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(Sept. 20, 2002) The Transit Golf Club is still very active and has grown to 80 members. The absence of letters to this page had made some think that the club was no more. On the other hand it has been a very active golf year.

The March 2002 Los Serranos Tournament was the last tournament I reported on, since then we have played at:

Yucaipa Valley Golf Club. On that day we were greeted by very cold and rainy weather, so cold that many of our members wanted to quit. The sun finally came out and warmed up everyone. It seems that every year we have a day that has severe inclement weather.

Old General Golf Course. In May, we played the Old General golf course in Riverside, just off the 215. This is a favorite of almost all the members. At last year's tournament, we were visited by the "Bermuda Triangle." This year, the club was blessed with good weather, sunny and warm. The member participation came to 60 players and guests. This course will be on our next year's calendar; so look for it.

El Rivino Golf Course. In June, we played El Rivino Country Club in Riverside. This is probably the most player-friendly course we play but many players get fooled. The first hole is a 639 yard par 6 with a lake on the left side and out of bounds on the right. The tendency here is to take a mighty rip at the ball, and that is what the developer had in mind. The ball usually goes in the water or way right and maybe O.B. That is not the way you want to start a round of golf. There are three holes in which you have to hit across a very large lake. This lake started the traditional "Tin Cup" Award. If you saw the movie, then you know what I mean. One of our members took a nasty "14" on this hole.

Los Serranos South Golf Course. In July, the TGC stormed into the Los Serranos South course. This course is used to qualify for the LA Open, the Pepsi Tour, the Pub Links President Pro tournament and several other prestigious events. When our club plays there, the staff has always made it a point to provide the best service possible for our members.

Los Serranos Tournament Director Judy Ivensen has made it a personal responsibility to assure that we get the best for our money and we really appreciate her efforts. Los Serranos always boasted about the eucalyptus trees that lined many of the fairways. Sadly, bugs attacked them and many died. The management decided to have most of the old trees cut down. The course has a totally different look now, not that it made it easier, but now you have to deal with a few more sand traps to make up for the lost trees.

Knollwood Country Club. August took us to Knollwood Country Club. The membership really loved the golf course and asked me to re-book for next year. With temperature in the low 100s, a few of our members suffered from the heat and could not finish the round.

Camarillo Springs Country Club. In October, we will play Camarillo Springs Country Club as a regular tournament and our Tournament of Champions playoff. The first three point leaders in each flite will play off with one another to determine who will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd for 2002. The executive officers also voted to have the Club Champion selected after this tournament. The Club Champion will be selected by using the lowest gross average of seven tournaments. The officers believe the Club Champion should be our best player.

I look forward to announcing the names of the 2002 TGC Winners and Club Champion in our next update.

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