

Welcome to the 2018 Carson Valley Men's Club. Opening day is March 18<sup>th</sup>.

I want to start by thanking the 2017 men's club membership for giving me the honor of being your president this year. My pledge as well as your board members, is to do the best we can to bring a quality program, so we all will have a great 2018 experience.

Lots of things happening, some changes and hopefully improvements.

As last year, Tom and Manya are allowing the shot gun starts. This is un-heard of on courses throughout Nevada. Thank you Tom and Manya!

March 1000

April 0900

May 0900

June 0800 until October when times will be adjusted.

Our buy-ins will continue to be \$11.00.

In an effort to increase skins participation; we are going to use the new computer program\*\* to change the 18 index rule (max strokes for skins) to a 75% of handicap.

Hopefully, this will allow more players to participate. All players will get a maximum of 75% of their handicap. (Skins only)

KP- will continue to be on holes # 1 and #18.

New for 2018- Tom and Manya have offered "once a month" free round of golf for KP on hole# 17.

Also, we are changing rules on where individuals can tee off as follows;

If you are 65 and older and your handicap is greater than 18 you may hit from the white tees. **Exception....** 70 or older regardless of handicap may hit from the white tees.

As many of you are aware, our membership has fallen drastically over the years. Most of us remember 40-60 players every Sunday and a membership of approximately 200. Today we have less than 100 members! Statistics for 2017 had an average of 28 players per week, with the highest for the year (reached only once) of 39 players. Therefore, I challenge each of us to bring in at least one additional member.

After 2017 season, we had an excess of \$1200 in our treasury. The money is for our membership to use, "let's use it". The board has discussed various scenarios, including the potential of funding a 6 man team.

\*\*Regarding the new computer program:

As with any change, the new system will be a challenge for all of us. It will profoundly change how we sign up every week. Therefore, we must all become familiar with this program. I would like everyone to arrive an hour before our first tournament to get an overview and understanding of this new system as it will impact each and every one of us.

Lets have a great year!!!

Fred Coons,  
President