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CGC Recap - Carmel Valley Ranch, July 26, 2018

This was the first day of our CGC 3 day 'away' trip to Monterey for 2018. With Sacramento in the middle of a hot (and smoky) stretch, the timing for this trip couldn't have been much better.

A unique set of circumstances brought us to Carmel Valley Ranch on this day. For all of our CGC Monterey trips through the years, this was our first event at this venue. Our past relationship with the Tournament Director at Rancho Canada (with Rancho Canada having recently closed, our contact had moved to Carmel Valley Ranch) led us to the initial communications. A good golfing rate, and our willingness to try a later tee time start (following an NCGA morning shotgun), made this something we wanted to try.

A very comfortable early afternoon (with constant breezes), actually turned a little chilly as the fog started to block the sun in the late afternoon. The golf course is well kept and manicured, with a gorgeous setting with the front nine sitting in the bottom of the valley, and the first 5-6 holes of the back nine bumped up into the southern hillside. Some of the views from the hillside holes were quite spectacular.

The course plays quite hard in spots. While not very long, it shows once again that course length is not the only (or main) criteria to difficulty. The only 'course quality' disappointment on this day was some bumpiness on the greens - which had been aerated weeks prior but had been slow to recover. We had heard about the potential speed of the greens leading up to this event, but instead we dealt with a little uncertainty (especially on short putts).

The combination of course difficulty and lack of course knowledge for many of the group led to a tough scoring day, as only 6 of the 42 players shot scores of lower than net par 70 (with another 4 players shooting a net par 70). Thirteen (13) players shot scores of net 80 or higher.

The Flight winners on this day were as follows:

- 1st: Gary Phillips, net 68 (by 3 strokes over Mitch Johnson)
- 2nd: Jack Dever, net 69 (by 1 stroke over Mike Aceituno)
- 3rd: Andrew Dyba, net 64 (by 3 strokes over Carole Rooney)
- 4th: Sue Marubashi, net 69 (by 3 strokes over Sheila Johnson and Debbie Rankin)