



Chip Shots

April 2008

President's Message

Gregor Markel

April is the re-start of our NCGA qualifying tournaments. Over the next few months we will be holding our NCGA qualifying tournaments, so if you have ever had dreams of making it to the next round, get to it and get your game in shape and enter the competition. The summer championship tournaments are just around the corner, so there is no time to loose. For those of you who are participating, you are doing great! There are already 57 of our members who are on the money list for the year. With a lot of time left to cash in, it is time for everyone to get into a tournament.

I would like to say congratulations to our 2008 match play champion, Arlan Felton. He took home a cool \$210 for his efforts. Congratulations also goes out to the top 16 who all received money for their efforts. If you enjoyed playing in the tournament, make sure to thank our head pro, Jeff DeBenedetti for coordinating everything. He goes to some major effort to put this on for you, and deserves your thanks! He also deserves a cigar for the birth of his new son. If he looks like he isn't sleeping again, there is a reason! ☺

Next month we will start our string of consecutive men's club meetings with the putting contest before each one. We have revised the rules so you can just participate in the contest and take home some green, but we still encourage you to come to the meeting to gloat if you can knock off the likes of Paul Disbrow, Pat Moore and Jim Palmer. Come out and give it a run.

I hope to see everyone at the clubhouse!❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The March General Membership meeting was held on March 5th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 16 members present. We had 8 board members to go with 8 general members. Thanks to Jeff and staff for the putter and wedge demo prior to the meeting.

Congratulations to Jeff and Geanna on the birth of their new son on March 4th. There will be no meeting for the month of April. The next meeting will be in May with our yearly putting contest starting prior to the meeting from 5:30-6:30 pm. Come on out and join the fun! For the May meeting Paul Senft Our rules expert will go over a few chosen rules. If you have any questions about any rules, come to the meeting or E-mail us with your questions and we will get you an answer.

March Raffle Winners

Mike Hasaka	\$25.00
Gregor Markel	\$20.00
Mike Rimington	\$10.00
Mike Ferketich	\$10.00

A good night for those with the first name of Mike

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's. Hope to see you there!

Putting contest prior to the meeting 5:30 – 6:30❖



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Golf Humor

The laws of golf

LAW 1: No matter how bad your last shot was, the worst is yet to come. This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime.

LAW 2: Your best round of golf will be followed almost immediately by your worst round ever. The probability of the latter increases with the number of people you tell about the former.

LAW 3: Brand new golf balls are water-magnetic. Though this cannot be proven in the lab, it is a known fact that the more expensive the golf ball, the greater its attraction to water.

LAW 4: Golf balls never bounce off of trees back into play. If one does, the tree is breaking a law of the universe and should be cut down.

LAW 5: No matter what causes a golfer to miff a shot, all his playing partners must solemnly chant "You looked up," or invoke the wrath of the universe.

LAW 6: The higher a golfer's handicap, the more qualified he deems himself as an instructor.

LAW 7: Every par-three hole in the world has a secret desire to humiliate golfers. The shorter the hole, the greater its desire.

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Coaches Corner

Jeff Debenedetti

TRUST YOUR READS

Good players tend to read greens well, but often fail to stroke putts on the line they picked. They aim correctly, but then try to steer the ball to the hole, instead of letting it take the full break. If you find you miss a lot of six- to ten- footers on the low side, this might be your problem.

Try this drill: Find a right to left putt, and place a club on the ground just inside the heel of the putterhead and pointing down your starting line. (For left-to-right putts, place the club just outside the toe.) Stroke putts without your putter touching the club, and you will learn to start the ball on line and let the slope take it to the hole.

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

2008 LPMGC Schedule

JANUARY	SAT. 19	Individual Medal
	SAT. 26	Individual Skins
FEBRUARY	SAT. 9 & SUN. 10	NCGA East Bay Zone Qualifier **
MARCH	SAT. 8	Cha-Cha-Cha
	SUN. 16	Individual Medal
APRIL	SAT. 19 & SUN. 20	NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier **
MAY	SAT. 10	4 Man – 2 Best Ball
	SAT. 17	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	Member-Guest
	SUN. 17	Point Par - Stableford
SEPTEMBER	SAT. 13 & SUN. 14	Club Championship **
OCTOBER	SAT. 11	4 Ball Match Play
	SAT. 18	4 Man – Gross / Net
NOVEMBER	SAT. 8	Beat the Pro
	SUN. 16	2 Man Razzle Dazzle
DECEMBER	SUN. 7	2-Man Best-Ball Total
	SAT. 13	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

Twilight is Back!

Jeff Debenedetti

The Las Positas men's club twilight league is back and ready to roll. Twilight play will begin April 24th 2008. Here are the basic rules:

- 9-Hole Tournaments every other Thursday
- Fees will be Twilight Rate (\$17.00) + \$6.00 prize fund = \$23.00
- Prize Fund will be split, \$5.00 weekly & \$1.00 for the Championship
- Sign up through the Golf Shop
- Players may sign up as a Single, or as a group up to four.
- Top 20 and Ties on the "Official Twilight Money List" will Eligible for the Championship.

April	24	2-Man Scramble
May	8 22	Individual Stroke 2-Man Better Ball
June	5 19	Individual Stroke 2-Man Alternate Shot
July	3 17 31	Individual Skins 2-Man Shamble 3 Clubs & a Putter
August	14 28	2-Man Net, Net 2-Man Scramble Skins
Sept.	11 25	2-Man Razzle Dazzle CHAMPIONSHIP (Individual Horse Race)

The twilight league is a great time to get out, play nine and meet other men's club members in a variety of formats! Don't miss out on the fun.

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!!)

FOUR-MAN TWO-BEST BALLS TOURNAMENT

Saturday May 10, 2008

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 May's handicap.

Entry Deadline: Thursday May 1 at 5:00 P.M. In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop
LPMGC, 917 Clubhouse Dr., Livermore, CA. 94551, Attn: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$45

FOUR-MAN TWO-BEST BALLS

Saturday May 10, 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 Clearly

Provide Checks for All !!!

Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'

LPMGC - NCGA FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun. April 19 and 20, 2008

This two-man better ball tournament is two tournaments in one. You can compete in Saturday's Men's Club event only or both days if you wish to qualify for the NCGA Four-Ball. Qualifiers will advance to the NCGA Qualifier (site to be determined) on August 21. The championship will be played on September 22-23 at Poppy Hills Golf Course. Play will be at 90% of course handicap.

Men's Club Format: Each partner's course handicap can't differ by more than 8 strokes. You must have at least 5 posted rounds. The prize fund will be determined by flights depending on the number of entries.

NCGA Qualifying Format: All players must be 18 yrs. or older to qualify. You must have at least 20 posted rounds. The maximum index of 18.4 allowed. Players with 18.5 and higher must play to an 18.4 index. Partners course handicaps cannot differ more than 8 strokes, and both players must be able to play on the qualifier and championship dates. The low net 2 teams will advance to the sectionals. Prize fund on Sunday will go to the qualifying teams!

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, April 10 at 5:00 P.M.

In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop

LPMGC

917 Clubhouse Dr.

Livermore, CA. 94551

Attn: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$45 Sat. only/\$90 Sat.& Sun.

LPMGC - NCGA FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun., April 19 and 20, 2008

QUALIFYING

Team 1 Name _____ yes no

Team 1 Name _____

Team 2 Name _____ yes no

Team 2 Name _____

Request, not required

Early, requires Front 9 completion in 2 hours or less

Late

All prize money must be spent by the end of OCT. 2008

Please Print Your Name

Checks Only Please !!!

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**SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP/NCGA SENIOR FOUR-BALL
NET QUALIFIER/ Regular Individual LPMGC Event
Sat. May 17, 2008**

Three tournaments in one:

- LPMGC Senior Championship
- Club qualifier for the NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Championship
- Flighted Low Net tournament open to all

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 17, 2008. 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 September 15, 2008, have 20 posted rounds, play to a maximum handicap index of 18.4, and be able to play in the Sectional tournament August 7th, site to be determined, and Championship at Poppy Ridge September 15-16. Players with the lowest net scores from those eligible and wishing to qualify in this tournament will be our club's two-man teams (2) in the Sectional. Once a team qualifies, there are no substitutions.

Entry Deadline: Thursday, May 8th, at 5:00 P.M.

in the LPMGC box
LPMGC

917 Clubhouse Dr.

Livermore, CA. 94551

Attention: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$45

**SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP/NCGA SENIOR FOUR-BALL
NET QUALIFIER/ Regular Individual LPMGC Event
Sat. May 17, 2008**

Circle one if applicable

Name _____ Club-Senior Qualifying

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Name _____ Club-Senior Qualifying

Early, requires Front 9 completion in 2 hours or less

Late

All prize money must be sent by end of OCT. 2008

Please Print Your Name Clearly

Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

Checks Only Please !!!

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LPMGC – Money List – 2008
(unofficial results)

	Name	January	February	March	Total
1	Ed Mero	\$124.00	\$10.00	\$34.00	\$168.00
2	Fred Bandelow	\$80.00	\$35.00		\$115.00
3	Pedrito Manibo	\$94.50	\$10.00		\$104.50
4	Kerry Billingsley		\$35.00	\$60.00	\$95.00
5	Jeff Rudolff		\$73.00		\$73.00
6	Steve Englebretson		\$73.00		\$73.00
7	Jim Klotovich	\$70.00			\$70.00
8	Steve Santos	\$70.00			\$70.00
9	Dick Braden	\$8.00	\$59.00		\$67.00
10	Monte Beers	\$31.50		\$34.00	\$65.50
11	Andy Weyer	\$60.00			\$60.00
12	Dave Cozart			\$60.00	\$60.00
13	John Hunt	\$50.00	\$10.00		\$60.00
14	Tony Paniagua	\$60.00			\$60.00
15	Wayne Diebner			\$60.00	\$60.00
16	Mike Marsigli			\$60.00	\$60.00
17	Himanshu Pandya		\$59.00		\$59.00
18	Leon Lebouf		\$59.00		\$59.00
19	Tom Larouche		\$59.00		\$59.00
20	Mike Rimington	\$16.00	\$35.00		\$51.00
21	Aaron Lee	\$50.00			\$50.00
22	Mark Floyd	\$50.00			\$50.00
23	Paul Senft	\$50.00			\$50.00
24	Rich Harford	\$50.00			\$50.00
25	Steve McConnell	\$50.00			\$50.00
26	Tom Geary	\$13.00	\$35.00		\$48.00
27	Chris Chelucci	\$1.00	\$45.00		\$46.00
28	Dave Simens		\$45.00		\$45.00
29	Derek Allman		\$10.00	\$34.00	\$44.00
30	Robert Scott	\$8.00	\$35.00		\$43.00