**THE INSCRIPTION**

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Welcome VGC members to your December newsletter!

With the year coming to a close let’s take a moment to reflect. For years Brian Gonzales was working his magic getting a handful of times on the weekends so we could do what we do best. Unfortunately, covid and other circumstances[[1]](#endnote-1) seemingly brought the skins game heydays to an end as we were unable to get any block of times outside of the established men’s club events. That’s when Mickey Miller took action. Miller long had a vision of creating our own men’s club and with necessity being the mother of invention proving true once again, the VGC was formed in the beginning of 2024. Now closing out our first year we’ve managed to host skins games at 10 different courses throughout the LA and OC area and bring an end to the age-old question…. Does your game travel outside of Long Beach? No.

With that settled, let’s cover what’s happened, what’s going to happen, and whatever else!

**The Sagas**

In a look back at November we’ll cover the results of the Rec Shamble, El Dorado Super’s Revenge, the VGC at Rec Park, and the Thanksgiving Skins.

The Tim Heffern show continued at the Recreation Park Shamble where he fired a two under par 70. As a blind draw he managed to take the gross title. It’s worth mentioning two of the guys he was drawn into shot 61 and 63…Regardless, the leaderboard was littered with VGC members including Ty Ault who finished atop the player purse summary.

The following week we were back at it again, this time at the El Dorado Super’s Revenge. Aside from the tees being a yard apart on the first tee the superintendent held no grudges. VGC members managed to cover the leaderboard from top to bottom[[2]](#endnote-2). Jim Jameson, Steve Clark, Pat Tom, and you guessed it…Tim Heffern quietly took the title with Tom’s three under 69 leading the way.

The VGC at Rec Park gave us all we could ask for as we welcomed new members, new rivalries, and new champions! It was a cold, windy, and misty Saturday for the VGC. Steve Sterry and Andrew Pulido were able to brave the elements with the gross team title while Jim Jameson and Steve Baranowski weathered the storm to capture the team net. Sterry’s three under 69 was also good enough to sneak him atop the leaderboard, despite good play by Jameson and Michael Petersen, to earn him the honor of being the VGC’s first gross club champion. Irreverence would not be tolerated on the net side as all parties shook hands after the round and Doug Balfour was crowned our net champion by the tightest of margins over Doc Gentile and Robert Jojola. We’d like to wish Sterry and Balfour the best of luck as they will represent us at the Tournament of Champions on December 2nd.

Finally, we had the Thanksgiving Skins which is always one of the most popular games of the year and even draws a waitlist. As you can imagine it brought out all the big names including our international player Clay McCutcheon who fleeced a four iron into 17 which was good enough for a closest to the pin. Great shots on par threes were the name of the game this year as that’s where all three skins were won. Tim Heffern made his money on three, Sasha Bozic collected on nine, and even with Jojola chirping in his ear, Petersen holed his putt on 12 to collect the final skin.

**Setting Sail**

We’ve saved the best for last as the VGC will host its final event of the year at Heartwell on December 21st.

With the holiday spirit, everyone having a chance to shoot in the 60’s, and the after party there’s a little something for everybody. Despite Saturday marking both the first day of winter and shortest day of the year, the Southern California weather will not disappoint as we are forecasted to have a beautiful day with sunshine, a high of 69°, and 8mph winds out of the west. The course is lush which is notable as Heartwell is notorious for having soft greens so control your spin. And we’d like to welcome title sponsor and member Dan Hallahan back as he’s making his comeback after recovering from knee replacement surgery. Even though he has not played since the VGC Rio Hondo extravaganza, Hallahan has already put targets on the backs of Jenny Miller, Jojola, and Anthony Marquez. Watch out![[3]](#endnote-3)

As mentioned before, we plan to get out earlier than usual and when finished head across the street to Petersen’s for the festivities including; drinks, food, karaoke, photo opportunities[[4]](#endnote-4), prizes, gambling, football, special performances, and where payouts will be awarded.

If you’d like to donate to the end of the year prize festivities then please get your donations over to Mickey so he can put it all together.

**Uncharted Territories**

January 2025 – TBA

February 2025 – TBA

March 2025 - TBA

**Rollo The Ruler**

Make sure to sign up for events asap as it makes life easier on our fearless leader.

Tuck in your red collared shirt for Heartwell.

**Odin’s Objective**

A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.

1. Jealousy [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. Words were not minced. See results… [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Seriously, watch out. That group is bound to hit somebody. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. With or without the dogs [↑](#endnote-ref-4)