



The LipOut

March 2023

President's Message

Greetings to all Apple Mountain Members!

This upcoming Golf Season has been nothing short of "unique!" It would seem that we have been fighting an uphill fight...first, against the wildfires of last season along with COVID and now against the unprecedented snows and storms that have pummeled us so far this year. The snow has been record-breaking and unprecedented! As a result, our Tournament Committee under the direction of our new Tournament Director, **Bruce Nyhammer**, have been forced to adjust the timing of our opening tournaments and events. As soon as the snow melts Bruce and the TC will continue to give us updates as to when the opening events will be played. Stay tuned as more information will be coming! Let's believe for some warm rain to melt the mountains of snow away!!

Speaking of the Board of Directors, I am proud to announce the new Board for our 2023 Season. Please check out the pictures in this issue of the LipOut to see all of their smiling faces. Congratulations to the Membership for electing the following individuals to this year's 2023 Board of Directors: **Larry Thornhill**, President; **Rob DiNunzio**, Vice President; **Kevin Tierney**, Secretary; **MaryAnn Baker**, Treasurer; **Bruce Nyhammer**, Tournament Director and **Steve Jenkins**, Membership/Handicaps Chairman. I am extremely excited about what I see in the works and I know you will enjoy the 2 new events that our Tournament Committee has created that will embellish an already fun-packed schedule. The exciting new events are: Spring League and the Pro Par 3 Tournament (a laser guided 9-hole event). There is even talk about implementing a "Golf Ladder" for an interesting year-long golf challenge event. Read up on these events in this and upcoming issues of the LipOut! Make sure you check out the entire lineup of events being planned for this year in the attached Tournament Schedule. This month's LipOut issue includes information on the "Luck of the Irish Diddle Ball," the NCGA 4 Ball Qualifier, Spring League, the KOM events and the always favorite...Ham and Egg Shamble.

I have said it before and I'll say it again...what makes our Club so great is the "people!" We wouldn't be able to accomplish anything without the tireless efforts of so many people...and GOOD people at that! We are a group of goodhearted volunteers who love golf and people. As a result, our Membership is growing and our ranks are getting bigger. **Steve Jenkins** announced that our Club is on track to have one of its largest membership years in decades! Let's keep inviting people to come up to the "Mountain" to

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experience what we all have come to know as the BEST golfing experience in Northern California!

In closing, as we celebrate and recognize new achievements, I want to extend a HUGE "shout out" to our 2023 Tournament Committee! Thank you to: **Jim Price, Wayne Duty, Steve Dringenberg, Rob DiNunzio, Ralph Ogden, Dennis Ringnes, Dale Goodart (TBT), David Brandi & Ryan Bill (NCGA Captains), Herb Knieriem (Advisor), and Ron Baker!** Of course, a big thank you as well to **Mel Goodenough** for his work editing the LipOut. If you happen to see any of these fine servants of the golfing community at Apple Mountain, please give them a fist pump, shout out or a "high five." These individuals have all gone above and beyond the call of duty.

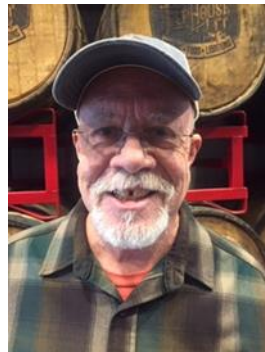
I look forward to seeing you all out on the course...without any snowshoes on!!!

In your service,
Larry Thornhill
President

Your 2023 Board Members



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President



Rob DiNunzio
Vice President



MaryAnn Baker
Treasurer



Bruce Nyhammer
Tournament Director



Steve Jenkins
Memberships/Handicaps Chairman



Kevin Tierney
Secretary

Yocha Dehe Trip

On February 21, 2023, 41 brave golfers descended upon the Capay Valley to accost the golf course known as Yocha Dehe. This trip, organized by **Rob Lupient**, **MaryAnn Baker**, and **Steve Jenkins**, provides the opportunity to play one of the finest golf tracks in California. The day came complete with steady thirty-five mile per hour winds that gusted at times to near fifty miles per hour, providing a tremendous challenge above and beyond the challenging course itself. The round tested even the most experienced and skilled golfers. In the end, **Mark Swartz** took first place in the A Flight, while **Bev Edwards** prevailed in the B Flight. The top five winners in each flight are shown in the chart below, along with their winnings. Congratulations to all the winners and to everyone who persevered with their round in extremely trying conditions.

Flight	Place	Golfer	Winnings
A Flight	1 st	Mark Swartz	\$60
	2 nd	Mike O'Neil	\$50
	3 rd	Ron Baker	\$40
	4 th	Joe Gargus	\$30
	5 th	Steve Hernandez	\$20
B Flight	1 st	Bev Edwards	\$60
	2 nd	Geoffrey Smith	\$50
	3 rd	Jack Gorman	\$40
	4 th	Larry Thornhill	\$30
	5 th	Kevin Tierney	\$20

A few pictures from the day at Yocha Dehe:



Upcoming Tournaments

The weather has wreaked havoc on the tournament schedule thus far, but Bruce Nyhammer and the Tournament Committee are doing everything they can to provide some great options to the membership for competitive golf. Spring League is already underway, as mentioned in the President's Message, though getting matches completed has been a challenge. Additionally, there are some great tournaments coming up on the docket. These include the NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier, the King of the Mountain #1, and the Luck of the Irish Diddle Ball. The Best Ball Bowl/NCGA 4 Ball Net Qualifier has been moved to Thursday, March 28th, while the Luck of the Irish Diddle Ball has been moved to April 6th. The KOM #1 tournament is still scheduled for March 30th as it was originally scheduled, and don't forget about the Ham and Egg Shamble scheduled for April 18th. Be sure to check the complete schedule of tournaments on [The Club at Apple Mountain website](#). The advantage of some of these delays is that you may still be able to sign up and join the fun of competitive tournament golf – there's nothing better!



Signup sheets for:

[Best Ball Bowl/NCGA 4 Ball Qualifier](#) – Coordinator: Steve Dringenberg

[Luck of the Irish Diddle Ball](#) – Coordinator: Bruce Nyhammer

[KOM 1](#) – Coordinator: Ron Baker

A few more pictures from Yocha Dehe:



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