

CGC Recap - Pacific Grove, July 28, 2018

Our third, and last day, of golf on our CGC Monterey trip for 2018 was at Pacific Grove - our 'home' course for our many Monterey trips through the years. Pacific Grove has become a standard for multiple reasons - reasonable cost, good relationship with the course, a gentle course set up compared to most in the area, and the views (specifically on the back nine out by the ocean) can't be beat. When possible, we prefer Pacific Grove to be the final day of our trip - again, the gentle nature of the course set up allows for some good golf to be played, which this year was nice after 2 very difficult courses to begin the trip.

As usual, the course was in good shape. We ended up with a very nice weather day for the coast - overcast, but comfortable. The breezes out by the ocean were not too strong, which actually helped make the back nine play a little easier than normal.

The 18th hole playing as a par 3 was a bit disappointing - the signs by the 17th green made it sound like it was done as much for an upcoming car show as for actual work on the 18th hole. We guess that's a bit of the sign of times for where golf ranks in a community hierarchy. It was interesting that this revised par 3 played by far as the toughest par 3 on the course on this day. We do, however, look forward to its' return as a par 4 in the future.

Whether it was 3 straight days of golf or a more score friendly golf course, the group did take advantage, with 12 of the 40 players shooting scores of lower than net par (69 for Men, 71 for Women), with another 4 players shooting net par. Seven (7) players shot scores of net 80 or higher.

The Flight winners on this day were as follows:

1st: Bruce Hoffman, net 67 (by 2 strokes over Jay Simi)

2nd: Mike Aceituno, net 65 (by 2 strokes over Alan Rankin)

3rd: Carole Rooney, net 65 (by 4 strokes, in relation to par, over Rick Givans)

4th: Sylvia Cisneros, net 60 (by 7 strokes over Perla Ramos)