



Chip Shots

March 2008

President's Message

Gregor Markel

March is here and spring is in the air! At least that is what my allergies are telling me at this point. Uuggghh! There is lots going on at the golf course and it is time for everyone to get back into the "swing of things" so to speak.

The men's club has started its staggered meeting schedule, and the next meeting is coming up this month on Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 pm. Please take note of the Special Event noted in the adjacent column that is going on before the meeting. I hope you can take time out of your busy schedule to attend and have a good time.

March is also the month when the PGA tour comes to Livermore. The Nationwide stop at the Wine Country Championship will be happening at the end of the month. For more information, you can go to:

<http://www.winecountrychampionship.com/>

As mentioned in my previous email announcement to the membership, there are still opportunities to be a volunteer for the event. I encourage you to do so if you have the time, it is a great experience.

There are multiple men's club tournaments this month, and the first LasPo course tournament starting this month. There is also a demo day coming up in the month of march. Now is the time to tune-up your game and get back onto the course. Please take note of the tournament dates and ensure that you have your entries in on time.

I hope to see everyone on the links!❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

There was no membership meeting for the month of February. The next meeting will be in March.

Prior to the meeting from 4:30- 6:30 pm there will be a demo of putters and wedges on the main putting green. Come on out and see what the pro shop has to offer. The staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Remember these events are put on for our members and require your participation in order to make them a success.

Congratulations to Leon Lebouf and Tom Larouche who came in with a low score of 126 and Dick Braden and Himanshu Pandya who came in at 128 to Qualify for the trip to Spyglass Hill in the NCGA Qualifier. Way to go guys and good luck!!!!

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's.

Hope to see you there!



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The Rules of Golf

Recent Rules Changes for 2008

Rule 1-2. Exerting Influence on Ball -- Note added to clarify what constitutes a serious breach of Rule 1-2.

Rule 4-1. Form and Make of Clubs -- Amended to reduce the penalty for carrying, but not using, a non-conforming club or a club in breach of Rule 4-2, from disqualification to the same as carrying more than 14 clubs.

Rule 12-1. Searching for Ball; Seeing Ball -- Amended to include searching for a ball in an obstruction.

Rule 13-4. Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions -- Exception 1 amended for clarification; Exception 2 amended to refer to Rule 13-2; Exception 3 added to exempt a player from penalty under Rule 13-4a (testing the condition of the hazard) in certain circumstances.

Rule 14-3. Artificial Devices, Unusual Equipment and Unusual Use of Equipment -- Amended to refer to the unusual use of equipment (see also new Exception on use of equipment in a traditionally accepted manner) and new Exception added for players with a legitimate medical reason to use an artificial device or unusual equipment.

Note added to clarify that a Local Rule may be introduced allowing the use of distance-measuring devices; previously authorized by Decision only.

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Coaches Corner

Jeff Debenedetti

THE RIGHT FIT

In the years I have been giving lessons, I have never seen the same swing twice. In saying that, there is no way possible for there to be a "standard" in clubs.

When buying a set of clubs, or a driver, be sure to buy one that fits your needs. Players do not want to buy clubs and have to change their swing to fit the clubs. This is precisely why we have "demo clubs" and "demo days." If you buy a set of clubs that are not the right length or lie, your swing will be directly affected on how solid you hit the ball, and the ball flight of your shot.

If you are interested, our staff is well informed on all the latest clubs. As well we will be having our annual "**Demo Day**" **March 29, 2008**. Come out and try all the newest clubs.

**LAS POSITAS MEN'S CLUB
TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2008**

2008 LPMGC Schedule

JANUARY	SAT. 19 SAT. 26	Individual Medal Individual Skins
FEBRUARY	SAT. 9 & SUN. 10	NCGA East Bay Zone Qualifier **
MARCH	SAT. 8 SUN. 16	Cha-Cha-Cha Individual Medal
APRIL	SAT. 19 & SUN. 20	NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier **
MAY	SAT. 10 SAT. 17	4 Man – 2 Best Ball NCGA Senior 4-Ball Qualifier
JUNE	SAT. 21 & SUN. 22	NCGA Net Am. Qualifier
JULY	SAT. 12 & SUN. 13	President's Cup **
AUGUST	SAT. 2 SUN. 17	Member-Guest Point Par - Stableford Club Championship **
SEPTEMBER	SAT. 13 & SUN. 14	4 Ball Match Play
OCTOBER	SAT. 11 SAT. 18	4 Man – Gross / Net Beat the Pro
NOVEMBER	SAT. 8 SUN. 16	2 Man Razzle Dazzle
DECEMBER	SUN. 7 SAT. 13	2-Man Best-Ball Total 2-Man Best-Ball (Annual Charity Event)

****Indicates Major Tournament**

All money won in tournaments are held "on the books" at the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop. All prize money won must be spent by end of October, 2008. No Exceptions Granted.

LPMGC Twilight League

Tournaments will begin on Thursday evenings in May. Keep Posted for dates and formats of tournaments.

LPMGC Home-and-Home Events

Home-and-Home tournaments will be announced at the General Membership meetings and sign-ups will open at that time on a first come-first serve basis.

LAS POSITAS GOLF COURSE TOURNAMENTS

2008 LASPO Tournament Schedule

MARCH	SUNDAY the 9th	LASPO Skins
MAY	SATURDAY the 3rd	LASPO Junior Benefit
JUNE	SAT 7th and SUN 8th	LASPO 2-Man Better Ball
SEPTEMBER	SAT 27th and SUN 28th	LASPO Open

Golf Humor

12 Reasons Why Golf Is Better Than Sex

- You don't have to sneak your golf magazines into the house.
- If you are having trouble with golf, it is perfectly acceptable to pay a professional to show you how to improve your technique.
- The Ten Commandments do not say anything about golf.
- If your partner takes pictures or videotapes of you golfing, you don't have to worry about them showing up on the Internet, then you become famous.
- Your golf partner won't keep asking questions about other partners you've golfed with.
- It's perfectly respectable to golf with a total stranger.
- When you see a really good golfer, you don't have to feel guilty about imagining the two of you golfing together.
- If your regular golf partner isn't available, he/she won't object if you golf with someone else.
- Nobody will ever tell you that you will go blind if you golf by yourself.
- When dealing with a golf pro, you never have to wonder if they are really an undercover cop.
- You don't have to go to a sleazy shop in a seedy neighborhood to buy golf stuff.
- You can have a golf calendar on your wall at the office, tell golf jokes and invite co-workers to golf with you without getting sued for harassment.

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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

None (let's keep it this way!!)

ECLECTIC STARTS JANUARY 1st

The 2002 Eclectic will start on January 1st. When you pay for a round of golf in the Pro Shop, indicate that you want to play in the Eclectic and pay \$1.00 extra. At the end of the round, you **MUST** turn in a separate scorecard, signed and attested, to the Pro Shop. (Not in the tournament box) All eclectic rounds **MUST** be played with and signed by a Men's Club or Senior Men's Club Member. Eclectic play is the same as LPMGC tournaments....play the ball down, unless "Winter Rules" are declared by the Pro Shop. There are no "GIMMIES."

A BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECLECTIC

You will have three consecutive rounds of golf to score the lowest NET Score (using your handicap) on each hole. The lowest NET score on each hole out of the three rounds will be your score for 18 holes. Remember, 3 consecutive rounds. You can try as often as you like. If you have a bad round, you may restart your three rounds at any time. Just tell the Pro Shop you are starting a new round. Tell them before you tee off, not after the round. The lowest 20 scores and all ties will be in a horse race on a date to be determined. Please ask the Pro Shop or any Board Member for more details.

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.

For more information go to our website at www.laspositasgolf.com

LPMGC – INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY

Sunday, March 16, 2008

The Individual Medal Play tournament gives you the opportunity to play in a flighted individual tournament against the field. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairman to compete for the prize fund.

- Play will be at 100% of March’s handicap.
- Sign up as a group or an individual and we will pair you.
- There will be a prize fund for each flight based on number of entries for the tournament.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, March 6 at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop
at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA 94551
Attn: LPMGC

Tournament entry fee: \$42

LPMGC - INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY ENTRY

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Request, not required

- Early, **requires Front 9 completion in 2 hours or less**
- Late

All Prize Money must be spent by end of OCT. 2008

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

LPMGC - CHA CHA CHA

Saturday, March 8, 2008

The Cha-Cha-Cha tournament is a four-man computer paired team event. The Cha is the best ball for the first hole, the Cha-Cha is the two best balls for the second hole, and the Cha-Cha-Cha is the three best balls for the third hole. This sequence is repeated until you finish all 18 holes of golf, the exception being all FOUR BALLS must be counted on holes 9 & 18. Play is at 100% of March's Handicap.

Must have at least 5 posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairman to compete in this tournament.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, February 28 at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop
at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: LPMGC

Tournament entry fee: \$42

LPMGC – CHA-CHA-CHA

Saturday. March 8, 2008

Name _____

Request not required

- Early, **requires front 9 completion in less than 2 hours**
 Late

All Prize Money must be spent by end of OCT. 2008

*Please Print Your Name
Make checks payable to 'LPMGC'
Checks Only Please !!!*

LPMGC – Money List – 2008
(unofficial results)