



## *River Oaks – June 3, 2023*

*The Carmichael Golf Club (CGC) played River Oaks (formerly known as Rio La Paz) three times between 2000 and 2005. In its' original form, Rio La Paz had grand plans – it was going to be a private golf course with expensive homes built around it. That never came to fruition – the course is currently surrounded by a handful of 'out of place' looking multi level story homes and orchards. While location is probably why the community never took hold, the golf course itself was out of place for what the vision hoped for. The course has a 'quirky' quality to it – the routing of the holes feels forced or awkward in spots, wandering at other times. The grass has always had a 'grabby' quality to it – which lends to the course playing longer than its' yardage.*

*While the CGC hasn't played at River Oaks since 2005, in recent years it has become a regular (and decently priced) option for our subset weekday group of CGC golfers. The more you play the course and learn your way around, the appreciation grows. The quiet setting is also comforting and enjoyable.*

*The biggest frustration on this day was the greens, which had been re-aerated about 10 days prior to our event. This was the same reason why we moved back our Mather event earlier in 2023 – recently aerated greens are not fun to putt!! The course could have been more forthcoming, but we didn't do our prep work well, and apologize!!*

*On a warm Spring day (mid to upper 80's during golf), the scoring was not bad considering a general lack of course knowledge and the condition of the greens. One (1) of the 24 players shot a net score better than par 71 (with 2 others at net par 71). Ten (10) players shot scores of net 80 or higher.*

*The Flight winners on this day were as follows:*

*1<sup>st</sup>: Marcos Silva, net 71 (won tie-breaker over Tim Kosik)*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Rhonda Johnson, net 72 (by 2 strokes over Gary Borge and Jack Dever)*

*3<sup>rd</sup>: Mike Agrippino, net 70 (by 2 strokes over Bill Wade)*