



Teal Bend – March 25, 2023

We began our 34th season of the Carmichael Golf Club (CGC) at Teal Bend on March 25, 2023.

We generally begin scheduling events for the following year between August and October – the weather we have had over the past 3 months is exactly the reason why we have been starting our season at Teal Bend in recent years. While the rainfall totals for March have not been as significant as January, the continuous nature has seen most golf courses reach their saturation point – with even small amounts of rain leading to days of cart path only. Teal Bend, on the sandy soil near the Sacramento River, is far and away the best draining, and quickest recovery course in the area.

On this day, wind played more of a factor to the golf than wet conditions. Not an overly warm day, you definitely preferred the sun to the shade. We've played enough rounds at Teal Bend through the years to have a pretty good data set of how holes will play for the group – the wind was strong enough to dictate hole difficulty. Look no further than the 13th hole (a short Par 4, which played into the wind), and the 14th hole (a longer Par 4 that played with the wind). The 13th hole played almost a stroke harder than normal, while the 14th (one of the tougher Par 4's) played as the easiest Par 4 on this day.

For only the 3rd time in 437 CGC events, we had 2 eagles during the round – Richard Cisneros on the Par 4 7th, and Shawn Campbell on the Par 5 10th. Overall, though, the lack of golfing recently showed, as the scoring average for the group was higher than for any CGC event in 2022. Only 1 of the 24 players shot a net score better than par 72. Fourteen (14) players shot scores of net 80 or higher.

The Flight winners on this day were as follows:

1st: Shawn Campbell, net 70 (by 4 strokes over Ken Worman)

2nd: Richard Cisneros, net 74 (by 2 strokes over Diane Hoffman)

3rd: Perla Ramos, net 74 (by 2 strokes over Judi Ferreira)