

CLARK, MOYA MAKE AWESOME TEAM

That sparrow you saw flying from the pro-shop, to the office, to the dining room really wasn't a bird – it was the flying RAMONA. Almost everyone who golfs at Los Altos knows who Ramona Moya is. Not everyone knows her husband, Ed Clark, who works the dining room. But what a team they make (you can almost see the smoke coming from their shoes as they fly from spot to spot).



Ed began working at Los Altos shortly after he and Ramona were married in 2007. It appears Ramona has worked there her entire life. She practically ran the place when brother Chris was waiting for, and finally received, a liver transplant. Dad, Eddie Moya, once said he “wouldn't have known what to do if she hadn't been there to shoulder such a load.”


Now she divides her time among administrative matters, the banquet facility, the kitchen, and periodically getting in a round of golf with Ed, her Dad and Uncle Billy Moya. Ramona just says, “We'd just like to thank everyone for coming to the golf course and supporting us with your love and smiles! Have a great year!”

It seems that back in the day Ramona was in Padilla's Restaurant and one of the workers there caught her eye. It was Ed. She recruited him for Los Altos (and what else?). Well, Ed's a student at UNM, hoping to finish up by next Spring and to land a job teaching mathematics at “wherever I'm needed”.

In the meantime you'll likely see them flying from spot to spot. (Ed's the bald-headed one)

Player of the Year

LAGA Player of the Year makes an appearance after several years of hibernation. Our POY will be determined from points earned in weekend tournaments. All players entering a tournament will earn one point. Earn an additional 10 points for finishing 1st in your flight, 8 points for 2nd, 6 points for 3rd, 4 points for 4th and 2 points for 5th. Watch the leaderboard in the monthly Duffer.

Player of the Year March Leaderboard	
	
Martin, Tom	15
Gonzales, Nick	13
Warfield, Steve	13
Massoth, Stephen	12
Peters, Jay D	12
Schuster, Gary	12
Settecerri, Rob	12
Thornburg, Dan	12
Turpen, Roy	12
Anderson, Dean	11
Isham, Pete	11
Pearson, Carl	11
Sena, Roland	11
Simon, Jerry	11
Todesco, Paul	11
Watts Glenn	11

For March Tournament Result details visit the LAGA bulletin board or web site: www.abqlaga.org.

Where'd the Rakes Come From?

Los Altos has ordered 50 new rakes that will help keep the bunkers in good order, providing that players take the initiative to use them. While awaiting the new rakes, have you noticed that most of the Los Altos sand traps have rakes now? That's because do-it-all Paul Todesco has taken it upon himself to repair any broken rakes. He's probably fixed 10-or-so since he volunteered to repair any that get broken. (Paul's noted for being a volunteer.)

ADO Invitational Tournament

ADO Men's Association has invited LAGA to participate in an invitational tournament at Arroyo del Oso on May 9. Mark your calendars now, look for details in next Duffer or on the web site. Entry is \$20 and format is individual play.

Our Handicap Chairman, Steve Potter, sends out a reminder for all players to post ALL scores (non tournament) from casual rounds and to use the Equitable Stroke Control system for correcting your scores. This will ensure the most accurate Handicap Index for all our members and be truly representative of their average scoring ability. Use the table below for correcting scores prior to recording.

ESC (Equitable Stroke Control)	
Player Handicap	Maximum Strokes/Hole
0 - 9	Double Bogey
10 - 19	7
20 - 29	8
30 - 39	9
40+	10

HOLE-IN-ONE Season is upon us.

On March 4 Jeffery Forman shot a One on hole #15 during LAGA tournament play. The Tee was 175 yards and a 5 iron was used. His second in 22 years. Oh, and he was insured!

On March 18, at Cochiti Golf Club, Bobby Lovato shot a One on hole number 4. He was also insured. The distance reported was 125 yards, but there was some confusion as to the club used. One witness thought it was a nine iron, while another recollects a driver was used.

Congratulations to both.

What To Do About Slow Play?

As editor of the duffer, I attempt to solicit subject material from players to add to the duffer. Players have spoken to me about observed rules violations, etiquette broaches, course conditions, equipment theft.....did I mention rules? But the overall preponderance of comments, by a long shot, are complaints of slow play. Slow play is not unique to Los Altos as witnessed by Arnold Palmer's voicing the USGA campaign "while we are still young".

The LAGA board has had countless discussions over the years trying to find a remedy for slow play. Recording times for 9 holes and 18 holes was implemented to increase player awareness of time of play. Some groups ignore this policy. Observers and witnesses have remarked that most violators either have weak excuses or are not even aware of their falling behind. We currently have no active marshals to monitor play at our Wednesday tournaments. Last week there was one group that lagged by one and a half holes, while another group behind this one lagged by two and a half holes. Four holes at roughly fourteen minutes per hole puts a 56 minute burden on the entire field of players. (14 min. per hole equals 4 hrs. and 15 min. per round)

What to do? I don't know. The board will no doubt have more discussion on the subject and try to implement some course of action. This is your chance, as a member of LAGA, to input suggestions, comments and recommendations to that end. Please send your comments to sloplav@comcast.net.



2015 April Stableford
Modified Stableford
Sunday April 26th
(Members only)
\$25.00 per person
Optional Skins – Payable at the check in desk!
8:00 AM Shotgun

Entry deadline is Tuesday, April 21st @ 6:00 P.M.