



Monterey trip – July 27-29, 2023

In the early 1990's, the Carmichael Golf Club (CGC) dabbled in the idea of an 'away golf trip' – to play some different courses, and to get out of the Sacramento area for awhile during the heat of the Summer. Our first trial balloons were 2 day trips up to Forest Meadows, a short 18 hole course in the Foothills.

Even then, Monterey was the ultimate destination trip – travel far enough that it was a true getaway, golf courses far different than what we played in Sacramento, with a very good chance of getting a reprieve from the Summer heat. Our first CGC Monterey trip was in 1996. Our return in 2023 marked the CGC's 10th visit to Monterey.

Monterey golf can be a balancing act between course difficulty and cost. Cost wise, everything cascades down from Pebble Beach – which currently would likely cost you \$600 to play. Realistically, that probably means that every other course in the area is over priced. So the trick when scheduling a Monterey trip is to try and find value, enjoyment – and some challenge, without intentionally beating anyone up (from a golfing perspective).

For 2023, that meant a 3rd CGC visit to Del Monte, a first time CGC visit to Monterey Pines, and an 'away trip' record 8th CGC visit to Pacific Grove. We definitely got the best of Monterey weather – temperatures in the low to mid 60's, with sun breaking through earlier at Del Monte and Monterey Pines than at Pacific Grove for our final round!

The Flight winners on this trip were as follows:

1st (3 day): Jerry Fat, net 219 (by 6 strokes over Ken Worman)

2nd (3 day): Gary Borge, net 225 (by 3 strokes over Kathy Green)

3rd (3 day): Perla Ramos, net 219 (by 11 strokes over Bill Wade)

Single (2 day): Lan Pham, net 153 (by 5 strokes over Paul Kornowski)