

Welcome members and guests!

Great to see everyone here to celebrate another fantastic golf season, it has been another successful season for the VCGC, not too many issues in regard to golf in general, tournament turnouts were good, in fact better than previous year percentage wise. The 2 courses – Meadow Gardens and Redwoods - we brought back in the rotation were excellent additions to compliment our schedule; one of the attractions to all VCGC members is the opportunity to play different golf courses under tournament conditions, not to mention the camaraderie it brings.

Looking back at all the tournaments - the Calcutta specially - the changing of its format to the Modified Stableford scoring system which enable us to adopt the 4 out of 4 scores formula was very different from what we've been accustomed to, but it was nonetheless a huge success, we will definitely use this format again next year. While all other tournaments remained the same as always, one characteristic of all our tournament results seems to be also about the same over the years, by that I mean only a few members on any given years seem to win most of the tournaments, I suppose that's just the way it is, no different than other clubs or even the professional tours.

To me personally, the tournament prize distribution works fairly and equitably but I did hear a few members are concerned over the low gross category might not be too ideal for our club, especially the "A" flight wherein only very few members have the best chances of winning – too lopsided. I like to take this opportunity to address this concern and I also have a solution for it:

One only has to realize that the VCGC as a golf club runs tournaments albeit doing it mostly for fun, but still, we like to maintain the integrity and the fundamental purpose of a "Tournament" and that is to identify and to celebrate the best player of each tournament, I understand the unbalanced playing skills as a group therefore the breaking down into 3 flights to try to attain the equitability. Having pointed that out, tournaments are very different from "Honey Pots" which are the most common form of golf outings much like some of us playing the weekly Riverway golf group, there we throw in a few dollars into a "Honey Pot" for the lucky winners to share and it would be highly unfair to award the low gross players since he would most likely win the pooled money every time, and pooled money is the operative word. The VCGC does not conduct Honey Pots although there may be Honey Pots within our tournaments much like the Blind Draws where we do throw in the \$5.00 and decide the lucky winners by net scores only. Our regular tournaments are sponsored tournaments; there are very little member's dues if any used towards paying out cash prizes hence the major difference. Much of the member's dues are spent towards dinner gatherings such as to-night, to subsidize the Calcutta tournament, year end trophies and door prizes etc. etc.

I do hope my analogy here clarified any misunderstanding some members may have, I personally would like to uphold the integrity of our tournaments by keeping the low gross awards, and hopefully our club will grow to a level where the "A" flight would not be too lopsided. For now, since there was no controversy over the "B" and "C" flights, As for the "A" flight specifically, I like to direct my sponsorship towards the low gross payouts because I firmly believe that the best gross scores on each flight should be rewarded, not to mention the mitigation of "Sandbagging", hope my sponsorship will ease any concern to the fairness of "A" flight low gross payouts. Starting next season, we will look into having a 2nd low net to each fight just so we can spread the winnings more evenly among all members.

Again, nice to see all of you here, attached is the winners list of this year, enjoy the evening and congratulations to all the winners.

Cheers!!

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Membership/News Committee

2014 Tournament Results Summary

Golf Course	Tournament Winners					
	A Flight/low gross	A Flight/low net	B Flight/low gross	B Flight/low net	C Flight/low gross	C Flight/low net
	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Northview Canal	Danny Thong 81	Jackson Tang 75	Julan Lo 90	Mike Jang 74	Doug Araki 96	Alice Chow 74
Northview Ridge	Danny Thong 77	Tonnie Lam 75	Jerry Sam 88	Bob Lee 73	Dave Jung 99	Pollyanna Chow 73
Surrey	Danny Thong 81	Gene Wong 68	Fern Chow 84	Mike Jang 66	Dave Jung 92	Brian Hoo 67
UBC	Jackson Tang 78	Danny Thong 70	Julan Lo 86	Erwin Epp 66	Dave Jung 97	Pollyanna Chow 65
Meadow Gardens	Edward Kwok 80	Julan Lo 69	Sash S. 81	Jimmy Yee 66	Dave Jung 86	Cremen Loy 66
Pagoda	Danny Thong 78	Lily Ma 71	Sash S. 89	Erwin Epp 72	Dave Jung 99	Ray Ing 70
UBC	Danny Thong 77	Gene Wong 70	Dave Rogers 86	Sash S. 67	Brian Hoo 96	Pollyanna Chow 68
Peace Portal	Tonnie Lam 77	Mike Jang 68	Art Chin 87	Sash S. 71	Norm Chin 97	Ray Ing 67
Redwoods	Gene Wong 80	Lily Ma 74	Darren Ing 86	Dave Rogers 69	Jason Tsang 90	Cremen Loy 65
Canal	Tonnie Lam 76	Gene Wong 68	Luwan Yang 81	Sash S. 70	Alice Chow 98	Lawrence Low 74

	KP's Winners		
	Men's 18 & under	Men's 19 & over	Ladies (All)
	10.00	10.00	10.00
Northview Canal	Tonnie Lam	No Winner	Julan Lo
Northview Ridge	Mike Jang	Jason Tsang	Linda Chan
Surrey	Gene Wong	Jerry Sam	Jessie Yee
UBC	Mike Samson	Sash Sasidharan	Janet Ngui
Meadow Gardens	No Winner	No Winner	No Winner
Pagoda	Danny Thong	Sash Sasidharan	Alice Chow

	1st Par 3	2nd Par 3	3rd Par 3	4th Par 3
UBC	Edward Lo	Tonnie Lam	Janet Ngui	Darren Ing
Peace Portal	Dennis Bidin	Tonnie Lam	Luwan Yang	Linda Ma
Redwoods	Art Chin	Danny Thong	Luwan Yang	Cremen Loy
Canal	Jackson Tang	Mike Jang	Alice Chow	Bob Lee

2014 Year End Awards

	First	Second	Third Tie	Fourth Tie
National Garage Points Winners –	Danny Thong	Gene Wong	Mike Jang	Sash Sasidharan
Match Play Champion –		Danny Thong		
Most Improved –		Danny Thong		
Lowest Aggregate Net Stroke Average (6 rds min) –		Sash Sasidharan		
Lowest Aggregate Gross Stroke Average (6 rds min) -		Danny Thong		
2-round Senior Low Net –		Cremen Loy		
2-round Men's Low Net –		Danny Thong		
2-round Ladies' Low Net –		Alice Chow		
2-round Men's Low Gross –		Tonnie Lam		
2-round Ladies' Low Gross –		Julan Lo		