

## **Important information ----- PLEASE READ**

In scheduling our tournaments for the next cycle, we had some very fine golf courses that expressed concern over the slow play of our club the last time we played at their course. For this reason, they were hesitant to allow us to schedule with them. Although we were able to convince them that we are dealing with that issue and schedule with them, we are certain that if the slow play reputation continues to haunt us, future schedules may not include such fine courses as Heritage Highlands, Arizona National, Del Lago, Quail Creek, etc. This summer we have booked La Paloma for the first time in many years and we hope to be invited back.

We're not asking you to speed through your round of golf without enjoying it, but we are asking all members to be aware that slow play is an issue that affects the enjoyment of the game for many of us and others, and it negatively affects the revenues of the courses that we play, as well as the reputation of our club.

What can we do to improve our speed of play?

1. The first group must set a decent pace of play: 2 hrs. 15min. per 9 holes or less.
2. Each group must stay up with the group ahead.
3. Individually: We can play ready golf. We can plan our shots & putts while others are playing theirs. If 2 or more players hit it into the desert, you don't all spend 5 minutes looking for 1 ball and then spend 5 more minutes looking for another. Your foursome could break into 2 groups of 2 to help those looking. And so on. Please consider anything else that you can do to speed up play.
4. If you are asked by a ranger to speed up because you're falling behind, do so. If a ranger must warn that you will have to move up a hole if you can't close the gap, be polite and do your best. If after that, the ranger moves you up a hole, do so politely so that our club can maintain a good reputation and be invited back.

The Tournament Coordinators will be informing every one of expected playing times at different courses, and tracking our progress. We hope to solve this problem with improved awareness and commitment of the membership to improve, and that it will not be necessary to begin penalizing individuals or groups.