

By simply clicking on the link, you will be able to view all the past and present events, and from there you can access each event portal. You can then use the portal to sign up for a tournament, check tee sheets, or view the results of past tournaments.

For any other Golf Genius questions email  
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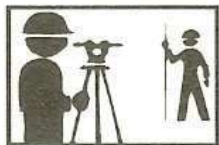
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# All things Rules of Golf

Alec Todryk  
Rules Chair

## Membership,

Welcome new and returning members of Los Verdes. For 2023 we will continue to operate business as usual with in the USGA and local rules outlined by the Los Verdes Rules Committee. Outlined below are two local rules that all members should be aware of while playing in events and 5 key changes to the USGA rules of golf for 2023.

## Local Rules

**Smut grass Rule:** A player whose ball lies close to smut grass, in a position where the swing movement of the clubface to hit the ball is obstructed by the smut grass, is allowed to place the ball within one club-length of where the ball came to rest no nearer the hole without penalty. There is no relief for stance on smut grass, only the clubface obstruction.

**Exposed Tree Root Rule:** If a player's ball is in play and there is interference with the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing from exposed tree roots that are in a part of the general area of the course that covers all of the course except for the other four defined areas: (1) the teeing area the player must play from in starting the hole, (2) all penalty areas, (3) all bunkers, and (4) the putting green of the hole the player is playing, the tree roots are treated as ground under repair. The player may take free relief under Rule 16.1b. Find the nearest point of relief that is not closer to the hole and the ball must be dropped within 1 club length and come to rest in the relief area. Interference does not exist if the tree roots only interfere with the player's stance.

## Key 2023 USGA Rules change

**Modifications for Players with Disabilities:** The modifications to the Rules for players with disabilities have been made part of the Rules and are in effect for all players who are classified in the categories covered in Rule 25.

**Handicap Usage in Stroke Play:** With the continued growth of score-posting technology following the adoption of the World Handicap System™, players are no longer penalized for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play. The committee will be responsible for ensuring the accuracy of each player's handicap.

**Club Damaged During Round:** The Rule has been amended to allow a player to replace a club that is damaged during a round, provided the player did not damage it through abuse.

**Ball Moved by Natural Forces:** A new exception provides that a ball at rest must be replaced if it moves to another area of the course or comes to rest out of bounds after being dropped, placed or replaced.

**Back-on-the-Line Relief Procedure:** The back-on-the-line relief procedure, often used for penalty area and unplayable ball relief, has been simplified so that the player now drops their ball on the line, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.

Link to rules changes - <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/articles/2022/11/key-rules-of-golf-changes-2023.html>

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## Handicap Chair Thoughts

*Jesper Lykke*

**The Fun, the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly  
from your  
Handicap Chair**



**Fun facts:** 22,436 rounds were posted by members in 2022. 8,007 rounds were at Los Verdes, and 14,429 rounds were played elsewhere!

**The Good news** is that 232 members averaged worse or within one stroke in "Home Tournaments" than they did in "Home Rounds",

**But the Bad news** is that 92 members somehow averaged better than one stroke in "Home Tournaments" than in "Home Rounds"!

**My first thought** was that it was "kind of strange", but my second thought was "this isn't right"!

I took a closer look at all posts by all members broken down by type (Home, Home Competition, Away, and Away Competition) for all 2022, and I encountered a trend I didn't like. Everybody talks about sandbagging, but without feeling any need whatsoever to apologize, I call it cheating!

What is the difference between winning a tournament by moving the ball to a better lie, not putting out, or applying the "hole in the pocket" trick to find a "lost ball" in the middle of the fairway, and playing with an inflated handicap index?

I don't know any member by name that cheats on the course, but I do know 23 members that averaged more than 3 shots better in tournaments, which is quite unusual to say the least. The Ugly is that 10 members averaged 5-7 shots better, and that 9 that averaged more than 7 shots better in tournaments! Why is that not called cheating?

The board is debating whether to publish the findings, and if we agree to do so, stay tuned for a shocking next edition of The Hacker! Either way, I will be reaching out to the members impacted by my finding to discuss the situation and will determine with the Board and Handicap Committee whether or not their Index should be adjusted down!

*Jesper Lykke*

*Handicap Chair*

## New Members

**For new members:** Do not confuse this with the recent notice about signing up for the Weekend Tournament. Please remember that you are only allowed to play in one tournament each month, either the Weekday or the Weekend (on Feb. 19).

New member wait list

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DqRJkYszA-VGkZGx7U930I1v4A6YTnJIZ8G7LCLTMyg/edit?pli=1>

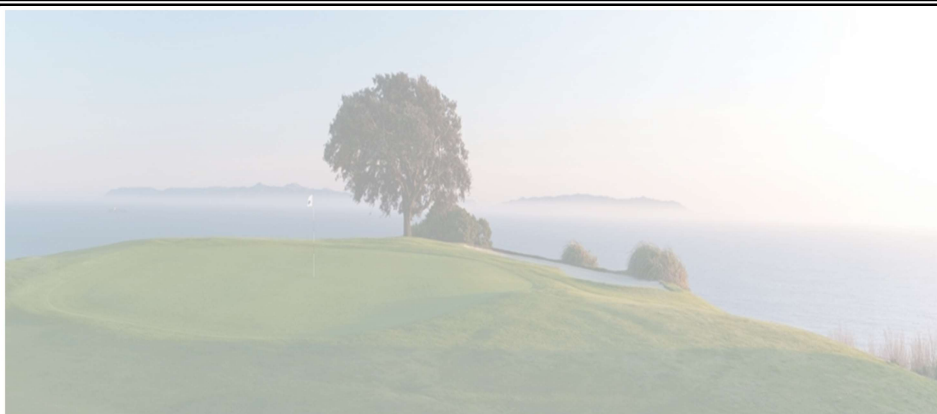


### Weekday Announcements:

Sign up or the Eclectic/President's Cup  
Tournament with Mike McCoy, Weekday/  
Eclectic/President's  
Cup Tournament Captain



Pictured above  
**Robert Murio and Paul Tuvman**  
Easter Bunny light Winners



## LOS VERDES MEN'S CLUB MAY 1, 2023

### APRIL WEEKDAY TOURNAMENT FORMAT: PARTNER BETTER BALL

The weather was favorable for some good golf this month as the sun chased the rain away and mild temperatures ruled the day! The Easter Bunny did not hide too many golf balls as the leprechauns did in March so the scores were significantly lower. 31 teams (62 players) took part in the Weekday Tournament with the average team score being 66!



Congratulations to **Robert Murio and Paul Tuvman** who won the **Easter Bunny Flight** with a net 61, beating **Jim and Jeff Kirner** by one stroke. Wiley veteran **Kurt Lanschutzer** and his partner **Heinrich Klingner** shot a net 62 to win the **Jelly Bean Flight**.

And big Congratulations to another pair of wiley veteran players, **Brian Watts and Chuck Olinger** (pictured here), for shooting the low tournament round of **58** to win the **Peeps Flight**!

**The May Weekday Tournament (May 15-19) is an Individual Low Net format so get your game tuned up!**

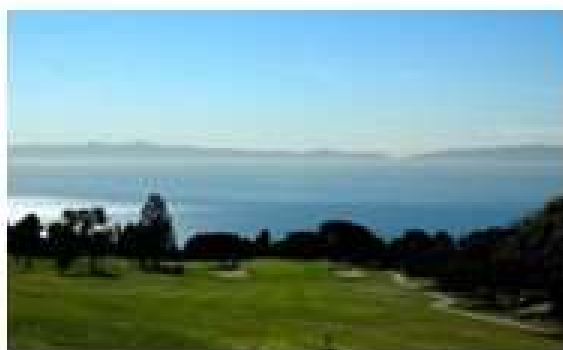
### **WEEKDAY, PRESIDENT'S CUP & ECLECTIC TOURNAMENT SNAPSHOTS**

#### PRESIDENT'S CUP AND ECLECTIC TOURNAMENTS

The President's Cup and Eclectic Tournaments are underway. They began April 1 and will end September 30, with championship playoff in October. Current standings will be sent out in early May and monthly after that. The President's Cup had 25 players as of April 27, with players competing in 3 flights. The Eclectic had a large field of 56 players divided into 4 flights as of April 27!

Members may still sign up for either or both of these tournaments by 11:59 PM Sunday April 30. Sign-up fee is \$30 for each with all monies being paid out in Pro Shop scrip to flight winners and championship round winners.

**Mike McCoy, Weekday/Eclectic/President's Cup Tournament Captain**



## 2023 WEEKDAY TOURNAMENTS

DATES	FORMAT	POSTING AS
JAN. 16-20	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
FEB. 13-17	Partner Odds & Even	Home Score
MAR. 13-17	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
APR. 17-21	Partner Better Ball	Home Score
MAY 15-19	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
JUNE 12-16	Individual Tin Whistle	Home Score
JULY 17-21	Partner Pars or Better	Home Score
AUG. 14-18	Individual Low Net	Competition Score
SEPT. 18-22	Partner Blind Draw (by flight)	Home Score
OCT. 16-20	Partner Better Ball With Scary 3s and 5s	Home Score
NOV. 13-17	Individual Turkey Shoot 9	Home Score
DEC. 11-15	Individual Low Net	Competition Score

*All formats are compatible with Pot Game and Seniors play.  
For questions or further information, contact Mike McCoy, Weekday Tournament Capt.*



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## Weekday Script Winners

**January 2023**

NAME	SCRIP WINNINGS	
ANDY ABRAMS	\$	10.00
ANTHONY CHAVEZ	\$	10.00
JOE DOYLE	\$	20.00
JIM DUNTLEY	\$	20.00
EDMOND ESTUDILLO	\$	10.00
SAMAD HAYATI	\$	15.00
DANIEL HOM	\$	10.00
CHRISTOPHER HUGHES	\$	15.00
MICHAEL JENSEN	\$	15.00
JAMES KIRNER	\$	20.00
JEFF KIRNER	\$	20.00
HEINRICH KLINGNER	\$	25.00
KURT LANSCHUTZER	\$	25.00
ERIC LOUIE	\$	10.00
MIKE MCCOY	\$	15.00
ROBERT MURIO	\$	25.00
CHUCK OLINGER	\$	25.00
KEN ROBERTSON	\$	10.00
STEVE STEINKAMP	\$	10.00
PAUL TUVMAN	\$	25.00
BRIAN WATTS	\$	25.00
DON YOUNG	\$	10.00
TOTAL \$		370.00