



## *Del Monte – July 27, 2023*

*As mentioned in our overview recap of this Monterey trip, this was the Carmichael Golf Club's (CGC) 3<sup>rd</sup> visit to Del Monte (2006, 2018).*

*For years, Del Monte was considered the crown jewel of the 'affordable' public golf courses on the Monterey Peninsula. Touted as the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi, it was always in pristine condition throughout the property. As water issues became more prevalent in the Monterey area, Del Monte made the difficult choice to let some of the 'less traveled' parts of the golf course go natural. With that, the course is less visually appealing than 20 years ago – but still well maintained where 80%-90% of the golf is played.*

*As an older course, it has generally small greens (which rolled true and were very fair on this day). Not an overly long course by today's standards (and with a Men's combo set of tees, which we used to shorten the course even more for a majority of our Men golfers on this trip, since we last played here in 2018), the course has developed its' main defenses with fairly narrow fairways and thick rough.*

*The course has always played difficult for the CGC – 2006 (12.5% sub par net scores, 37.5% scores of net 80+), 2018 (11.9% sub par net scores, 31.0% scores of net 80+), and 2023 (3.4% sub par net scores, 58.6% scores of net 80+) reflect one of the more difficult tracks the CGC has played on multiple occasions.*

*We ended up with a nice weather day (comfortable overcast early, clearing off for the later half of the round), with folks still in good spirits after Day 1 of our 2023 trip!*

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

*1<sup>st</sup>: Ken Worman, net 74 (by 1 stroke over Shawn Campbell and Jerry Fat)*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Gary Borge, net 72 (by 3 strokes over Diane Hoffman)*

*3<sup>rd</sup>: Perla Ramos, net 69 (by 8 strokes over Kimi Kaneko and Bill Wade)*