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**Members** - As you all know, we have been closely monitoring the Blitz for the past three weeks for determining our Pace of Play. **The GOOD NEWS** is that the pace has been consistently fast!!! The first 12-13 groups have finished in about 4 hours ( with many less) and the follow on groups have not exceeded 4 hours 30 minutes. At the most recent Blitz the LONGEST round played was 4 hours 23 minutes by one of the last Teams.

We now have verified that the "Curse of the 5 Hour Round" MAY be gone!!! Now we have to just continue to follow the Men's Club Policies of:

1. **Ready Golf**. That means that any player should not wait until everyone who is further from the hole hits, to hit his ball, as long as he doesn't interfere with another player.
2. **Putting Out**. If there is a team behind you who are waiting to hit their approach shots but can't hit them because your team is still on the green then every player should continuously putt until his ball is holed. Do NOT putt, then mark your ball, step back, wait for another player to putt, watch him mark his ball, watch him step back, then wait till ....etc etc . You get the picture. That wastes time and slows up YOUR team's play. **HOWEVER** - If the TEAM BEHIND YOU DOES NOT have to wait to hit their approach shots because your team is on the green, then you can, if you choose, take the time to putt, mark your ball, then putt when it is your "turn". Remember; do not do that if you are holding up the team behind you.

SO FAR it appears that following those two policies is working just fine.

We will be continuing to monitor the Blitz Pace of Play using Golf Genius. Therefore is VERY IMPORTANT that all teams enter their scores on #18 as soon as their last putt is holed. That "locks in your Team's finishing time." If you need to "Correct" a score later (like in the parking lot or in the Cafe) you can change your scores then. Golf Genius will then give our "Pace of Play Manager" the ability to see the "GAPS" between teams' finishing times and can identify where some "slowing up spots" exist. Since all teams start their round APPROXIMATELY 8 minutes after the Team just in front of them it is informative to monitor how far AFTER they finish behind the team in front of them. The question is "What do we do with this information?"

As some of you know, at the Torrey Pines Men's Club "Blitz" if a Team is consistently "Well behind" the Team in front of them, that team is "FINED" \$50, and if they do it again, they will be moved to a later time. We aren't going to even consider doing that. However, at another Golf Club, Coronado, if a Team is consistently "Well behind" the Team in front of them they will be moved to a later time simply because "They cannot keep up the Pace of Play that is required for a Team in their current Tee Time." **Now THAT sounds very reasonable**. Any Team that cannot maintain a good Pace of Play

SHOULD not be allowed to occupy a Tee Time where they will hold up all the Teams behind them.

The Pace of Play Manager; who is Pat **Weishan**, will send out email "Friendly Reminders" to Teams that demonstrate they have a consistent inability to keep up the Pace of Play in the Time Slot they are in. Continual "Slowness" will result in that Team being moved from their current Tee Time to a later tee time despite what tee time they drew at the Blitz Lottery. Don't worry; we aren't going to jump on this every time a Team has just one "Slow Pace Blitz" but it is the CONSISTENT slowness that will initiate the tee time reordering. Just consider an email from the POP Manger to be really a "Oh By The Way...your Team has shown some recent "Pace Problems" and you really should pick up your pace." Yes, we know that it may be that one player who is not on your Regular Blitz Team who was the "Cause" for your Team's large gap at the 18th hole. Any change in a Team's Blitz Tee Time will be done only after careful analysis and discussion.

What we are trying to do here, is to absolutely prevent the return of the "Dreaded 5 Hour round" that so many of you in the Mid to Late Tee Times have complained about.

This will work IF every Team follows the 2 main Men's Club Policies above and enters their score after their last putt on #18. Of course, it was "Mentioned" that a Team that KNOWS it is playing kind of slowly might be tempted to enter their "18th Hole Score" BEFORE they played #18, planning to "fix it later." Well, that can very easily be "caught" and any Team doing that might be **DQ'd** for a week or two, or three, or more. Let's just all play by the Rules and Policies here, so we can all play "Fun, Fair, and Fast."

See you on the course,

**John Bepko**  
President