

Chip Shots

May 2007

President's Message

Gregor Markel

The most recent Demo-Day was just completed at the course, during our April tournament (21st), and it was excellent. Most all of the major golf club manufacturer's were at the event, and the chipping and putting contest to win a cruise was a big success (at least to the winners). THANKS!!! to our head golf professional, Jeff DeBenedetti for putting on this event. Future events are typically announced at the general membership meetings, giving you one more reason to attend the meetings.

For those of you who are not yet aware, there is a proposed development for a new retail center at the west side of the course off of El Charro. This development proposal is moving forward through the City process. As a part of the development, there is a new roadway that will be constructed from Jack London to El Charro for the benefit of the retail center, and will impact the golf course. The golf course will be required to be redesign to accommodate the roadway, and would require the current executive course layout be revised to eliminate all of the par-fours on that portion of the course. These revisions, if not done in a thoughtful manner, will be less than optimal for the golf course, and to its users (us). I strongly encourage all men's club members to be present at the upcoming Planning Commission meeting and the following City Council meeting to let the City of Livermore know we are concerned about the impacts of this development on the golf course. I want to also take a moment to say THANK YOU to Mike Hasaka, and John Hunt for all of their efforts in raising awareness of this issue, including spending their own time at the demo day event to discuss the issue with patrons.

As a reminder there is an upcoming Planning Commission meeting on April 24th. For more information go to:
http://www.ci.livermore.ca.us/planning/pc_hearings.pdf

I hope to see you out on the links!!!❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The April General Membership meeting was held on April 4th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 22 members present. Thanks to Andy Nisbet for his demonstration of how the video lesson works and Alan Casamajor for being the star of the lesson. You can see the difference in his swing from the beginning to where he's at now. It's like losing weight, shaved five strokes of his score and looking for ten. Our monthly putting contest began with Derek Allman holding the hot putter with a low score of 28. The contest will continue prior to the May meeting on the practice putting green from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We hope to see more members take part in this fun event!!!

April General Meeting Raffle Winners:

Robert Mack	\$35.00
Paul Senft	\$25.00
Robert Scott	\$20.00
Mike Rimington	\$15.00

Sleeve of balls:

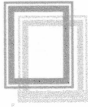
Dick Braden	1 sleeve
Eddie Herbert	1 sleeve
Steve Hudson	1 sleeve
Tom Geary	1 sleeve

Putting Contest

1 st	Derek Allman	28	\$15
2 nd	Pat Moore	32	\$10
3 rd	Mike Rimington	33	\$5
	Jim Palmer	33	\$5
	Alan Casamajor	33	\$5

Our Thank You for coming winner for the April meeting: Paul Senft who won a \$20.00 Beeb's gift certificate
The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's.

Hope to see you there !



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LPMGC Tournament Policies

For a complete listing of the LPMGC tournament policies, including tournament rules, refund policy and slow play policy for club events, go to our website at www.laspositasgolf.com.

If you ever have a question about entering a tournament or obtaining a refund from a tournament entered, where you had to withdraw prior to the event, you can email our club president at pres@laspositasgolf.com.

**LAS POSITAS MEN'S CLUB
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2007**

2007 Schedule

JANUARY	SAT. 20 SAT. 27	Individual Medal 3-Hole Skins
FEBRUARY	SAT. 10 & SUN. 11	NCGA East Bay Zone Qualifier – 2 Man Best Ball **
MARCH	SAT. 10 SAT. 17	Individual Medal Cha-Cha-Cha
APRIL	SAT. 21 & SUN. 22	NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier **
MAY	SAT. 12 SAT. 19 & SUN. 20	4 Man – 2 Best Ball NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifier
JUNE	SAT. 9 & SUN. 10 SAT. 30	NCGA Net Am. Qualifier Individual Skins
JULY	SAT. 14 & SUN. 15	President's Cup **
AUGUST	SAT. 4 SUN. 12	Member-Guest Point Par - Stableford
SEPTEMBER	SAT. 8 & SUN. 9	Club Championship **
OCTOBER	SAT. 13 SAT. 20	4 Ball Match Play 4 Man – Gross / Net
NOVEMBER	SAT. 3 SUN. 4	Beat the Pro 2 Man Razzle Dazzle
DECEMBER	SAT. 1 SAT. 8	2-Man Best-Ball (Annual Charity Event) 2-Man Best-Ball Total

**Indicates Major Tournament

LPMGC Tournament Refund Policy

If you notify the Golf Shop within 48 hours prior to the Tournament that you have to withdraw, you will receive a full refund of your entry fee.

If you notify the Golf Shop less than 48 hours prior to the tournament date, but no later than the close of business the day before the tournament that you have to withdraw, only the Green Fee portion of the entry fee will be refunded.

NO SHOWS will receive NO REFUND and the money will go to the Men's Club Funds.

Players who do not show for the second day of a two day tournament will be treated as a NO SHOW.

Cancellations the day of the tournament will be considered for a refund of Green Fee only, IF the Golf Shop can find a replacement player.

In case of an emergency on the day of the tournament, the player should notify the Golf Shop and may petition the Board, in writing, to request a refund of Green Fee Only.

**LAS POSITAS MEN'S CLUB
TWILIGHT SCHEDULE 2007**

2007 Twilight League Schedule

APRIL	THUR 19	Individual Skins
MAY	THUR 3 THUR 17 THUR 31	2-Man Scrambl Individual Stroke 2-Man Better Ball
JUNE	THUR 14 THUR 28	Individual Skins 2-Man Alternate Shot
JULY	THUR 12 THUR 26	3 Clubs and a Putter 2-Man Shamble
AUGUST	THUR 9 THUR 23	2-Man Net, Net 2-Man Scramble Skins
SEPTEMBER	THUR 6 THUR 30	2-Man Razzle Dazzle CHAMPIONSHIP (Individual Horse Race)

LASPO CITY TOURNAMENTS - 2007

2007 LASPO City Tournament Schedule

JUNE	SAT 2 and SUN 3	LASPO 2-Man Better Ball
SEPTEMBER	SAT 29 and SUN 30	LASPO OPEN

LPMGC SLOW PLAY POLICY

The Las Positas Men's Club expects all groups in its tournaments to keep up with the group in front of it. If your group falls more than 1 hole behind the group in front of you, you will be considered a "slow" group, and subject to the policy as noted below.

POLICY: Members identified as slow-playing will be put on a list. This list will be published on the Men's Club bulletin board, in the Chip Shots and on the Club website. Members on the list will be given tee times at the end of any tournaments they participate in. To be removed from the list, you must not be warned for slow play in your next 2 tournaments.

You will be added to the list when you are warned for slow play by a member of the tournament committee (typically Jeff DeBenedetti and one or more of the golf shop professionals). You may also receive a "heads-up" about slow play from one of the golf course marshals first. This will not get you on the list, but should be taken as notice that you are in danger of receiving a warning from the committee if you do not catch up.

Current Members on Slow Play List

As of Feb 14, 2007

Steve Brocklesby, Bob Gould, Brian Watt, Steve Englebretson, Rob Guaydacan

LPMGC – Tournament Rules

The following is the current Tournament Rules for Tournaments held by the Las Positas Men's Club.

1. A member must have at least twenty (20) posted rounds to be able to participate in the following tournaments:
 - a. NCGA Net Qualifying
 - b. Presidents Cup
 - c. Spyglass Qualifying
 - d. Senior Championship
 - e. Spyglass Two Man Best Ball
 - f. Club Championship
2. A member must have at least five (5) posted rounds to play in any of the other club tournaments.
3. All tournament entries must be accompanied by a check. All entries are due in the Pro Shop on Thursday, 5:00 PM, the week prior to the tournament. Entries are to be dropped into the club's box.
4. Indicate on your entry resident or non-resident. Entries for non-computer paired tournaments must include all names in your group and checks for your group.
5. Withdrawals must be made at least 48 hours in advance. The prize fund fee will not be refunded after 48 hours.
6. Withdrawals on the day of the tournament, the entrant will forfeit all fees unless there are extenuating circumstances. The tournament committee will make the final decision on refunds. Members should refer to the Refund Policy.
7. After the tournament pairings have been given to the Pro Shop, all further transactions (inclusions and exclusions) will be handled by the Pro Shop.
8. Each entrant is responsible for his "tee time", turning in a completed, signed scorecard and posting his adjusted score in the computer.
9. All rules decisions will be handled by the rules committee which consists of either Dan Lippstreu, or Jeff DeBenedetti and a tournament chairman.
10. All tournaments are in accordance with the USGA rules and guidelines. This includes equipment, balls, etc.
Should a member use an item that does not conform to the USGA rules, that player will be disqualified.

Handicap Update

Pat Moore and Mel Casali, Co-Chairmen

Recently, there have been articles (NCGA Bluebook) and e-mails (from the USGA to it's members) regarding the possibilities of shooting your handicap. Per both of these folks, a handicap should reflect your **lowest potential scoring ability**, not what you usually shoot on average, and therefore shooting your handicap shouldn't be a common occurrence. The USGA has developed a table showing the odds of various handicap ranges shooting various amounts under their handicap, and that table can be found on their website.

The NCGA and USGA have encouraged local clubs to use this information and table in monitoring and reviewing member handicaps. The NCGA uses the USGA Handicap Manual Section "10-3" rule, where they do a computer calculation comparing exceptional tournament scores to your monthly index, and where there is a significant gap, indexes are reduced "to better reflect your lowest potential scoring ability". However, per the NCGA, local clubs are free to develop their own methodologies using this information, and if applied consistently, adjust members' handicaps to a local index for use only in the club's tournaments or events, or to make modifications to NCGA indexes where warranted.

We've recently begun to do this at Las Positas. We've reviewed the tournaments starting with October, and noted exceptional tournament scores. An exceptional tournament score is one where a player's gross score less their course handicap is less than the rating from the tees played. Notice that the calculation ignores whatever handicap was used for the tournament (since many tournaments are played at 80% or 90%), and also ignores par, since indexes are based on course ratings, not par. For example, a score of 70 from the white tees at Las Positas, while 2 strokes under par, would not be an exceptional tournament score, since the course rating from the white tees is 70.2.

Our method will be to maintain a list of players with exceptional tournament scores. The scores will remain on the list for 6 months. Players who record 2 exceptional tournament scores will be assigned a local index for use in Las Positas tournaments rather than their NCGA index. Players who record 3 exceptional tournament scores will have their NCGA index modified based on the 3 scores. These local indexes or modified indexes will be in effect for 4 months, and will be reviewed monthly. The lower of the local/modified index or the NCGA index will be used during this period.

Note that we use tournament scores, because the NCGA/USGA feel these are the best representation of potential scoring ability, due to greater peer review, greater adherence to the rules of golf (vs. some of the goofy stuff we do in our regular games with our buddies), etc. The "10-3" calculation used by the NCGA compares tournament scores to your index, which is made up of both tournament and regular rounds.

Finally, be aware that there is no judgment or stigma associated with having a modified index based on this method – IT'S JUST MATH. This is not some magic formula designed to catch "sandbaggers". It is simply meant to be a more real-time recognition of members' potential scoring ability. Based on experience gathered while using this method at another club in the area, 10 members had modified indexes, and all 10 had NCGA indexes equal to or lower than the modified index within 3 or 4 months. This method just recognizes the potential sooner rather than later.

LPMGC TOURNAMENT RESULTS

April 22, 2007

Saturday Men's Club only

1 st Place	Steve Pribble	Jeff Pribble	55	\$80.00 each	
2 nd Place	Luis Huerta	Joe Cantu	58	\$65.00 each	
3 rd Place	Jim Palmer	Ed Mero	59	\$50.00 each	
	Mark Floyd	Gary Tomlinson	59	\$50.00 each	
5 th Place	Paul Senft	Bryant Bischoff	60	\$35.00 each	
6 th Place	Chris Bronis	Ino Patron	61	\$25.00 each	
LAP	Eddie Herbert	Ken Taniguchi	61	\$25.00 each	(Sunday Round)

NCGA QAULIFIER

1 st Place	Mark Floyd	Gary Tomlinson	121
2 nd Place	Jim Palmer	Ed Mero	123

The results for all 2007 tournaments can be found at: <http://www.laspositasgolf.com/pdf/2006TourneyResults.pdf>

Las Positas Men's Golf Club

LPMGC – FOUR BALL – 2 BEST BALLS

Saturday, May 12th, 2007

Make up your own four-man team or we will pair you with other members. The two lowest net scores of the four are the team scores for the hole. A minimum of 5 posted rounds is required to enter. Play will be at 90% of handicap.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, May 3rd, at 5 P.M.
In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop

Entry Fee: \$43 Per Player

FOUR-MAN TWO-BEST BALLS

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

*Please Print Your Name Clearly
Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries
Checks Only Please !!!
Make Checks payable to 'LPMGC'*

Check box below for specific tee time request:

- Early (requires Front 9 completion in 2 hours or less)
- Late

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LPMGC – SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP AND NCGA SENIOR FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Saturday, May 19th, 2007

Two tournaments in one: LPMGC Senior Championship and club qualifier for the NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Championship. Sign-up as a group or individual and play at 100% of your May handicap.

Format and qualifications for the Men's Club Senior

Championship: An individual tournament open to all men's club members 50 years or older as of May 19,2007. The Sr. Champion will be the low gross score; all other winners will be low net scores within the individual flights. You must have 20 posted rounds to be the Sr. Champion; five rounds to compete in the net tournament.

Format and qualifications for the NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net

Qualifier: For the NCGA qualifier, you must be 55 years or older by **TBD**, have 20 posted rounds, play to a maximum handicap index of 18.4, and be able to play in the Sectional tournament on **TBD** and Championship (at Poppy Ridge) on **TBD**.

The 4 Individual Players with the lowest net scores from those eligible and wishing to compete in this tournament will make up our club's two two-man teams in the Sectional. Once a team qualifies, there are no substitutions.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, May 10th, at 5 P.M.
In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop

Entry Fee: \$43 Per Player

FOUR-MAN TWO-BEST BALLS

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Name _____	D.O.B. _____	Qualifying? (Y/N)
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LPMGC – NCGA NET AMATUER QUALIFIER

Saturday and Sunday, June 9th and 10th, 2007

This individual tournament is two in one: You can compete in Saturday's men's club tournament or both days if you wish to try to qualify for the NCGA event. Play will be at 100% handicap. Prize money will be paid on Saturday only, lap money on Sunday. Entry prize money for Sunday will be used to send the three low-net qualifiers to the NCGA Sectional.

NCGA Qualifier: You must have 20 posted rounds to play in the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier. Qualifiers should be able to play in the Sectional on **TBD**, 2007, (location to be determined) and the finals on **TBD**, 2007 at Poppy Hills. You must declare your intent to try to qualify on the entry form below.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, May 31st, at 5 P.M.
In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop

Entry Fee:

\$43.00 - Saturday Only
\$86.00 – Saturday & Sunday

LPMGC - NCGA NET AMATUER QUALIFIER

June 9th and 10th, 2007

Name	_____	Qualifying? (Y / N)
Name	_____	Qualifying? (Y / N)
Name	_____	Qualifying? (Y / N)
Name	_____	Qualifying? (Y / N)

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