



## **CGCCC President's Message by Brad Fry - 2022 Season**

With our 2021 CGCCC season in the rear-view mirror, let's focus on next season, both as Christians who love playing golf as well as Christians that are called by God to bring light to a dark world.

*In His Grip* is a golf website and phone app that encourages and equips men to put God first in life, family, and business. G.R.I.P. is an acronym for God's Word, Reveal, Implement, and Prayer. Its mission is to encourage and equip men to get a daily G.R.I.P. on God's Word and connect to an authentic community through the game of golf. A key scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

See *In His Grip* detailed on the third page of this letter.

Being Godly examples in everyday life and on the golf course is so important because as Christians, the world is watching us, and we need to present ourselves with class and integrity. Holding our tongue after a three-putt or a drive out of bounds isn't always easy, but necessary as we are representing Jesus, who died on a cross for our sins. And as golfers, we have the perfect four hour plus opportunity to share God's grace and love with those we may get grouped with on the golf course. So let's be bold and share the good news with others as He calls us to do.

This year's Club Championship was held in Dinuba at Ridge Creek Golf GC over two days of play where we had nice warm weather both days and some great competition. Our Low Gross Champion this year was Javier Soto who played consistently both days by hitting fairways and greens and making puts from everywhere. Javier shot two over par for the two days easily winning the low gross championship as our top golfer in 2021. The President's Flight saw Brad Fry take the top spot with a net 145, with Norm Wiens coming in second at net 154. The Director's flight had surging Scott Saltzman who shot net even 144. Scott has taken his game to the next level so we all better watch out for him in 2022. Second place went to Luis Medina with a net 154, who bested Ruben Rey by a single shot. The Secretary's flight was won this year by Bill Demarinis with a net 155. Leo Alonzo edged out Mark Saltzman in a tiebreaker at 15 over par 159 scores. I wouldn't be surprised that once Mark gets his balance figured out on his new leg, he will be in single digits again, so watch out for Mark in coming years. Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's club championship. Next year we will have our championship on September 10 and 11 at Ridge Creek Golf Course.

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. This year our club was able to give \$250 to Mollie's House, a local organization that rescues, protects, and restores the lives of

young ladies who have been the victims of sex trafficking. The goal at Mollie's House is not only to provide a safe environment, but also equip these ladies to develop their fullest potential and to live out their God-given potential.

Our club was also donated \$250 to Evangel Home in Fresno. Evangel Home helps mothers and grandparents in raising school-age children. One of the main goals of Evangel Home is to make each woman and child feel that they belong; since these people are accustomed to feeling that they don't belong anywhere. They are helped to understand that their crisis-to-crisis lifestyle offers few options, and these women learn to develop options and take personal responsibility of their lives. For more info on these organizations you can go to: [www.mollieshouse.org](http://www.mollieshouse.org), and [www.evangelhome.com](http://www.evangelhome.com). It continues to be a blessing that our club can donate to organizations to help them further God's work in our area.

Looking forward to our 2022 calendar of events, we have a great balance of golf courses all lined up. Our February tourney returns to Lemoore GC, and many have told me that the money that they have recently spent on upgrading this course is making a big difference in the enjoyment and playability of this golf course. We will have a breakfast prior to this tourney and one of the original founders of our club, KC Dickie, will be giving a special talk at the breakfast. A new golf course that we will play in July that our club has never played at before is Coyote Creek in Morgan Hill. This is a Jack Nicklaus designed course and will be nice to cool off a bit in July. This location will allow this tourney to be a day trip, or some may choose to spend the weekend in the bay area. Please find the attached calendar for a listing of all 2022 tournament courses and dates.

Our tournament director, Norm Wiens is taking a well-deserved year off from his monthly tournament duties. Norm has done such a great job over the years and is going to enjoy less responsibility on tournament days, and looking forward to warming up on the range before his rounds next year. Long-time member Vic Araujo will be taking over these duties next year. Vic is looking forward to this role and has some interesting and fun ideas for tourney formats next year.

On behalf of our CGCCC board, Norm Wiens, Daniel Cowherd, Jerry Neff, Dennis Hammond, Karl Nielsen, and Ray Tarvin, we want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Brad Fry – President

Christian Golf Club of Central California

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**Implement**—this is when God's Word becomes personal and practical. What is God asking me to do? How can I implement what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there an action that I need to take?



**Prayer**—pray God's Word back to Him. If He has revealed something to you during this time in His Word, pray about it. Confess if He has revealed some sin that is in your life. Remember, prayer is listening to our Father as much as it is talking to Him.