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# Visalia-Tulare MAGA Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome Three new Members to the V-T Chapter

**Alex Carrasco:** Alex lives in Visalia. He plays to a 14/15 handicap. Says that he is looking forward to getting out to play more golf with the V-T Chapter.  
**Peter Deluyker:** Peter is 34 years old, he's married and has 2 kids, both are under 2 years of age. He works for Wealth Strategies in Visalia. And he typically plays golf during the weekday. Weekends is for his family.

**Jesus Trelles:** Jesus is 26 yrs old and was introduced to golf by Robert Velasquez, 30 days ago.. He grew up in Woodlake and now lives in Visalia.

## Addition of Two New Chairs

**Technology/Media Chair—** Cesar De La Cruz joined the V-T Chapter on June 30, 2025. Cesar works in IT as an Infrastructure and Security Analyst for the Tulare County Superior

Court. Fundraising Chair—Robert Morfin joined the V-T Chapter on February 2025. He is an English at Monache High School in Porterville, CA

## August Meeting Highlights

The main items discussed during the August meeting were:

• **Scholarship committee**  
The committee is gathering information to develop guidelines for the scholarship applicants. Funds will be set aside for scholarships.

### • Policy on Posting of Scores

It is said that golf is a game of integrity. It is also said that manipulation of a handicap is as old as golf itself. According to USGA rules of golf, all rounds of golf should be posted, regardless if it's a "fun" game or a skins game. V-T Chapter is working on a policy directing the Handicap chairman to post a score of 72 for the golfer that does not post his/her score.

### • Scholarship committee

Establishing and ways of funding accounts for Scholarship and Junior programs

## Rules of Golf

**Q:** My ball was hit into a tree and the ball never came out. Is it treated as a lost ball or do I take a drop near the tree with the one stroke penalty?

**USGA:** [Rule 19.2](#) and [Rule 19.3](#) tell us that the reference point for taking unplayable ball relief using either the back-on-the-line or lateral options is the spot where the ball originally lay. This means the player must find (and identify) the ball in the tree in order to use either of these two options. When found and identified as theirs, the spot on the ground directly below where the ball sits in the tree is the reference point.

If the player is unable to find or identify the ball as theirs, the player's only option is [stroke and distance](#).

## Central Council

The Central Council tournament was held on August 17, 2025 at River Island.

Congratulations to Lance Funderburk LOW GROSS winner from Porterville Chapter & Adam Ramirez LOW NET winner from Madera Chapter.

## State Tournament

This year's 2 day tournament was hosted by the Southern Council. The courses played were Golf Club at Rancho California and Menifee Lakes Golf Course. Congratulations to the winners: Overall low gross was Lance Funderburk and overall low net was David Ewell

## 2025 Visalia-Tulare Chapter & Central Council Mandatory Dates

CHAPTER	DATE	LOCATION
Western Regional	May 23-25	San Antonio, Tx
Visalia-Tulare	June 8	Tulare Golf Course
V-T Club Championship	June 22	Valley Oaks Golf Course
Madera	July 20	Madera Country Club
Central Council Cham-	August 17	River Island
State Tournament	August 29-31	Menifee
CC Fun Tournament	October 19	Tulare Golf Course

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