

## THE FOUNDING OF THE BSMGC

I have been asked to recall the early circumstances that led to the establishing of the Burbank Senior Men's Golf Club. As my questionable memory will allow, this is what I recall.

In the early and mid-1980's, the Men's Club was very popular and flourishing by leaps and bounds. However, to accommodate all the players who wanted to play in the monthly tournaments, they had to make it a '2-day tournament; Saturday and Sunday'. Unfortunately, this led to rounds of 5 ½ - 6 hours each day (sounds familiar). So, to alleviate this problem, several members, who were retired and could play during the week, volunteered to play their round on Thursday.

For about 4-5 years, this seemed to solve the problem. Then, as we all know would happen, some members felt the conditions of play (speed of greens, weather and other factors), were not the same on Thursday's as they were on weekends. Thus, the difference influenced the tournament results and who was receiving the money. The Board was considering cancelling Thursday play.

Since the Thursday players did not want to go back to weekend play, they discussed the possibility of forming their own club. A special meeting was called at the club house, attended by 25-30 members and listened to a proposal, presented by Frank Chiarantona. He suggested we join the Southern California Publinks Association as a Senior Club. This idea was well received. The year was 1989 (not sure of the month), the application to Publinks was accepted and we became Burbank Senior Men's Club. Some members maintained dual membership.

The first official business was to elect a president and a secretary-treasurer. Frank Chiarantona was elected president and Nom Eggert was elected secretary-treasurer.

For 12 years, the two men mentioned ran the club very successfully with little help from volunteers. Then Frank's health became a problem and he had to resign.

On May 29, 2001, again at the club house, a special meeting was called to discuss the club's future. It was decided to elect Joe Huxman as the new president and a committee was formed to present the by-laws that they would follow in the future. In the meantime, an abbreviated set of by-laws was presented at the meeting.

Joe completed the rest of the 2001 year and started his full term in 2002. But halfway through 2002, Joe resigned and moved to Las Vegas. The VP, Jim Lloyd stepped in and completed the rest of Joe's term.