

December 2016

Dear Links Player,

**What if I tell you this is not a Christmas letter? Will that spark you to read it?**

It's true, actually. This is not a Christmas letter, not like you normally encounter. I promise not to tell you about my aches and pains or my pet's aches and pains. I'll keep my children's accomplishments to myself. I won't even tell you how long my wife and I have been married (though it'll be thirty years this coming February—oops!).

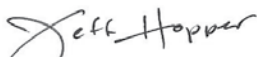
Many of you know I write these letters each month, so while this one is coming in December and may allude to Christmas, its purpose is the same as always: to tell you how we're doing at Links Players and thank you for being a part of that with your generosity.

**November was a beautifully busy month.** We tied up the loose ends on the South Central Fall Fundraiser at Pine Forest CC in Houston, where Randy Wolff welcomed more than 100 golfers on Halloween and raised helpful support for the months to come. This event featured astronaut Charlie Duke, who will also speak at our national conference as we open December.

Just a few days later, the national board met in Dallas and considered the year quickly passing and the one ahead. We have seen promising growth in the number of Links Fellowships and the staff to support the leaders of these groups; together they are welcoming more and more men and women into the conversation about Jesus and the salvation he purchased on our behalf.

Mid-month brought a double-whammy. Links Players president Jeffrey Cranford launched Sunday services with a new church in Palm Desert, California. This fellowship, called Church at the Red Door, maintains Jeffrey's mission to the thousands of golfers behind the walls of clubs in the Coachella Valley, but it also provides a way for the whole breadth of the desert community to worship and study together. The following day, Dereck Wong hosted the annual OC Charity Classic at Newport Beach CC. For the first time, the SoCal/Vegas region partnered with Orange County Rescue Mission in "kindling compassion for the poor and needy"—the K in the LinkS acrostic. By the time the evening was over, more than \$75,000 was raised for the Mission, with Links Players also gaining more than \$30,000 in net proceeds. That's quite a blessing!

We have always hoped for two things for our donors here at Links Players: that your generosity supports the very intentional sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that your generosity ignites the generosity of others. We certainly have seen this happen in recent weeks. Thanks so much for being a part of it!

  
Jeff Hopper, COO

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