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We are off to a good golf year. The weather was great for our first tournament of the year at **Teal Bend**. We have 86 members this year which includes 6 juniors. On our first tournament in February we had 38 players, two were juniors, **Elena** and **Alex Arroyo**. Our long time junior, **Jacob Lummen** has become of age and is now a regular member. Welcome to our men's flight Jacob. Gil and Helen Zaragoza had three grandchildren join our chapter as juniors and as they reached 18 years of age they became regular members. I hope they stay members for many years to come.

Before I go on I must apologize to my long time good friend and golfing partner for over 40 years, **Esther Franco**, for omitting her name in the list of club champions in the last newsletter. Esther is our Low Net Club Champion for 2009. Congratulations Esther and please excuse my "senior moment".

On March 27th we played our 2nd tournament of the year at **Wildhorse** Golf Course in Davis. At this tournament we had 34 players. Our very loyal and long time player Joe Garcia was truly missed. He suffered a heart attack and required by-pass surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery and pray he will be able to join us again soon.

Welcome to the new members to our club, **Dan and Cheryl Nelson, David and Julie Mata, Sherri Martin, Gene** and **Rosita Arreguy**. We hope you enjoy the tournaments scheduled this year and that you will be long time MAGA members.

We are slowly losing are junior members but gaining some regular members. Another of our juniors is coming of age. **David Heaphy** will be 18 on June 8, 2010. Many doors and options have opened for him. He was accepted into the United States Air Force Academy as a member of the class of 2014. David has earned a rare opportunity to participate in one of this country's finest officer training programs. This appointment is awarded to only about 1,500 of 10,000 applicants. It is equivalent to a scholarship valued at \$414,000.00. In order to be considered for this appointment he was recommended by Congressman Dan Lundgren and Senator Diane Feinstein. He was also accepted at several universities like UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara and others. Congratulations David, we wish you the best and hope that someday you will return to play with MAGA again.

Our Junior Chairman, Gil Luna and his assistants are working hard to train boys and girls in the game of golf through the **Latino Junior Golf Association**. The LJGA teach boys and girls starting at age 7, how to play golf. Once they are able to play 18 holes, learn the rules of golf and the etiquette of golf they are sent to us as Junior Golfers. They do a great job which is evident by the great junior golfers we have had from them and still have in our club. In the past we have had several Junior State Champions who came to us from the Latino Junior Golf Association, **Jack Baker Jr.** 1999, **Anthony Delphin** 2000, **Rosendo Garcia Jr.** 2004, and **Michael Perez** 2007 were low gross Champions, and **Danny Kirk** 2003, **Lewis Lummen** 2004, **Michael Perez** 2005, **Jamie Kirk** 2007, and **Jacob Lummen** 2008 were State Low Net Champions. Some of his assistants are our very own members Hank Torres, Gil Zaragoza, and Tony Gonzales. If any of you have children or grandchildren, neighbors, or friends children who might be interested in learning golf, give Gil Luna or any of his assistants a call.

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President's Sand Shot (Continued)

Michael Perez is now a regular chapter member and our 2009 Low Gross Champion. The last time Sacramento had a State Champion was in 1984, my bet is that Michael is on his way to being our next State Champion. His name will be the first on the new perpetual trophy that is being made which he can keep until the next champion is presented with it. Jamie Kirk is our 2009 Ladies Low Gross Champion and Jacob Lummen is our 2009 Low Gross Junior Champion.

At our next Tournament **on April 24th at Mather** we will **present Michael Perez with the Perpetual trophy** as well as a **plaque for him, Jamie Kirk, and Jacob Lummen. Plan on staying after the game so that we can honor him, Jamie, and Jacob as our Club Champions.**

Sacramento Chapter Meeting, March 16, 2010

One of the major subjects of our meeting was to discuss the dues structure for 2011. As you know you now have the option of selecting what handicap system you wish to join, NCGA, or CSGA. They are both sanctioned USGA systems. I have distributed information to those who have been at our tournaments and in our passed Newsletters. The choices of one or the other will be made by each of you. We need to change our dues structure to meet this new change. The Chapter meetings are open to all of you. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or examples please let your officers know by attending the meetings and opening it up for discussion.

Another subject that was discussed was the idea of having some tournaments during the week when the prices were cheaper. Our club at this time has a higher percentage of Seniors than regular members. What are your thoughts?

We are still looking for advertisers for our newsletter. It was decided to charge \$50.00 a year and also advertise in our website. We need your help! **Please help us find advertisers. We also need advertisers for our Libro Del Ano Yearbook.**

La Playa Classic and Western Regional Tournaments, May 28-30, 2010

The 47th Annual "La Playa Classic" in Monterey is quickly coming upon us. For those of you who will be attending this tournament, I wish you a great 2 days of golf at Rancho Canada Golf Courses and hope you will be lucky enough to bring home the beautiful cypress tree trophy. In all the years Rudy and I have attended this tournament, we have always had a great time.

The Western Regional Tournament is being hosted by the San Antonio, Texas Chapter this year. Rudy and I will be attending it this year. We are looking forward to seeing some of the sites as well as playing in the tournament. It will be nice to see some of the players who came when Sacramento hosted the Western Regional. For those of you who will be attending this tournament, we will see you there and wish you a good trip.

Our Club will only stay strong as long as you support it by playing and being involved. See you at the golf course.

STATE MEETING FEBRUARY 27TH IN TULARE, CA

Financial Officer's Report: Victoria Acosta

Distributed 2010 State Dues and Membership sheet which included the amount of refund for early payment of dues. The Sacramento Chapter received \$5.00 for every member who paid before the deadline. We received our \$385.00 check last month, "Thank You" for paying your dues before the deadline. Marc received a letter from the Unidos chapter from the Southern Council stating that they are restructuring and are not joining MAGA this year. There was discussion about how to handle the situation. Options: deactivate; suspend; or drop them completely. The decision was to deactivate in hopes they will rejoin next year.

President's Sand Shot (Continued)

Council Reports

Southern Council Director: John Salazar

No information on what's going on in the South. North Orange County is doing great but the other chapters are not responding. At the time of the meeting there was no Southern Council Director. Due to personal problems Ed Garcia was no longer able to continue as Director.

Council tournament is scheduled for April 17 at Apple Valley. June 19 is their Las Vegas Scholarship Tournament. There was discussion about what could be done to help make the council come together.

Central Council Director- Tony Morales

Things are running well. Some membership has dropped a little but Kings County chapter has increased a lot. Participation a little light on mandatory tournaments-talking about quarterly mandatory's instead of monthly. Junior recruitment is also a problem. Seniors are primary players.

Northern Council Director- Alicia Meiners

Contra Costa has their annual Cinco De Mayo tournament in Reno. Santa Clara has their annual La Playa Classic in Monterey. Stockton- membership is improving with younger people. Focus is on 30/40 year olds because juniors tend to leave once they turn 18. State Tournament Scholarship discussed; concern that it is difficult to take it out of tournament funds.

State Tournament- Northern Council

As you know the State Tournament will be hosted by the Northern Council which means all of the chapters will be involved in putting on this tournament. The main arrangements have been made and a package has been finalized.

El Libro Del Ano: Yearbook Editor- Joe Calistro

The yearbooks are here. Those of you who were at the last tournament at Wild Horse GC received your book. I will have the books at our next tournament on the 24th, Mather G.C.. The cost of printing the year book was much improved. The cost was \$3,364.90 which is much lower than the usual \$5,000.00.

There was discussion regarding the problems with the State Website, the state by laws revisions, the new CSGA handicap system, and the 2009 State tournament.

NORTHERN COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 10, 2010

State Tournament

As you know, the Northern Council is hosting the 2010 State Tournament as a Council. This means that all of the 8 chapters in the North will be involved in working on this tournament. Each of the chapters will be responsible for a certain part of the tournament. The Sacramento Chapter will be responsible for ordering shirts and putting together the Goodie bags. I am also on the scoring committee. When the time comes I will need help from the chapter members, spouses, and friends to get the bags together. The tournament package that was put together by the committee is a very good one.

Each chapter will also be responsible for sponsoring two (2) holes at \$100.00 each. One of the chapters, (San Benito) has started a money hole as a way of raising the funds. They charged tickets for \$5.00 for one or 3 for \$10.00, the winner split the pot. They generated \$100.00 for one sponsor hole. They only had 16 players. The chapter has a membership of 29. What do think about our chapter starting the same thing. You could be lucky enough to be a winner.....someone has to win. I will

The fliers are being made up and will be sent to all the state presidents for distribution. This is a sample of the costs to attend the State Tournament.

President's Sand Shot (Continued)

The **State Tournament** will be played in **Carson City, Nevada** on Labor Day Weekend September 3-5, 2010, departing on Monday, September 6, 2010.

Golf Courses: **Dayton Golf Course** & **Silver Oak Golf Course** Casino: **Gold West**

Summary: Entry Fee Includes;
 3 nights at Hotel/Casino
 2 rounds of Golf
 \$36.00 Food/Drink Credit (\$12.00 per day)
 \$10.00 Bonus Play

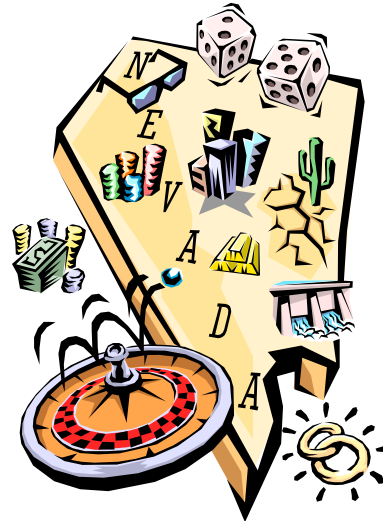
Friday—Welcome Cocktail and Appetizer Party
 Saturday—½ Hour Hosted Cocktail Party
 Saturday—Golf Banquet Dinner
 Sunday—Cocktail and Appetizer Party

Friday & Sunday Mariachis

Hotel Package Price: Includes all that is in the summary

Golfer Single Occupancy	\$433.00
Two Golfers in Room	\$701.00
Golfer and Non Golfer in Room	\$601.00
Non Golfer Single Occupancy	\$328.00
Two Non Golfers in Room	\$455.00

Commuter Pricing Golfer	\$273.00 (golfer who does not wish to stay at hotel/casino)
Commuter Pricing Non Golfer	\$163.00



Pricing for Rooms during practice rounds and Early Arrivals \$60.00 + tax – includes breakfast

Part of the fees will be paid directly to the Casino (credit cards preferred) and part to the State Tournament.

Northern Council Championship & 8-player Team Competition

The Northern Council Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday, June 12, 2010. It will be played at Trilogy at Rio Vista Golf Course, 1000 Summerset Drive, Rio Vista, CA 94571. This tournament is opened to all MAGA members in the Northern Council. The field is limited to 120 players. The Low Gross and Low Net champions win their entry fees to the State Tournament in Carson City, a \$250.00 value. The winners of the 8-person Team will win the traditional Jacket. Please see the Flier attached to this Newsletter.

I hope to see many of you there.

“LIBRO DEL ANO” Yearbook

The 2009 Yearbook is here. It was distributed at our last tournament in Davis. I will have copies available at the Mather tournament. This year we have a photographer who will be at the tournaments to take your picture for the 2010 Yearbook. He is our own Roberto Garfio, so when he tells you “you’re on candid camera” SMILE,

Mickie

2010Tournament Schedule

Date	Golf Course	Time	Tournament	Fees
Apr 24	Mather	9:00	Best Ball Partners	\$58 wc
May 8	Dry Creek	8:30	Medal Play	\$58 wc
Jun 5	Lincoln Hills*	8:00	1st Rnd Club Champ	\$60 wc
Jun 26	Lincoln Orchard*	8:00	2nd Rnd Club Champ	\$60 wc
Jul 17	Bing Maloney	7:00	Guest 2Ball Scramble	\$58 wc
Aug 14	Wildhawk	8:00	Medal Play	\$55 nc
Aug 21	William Land	9:00	Golf & Picnic	\$27 wc
Sep 11	Mickie Grove*	8:00	4-Ball Scramble	\$60 wc
Oct 16	Turkey Creek*	7:30	Medal Play	\$65 wc
Nov 13	Haggin Oaks	8:30	Tourn Of Champions	\$62 wc
Nov 27	Cavanaugh	10:00	Turkey Shoot 6/6/6	\$45 wc

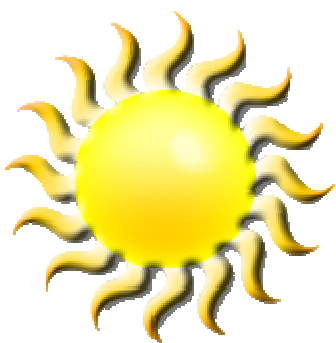
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Special Event Tournaments

May 28-29	La Playa Classic	Monterey, Ca
May 29-30	Western Regional	San Antonio, Tx
Jun 12	Nor. Council 8-Person Team	Rio Vista, Ca
Sep 4-5	MAGA State Tournament	Carson City, Nevada



Sunshine



Hello everyone. It feels like it wants to warm up some. But then the weather is so unpredictable. The sunshine lady isn't feeling as bright as I type my report.

Not so long ago we lost one of our women golfers, **Pilar Saenz**. She will be missed. She's with our lord, rest in peace. Just lately **Sheila Garfio** lost her grandfather. Sheila is Roberto's wife and one of our women golfers. **Joe Garcia**, I saw him at the dinner dance in January receive his red jacket as our 2009 low gross champion. Well he had a heart attack and had four-way bypass surgery. The last time Rudy, my husband, talked with him he was doing fine. Take care Joe. Some of you might know **John Macias**, he used to be a member of MAGA and Azteca. He had a stroke around thanksgiving time and now he is receiving therapy for his left arm. **Jim Franco** also lost a nephew not too long ago. Recently **Gil Zaragoza's uncle** passed away.

Our prayers are with you all. The sunshine lady hopes that next time the sun will shine more brightly. God Bless. If you know of anybody who is sick, in the hospital or just under the weather and would benefit from a card, please call me at (916) 399-8779.

Celia Cervantes

Footnote: Since this notice was written, several more condolence cards have been sent by our Sunshine Lady. A card was sent to **Hank** and **Ruth Torres**, Ruth's niece suddenly passed away from a heart attack. A card was sent to **John Macias** for the death of his son. Although John is not a member today, he was one of the founding father of the Sacramento Chapter of MAGA. He was our first Chapter Vice President and a member for many years. A card was sent to **Tony Gonzales** and **Maria** for the death of her father. A card was also sent to **Art** and **Betty Vejar** for the death of Betty's sister in law due to cancer. Our prayers and deepest condolence to all of them. I spoke to **Raul Cisneros** concerning his wife Yolanda's fight with cancer. He says she is getting better a little at a time, her chemo treatments finished two weeks ago. He is home taking care of her while she recuperates. May God Bless you both.

Tournament Director

2010 is two months old and we were able to fill the 9 starting times each tournament. That's a good sign I hope that it goes that well for the year. The next tournament is the Best Ball Partners which will be played at Mather on April 24th. Please send in your entry coupon with the name of your partner. Please read your rules to make sure that you follow the instructions as stated. If you don't have a partner I may be able to find one for you.

Following the April tournament will be Dry Creek on May 8th then the first and second rounds of the club championship will be at Lincoln Hills and Lincoln Orchard in June.

I will be passing out your handicap cards for the Mather tournament for members that have 6 or more scores with MAGA.

Because many members will be attending the Western Regional in San Antonio, Texas I have canceled the Sacramento Open in Monterey this year.

I will be asking for an e-mail address from members for the record. The newsletter will be sent to you via e-mail which saves postage for the chapter.

Please if you haven't paid your \$3 for the Hole-N-One please do so. It's only \$3 for the year.

In closing I would like to welcome the new members and I will introduce them if they play at the next tournament at Mather.

See you at the golf course.

David Gonzales

Teal Bend—Valentines

[1st Flight]	[2nd Flight]
LG Dale Buss 78	LG Ernie Cervantes 85
LN Darold Facchini 72	LN Val Cassidy 72
	2N Mike Mata 74
[3rd Flight]	[Ladies Flight]
LG Carlos Acevedo 95	LG Becky Cassidy 91
LN Manuel Pickett 75	LN Margaret Flores 75
2N Jim Franco 76	2N Joyce Baral 78
[Closest to Pin]	[Skins]
# 4 Lillie Blea	# 2 Manuel Pickett
# 4 Carlos Acevedo	# 3 Dale Buss
# 9 Jim Franco	# 5 Dale Buss
#12 Ewrnie Cervantes	#17 Dale Buss
#16 Becky Cassidy	

Wildhorse - Medal Play

[1st Flight]	[2nd Flight]
LG Garfio, Bob 86	LG Lummen, Jacob 87
LN Miller, Sonny 69	LN Mata, Mike 70
[3rd Flight]	[Ladies Flight]
LG Vasquez, Ron 104	LG Baral, Joyce 90
LN Martinez, Al 79	LN Nelson, Cheryl 70
[Juniors Flight]	
LG Heaphy, David 92	
[Closest to Pin]	[Skins]
# 4 Sid Tarango	# 1 Jesus Cano
# 6 Louie Ortega	# 7 Sid Tarango
#12 Mike Mata	#15 Jesus Galvan
#14 Sonny Rose	#17 Jacob Lummen
#14 Mickie Hernandez	



**NORTHERN COUNCIL
CHAMPIONSHIP
& 8-PLAYER TEAM COMPETITION**

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