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MR. WHATEVER DOES JUST ABOUT WHATEVER !

If you're around Los Altos on Wednesday or Thursday you're bound to find Mr. Whatever handing out winnings, tabulating scores, playing in the tourney (and sometimes winning), making sure CTP signage is arranged – and all of that is after he's spent hours fixing sand-bunker rakes.

The above pretty much describes Paul Todesco's day as he volunteers his service to help make Los Altos a top golf course and the LAGA a top golf association.



Paul Todesco is quite a guy – white mustache, pot belly and friendly handshake. Take it from someone who's known Paul (and parts of his family) for many years, that "friendly handshake" is no phony. It's meant to convey sincere friendliness and welcome.

When asked why he gets so involved in so many different things he said "Sh**, I don't know...it's fun, it really is. I'd like to see more of our members step up and volunteer. There's the board, committees, working the tournament desk, and on and on."


Paul has served on the board of directors for the past 14 or 15 years, all the while running his construction company and most importantly staying married to the lovely Rosette and fathering a son and a daughter. Though today he is mostly retired from domestic and commercial construction, he still makes himself available for consulting with other contractors.

Somehow he even finds time to repair the rakes at Los Altos when they need it. He said, "I've got two at home right now I need to repair." Repair them he will, and tomorrow they'll be in a couple of bunkers at Los Altos. "If someone doesn't fix 'em, they'll just stay broken."

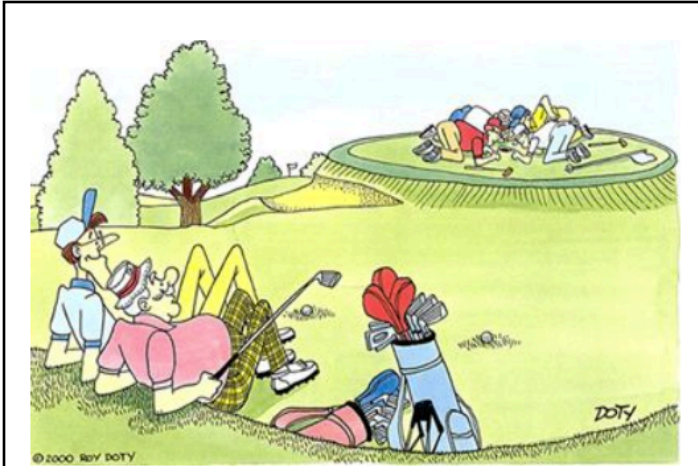
He was asked what he'd do regarding LAGA if he had total freedom and no cost constraints. His answer was typically Paul: "Have things run pretty much as they are right now. We've got good people doing good work."

Paul is "kinda the invisible guy", one board member said. "He does so darned much, but you never see him looking for praise or rewards."

Just look for the big white mustache and pot-belly. Chances are he'll be wearing a red shirt, too (favorite color)...whatever.

Player of the Year July Leaderboard	
	
Chad Padilla	35
Jason Myers	34
Mike Davidson	33
Roland Sena	31
Larry Carlton	26
Tom Martin	20
Mike Fogelman	25
Paul Todesco	25

Got something to say about slow play?? E-mail your comments to sloplay@comcast.net. The board will be discussing what to do about slow play and your comments will be appreciated; good, bad, constructive or otherwise.



" IF YOU WANT A REALLY SLOW ROUND, JUST PLAY
BEHIND A FOURSOME OF PROCTOLOGISTS! "

Rules, rules, rules.....

A player hit his drive to the right of the fairway into the first cut of rough. By the time he reached his ball a grounds keeper was approaching on a mower on a path in line with his ball. As a convenience for the mower, the player picked up his ball and waved the mower through. He then replaced the ball and played on. Were there any rules violated?

At least two rules were violated. First, he did not mark his ball before lifting it. Second, he did not announce to his fellow players his intention of lifting the ball. Had he cleaned his ball after lifting, that would have been a third. Each of these is one stroke. Fourth, he allowed his lie to be improved by the mower which cut the rough to a shorter and cleaner length.

So, what is his penalty? Is it the sum of all the violations? Four strokes seems a bit excessive. Rule 1-4/5 provides that if a player breaches two rules with different penalties, the more severe penalty is applied. In this case, the more severe penalty is improving his lie which is two strokes.

.....know the rules.

Wednesday League info - Wed. Chairman Chuck Newman spent 4 days in the hospital earlier this week, home now, but will be out of action for a while fighting an infection. So for the next couple weeks please contact Paul Todesco at 259-4907 or Wally Iverson at 296-4948 for Wed. League information, cancellations or add ons. Wally will be out of town from 8-13 thru 8-18 so Paul will be your POC during that time.

Next LAGA Monthly Tournament



"Two Man 6-Shooter"

Scramble/Alternate Shot/Best Ball

Saturday August 15th, 2015

(Members or Members w/Guests)

\$25 Per person

Optional Skins – Payable at the check in desk!

7:30 AM Shotgun Start

Entry deadline is Tuesday, August 11th @ 6:00 P.M.