

CGCCC President's Message by Brad Fry – 2022 Season Recap

After a long hot summer and a quick end to our fall tournaments, our 2022 CGCCC season is over, and we look to 2023.

Highlights this year include his first hole-in-one made by member Rich Rathbone at our Ridge Creek Tournament, which I got to witness in person. And another is Norm Wiens shooting his age this year with a scorching 70 at Airways. These two just keep getting better with age. Congratulations, Gentlemen!

As club members, let's continue to ask friends and family to join us at next year's tournaments as guests and hopefully they will join, and our membership will continue to grow. I thank God for my time in the CGCCC as I have made so many lifelong friends during my 30 plus years in this club. It has truly been a blessing in my life.

This year's Club Championship was held in Dinuba at Ridge Creek Golf GC over two days of play where we had some very hot weather and some great competition. This year, we awarded one low gross winner and two low net winners in each of the three flights.

Our Low Gross Champion this year in the President's flight is a newcomer to our club, Jordan Pries. Jordan is an exceptional athlete who had spent a few years playing professional baseball after playing ball in college. Jordan showed a very skilled golf game shooting a solid 74-75 from the blue tees and most of his drives were majestic to watch. Low net winners in this flight are Bill Horg and Brad Fry shooting net 6-under and 3-over par respectively. Bill really heated up his game late in the year with some terrific scoring.

Our Low Gross Champion this year in the Director's Flight is Karl Nielson, who blew away his flight with an 81 first round and smoking 74 round the second day. Low net winners are John Lasgoity with a steady 1-over par followed by Ron Gonzales at 3-over. Ron earned family bragging rights as he bested big brother Orlando by one shot.

Our Secretary's Flight's Low Gross Champion this year is Scott Saltzman who shot a steady 83-82 score over the two days. Other members in his flight mentioned how consistent Scott played throughout the two-day tournament. Daniel Cowherd took first place in the net competition at 1-under par and Ruben Rey took second, two shots back.

As our club does every year, this year we were able to give financially to two local Christian organizations that are doing great work in our community. Our club donated two-\$500 gifts to these two very worthy local organizations.

In October this year, Norm Wiens and I had the great opportunity to attend the annual fund-raising dinner of Care Fresno and got a chance to hear what an impact this organization is making in many of the under resourced communities of Fresno. By meeting and getting to know kids every week in after school programs, and sharing the gospel of Christ with them, Care Fresno is truly making an impact in these communities. Our long-time club member, Mark Carlson is Care Fresno's new Executive Director and truly has a heart for these

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underprivileged kids and it shows. Please go to www.carefresno.org for more information about this organization.

Our club also donated \$500 to The Light House Recovery Center located in downtown Fresno. Light House is a program dedicated to drug and alcohol addiction treatment for women in the Fresno area. Lighthouse also provides these women with a path to a better life sharing the Gospel with them, and by preparing them for future employment enabling them to be self-sufficient in life going forward. Light House holds a fundraising golf tournament every year at Belmont Country Club, and we hope to see you all there in 2023 as it is a very fun tournament for a worthy cause. This money will help furnish their new home where women in the program will stay. Please go to www.lighthousefresno.org.

It continues to be a blessing that our club can donate to organizations like these to help further God's work in our area.

Next year Norm Wiens is back at the helm as tournament director and Vic Araujo has joined the CGCCC board with responsibilities of our 2023 tournament schedule that includes a coast trip next summer. And after many years on the CGCCC board, Ray Tarvin is stepping down from the board at the conclusion of this year. Ray has been our Outreach Chairman and has been responsible for setting up the club ID table at the tournament sites with our club info on it. Many thanks to Ray for his many years of service to our club and helping us keep our eyes on outreach.

On behalf of our CGCCC board, Norm Wiens, Daniel Cowherd, Jerry Neff, Dennis Hammond, Karl Nielsen, and new member Vic Araujo, we want to wish you a very Christ filled Christmas and Happy New Year.

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