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The Fairway Finder

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2027 Is Here

Dear Members,

It's been another long, hot summer here in the desert. For those who braved the summer heat, congratulations! For those returning from cooler climates, welcome back. We're looking forward to another exciting season of Thursday tournaments, special events, and friendly competition.

See you on the fairway.



Re-Winding the Summer

Summer may have slowed things down around Tri Palm, but it certainly didn't bring the Men's Club to a standstill. Our Wednesday Mixed Summer Scrambles began May 6, providing an opportunity for those willing to brave the desert heat to enjoy some friendly competition, culminating in a fantastic backyard BBQ at Marshall and Mary Pugh's house, where just short of 70 players ate some great food, took a dip in the pool, and had an overall fun afternoon.

Behind the scenes, considerable attention was devoted to improving conditions on the Millennium Golf Course. Through regular course inspections, documented observations, and discussions with Western Golf and the TPOUA, the Men's Club worked to bring greater attention to maintenance concerns and encourage measurable improvements. By September, progress was becoming visible in several areas, although plenty of work remained.

The summer also brought increased cooperation and discussions between the two men's golf clubs, opening the door to some interesting possibilities for the future. It was a summer of more than just golf, and much of the work accomplished behind the scenes has helped set the stage for the coming season.

For more information about the Tri Palm Men's Club and Second Season Golf Club joining together for Thursday morning golf, read the article published in *Happenings Magazine*.

It Started with an Invitation



Course Updates

For years, golf course maintenance has been one of the most talked-about subjects among our members. We've all heard the complaints, shared the frustrations, and wondered why some of the same problems never seemed to get resolved. Well, I'm happy to report that things are finally beginning to change.

What began as an idea to conduct regular walkthroughs of the Millennium Golf Course gradually developed into a much more organized effort. Rather than simply talking about problems, Roy Mixer of the Tri Palm Men's Golf Club began working to identify specific maintenance concerns, document course conditions, and establish a process for following up on improvements.

As the summer progressed, these walkthroughs became a regular monthly activity. Detailed observations were recorded, photographs were taken, and reports were prepared identifying areas needing attention. Just as importantly, the inspections also recognized improvements already made by the maintenance crew.

The findings were shared with the General Manager Jonathan Benrud and Golf Course Superintendent Junior Munoz. The objective was not to criticize the maintenance staff, but to establish better communication and work together toward improving the overall condition and playability of our golf courses.

The effort eventually expanded beyond the Men's Club. Representatives met with the Tri Palm Unified Owners Association (TPUOA), formally presenting the documentation and discussing how the existing Golf Course Maintenance Standards could provide a framework for evaluating conditions and addressing recurring problems.

These efforts culminated in an October 5 meeting with Western Golf, TPUOA representatives, and members of both men's golf clubs. The documented concerns were presented and discussed, resulting in agreements to continue monthly inspections, improve communication, and establish a more consistent process for identifying and addressing maintenance deficiencies.

Perhaps most importantly, the discussions established a shared understanding that improvements would be measured against the existing maintenance standards, with continued cooperation among the golf clubs, Western Golf, and the homeowners association.

We believe we're already beginning to see some positive results. Maintenance has recently hired two additional, much-needed golf course maintenance employees, a welcome step toward addressing the staffing shortages that have affected course conditions throughout the summer. While there is still considerable work to be done, this is an encouraging indication that our concerns are being heard and that meaningful improvements may be on the way.

And there's more encouraging news. Jonathan Benrud, General Manager of Tri Palm Country Club, has announced that the Millennium Golf Course will reopen on Monday, November 9. The course will be cart-path-only for the first week to allow the newly established grass additional time to recover and strengthen.

Jonathan cautions that some areas of the course remain thin and will require additional attention and patience as recovery continues. Golfers should also be aware that Holes 12 and 18 will temporarily play as Par 3s.

While there's still plenty of work ahead, we're encouraged by the progress being made and the cooperation developing between the Men's Club, Western Golf, and the maintenance department. Our thanks go to Roy Mixer, Jonathan Benrud, Junior Munoz, and everyone involved in helping move these efforts forward.

We're not at the finish line yet, but we're certainly moving in the right direction.



Stay Connected

Don’t get stuck in the rough — stay on course with the latest club updates!

There's always something happening at the Tri Palm Men's Golf Club, and we want to make sure you don't miss a thing. Whether you're looking for upcoming tournaments, special events, tournament results, or important club announcements, our website is great way to stay informed.

Check back regularly for the latest news, tournament schedules, and information to help you make the most of your golf season.

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Closing Thoughts

As we begin another season, there's plenty to look forward to. Our courses are improving, our tournament schedule is taking shape, and we're looking forward to another great year of golf, friendly competition, and good times with friends. Here's to a great 2027 season

> **Remember:** The next members’ meeting is on Tuesday the 3rd of November at 10:00 am. This will be the first member’s meeting of the 2027 season. If you have any certs leftover from 2026, please bring them to the meeting and they will be paid, and if you haven’t collected tournament prize money, Talk to Mike Stauf after the meeting.

See you on the fairway!
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2026 / 2027 Season Tournament List

Tournament	Date	Costs
TPMC Front and Back Tournament	November 12, 2026	$10 + $5 for KP
Red, White, and Gold Tournament	December 17, 2026	$10 + $5 for KP
Guys and Dolls	January 08, 2027	$20
Yellow Ball / Low Net	January 21, 2027	$10 + $5 for KP
Team Scramble	February 19, 2027	$10 + $5 for KP
Presidents Cup Week 1	March 04, 2027	N/C
Presidents Cup Week 2	March 11, 2027	N/C
3-Club Tournament	March 19, 2027	$10 + $5 for KP
Guys and Dolls	April 02, 2027	$20
Gold Tees Only	April 22, 2027	$10 + $5 for KP