



# Chip Shots

May 2008

## President's Message

*Gregor Markel*

Congratulations to our qualifying teams of Ed Mero / Kerry Billingsley and Derek Allman / Tim Thompson. These gentlemen will be representing the Las Positas Men's Golf Club in the Local NCGA event in August. Go get 'em gents! Congratulations also goes out to the members who participated in the LPMGC head to head against San Jose Muni. Another victory on the season for the Las Positas Men's Golf Club! Way to go! Let's see if we can keep these up for the remainder of the year and into next year! Again, a special thanks to Jeff DeBenedetti for setting this up for the club.

If you missed it in the past Chip Shots or email from the pro shop, the Twilight League has started and is in full swing. If you want to enter an event contact the pro shop for details. This is the only way to get into one of these events. They are great fun and good way to keep your golf game in tune by playing 9 after work.

As of the end of March, there are 68 members that are on the LPMGC money list for the year. This is an excellent indication of the parity in our club and the work our Handicap Chairman, Pat Moore, has done to keep our playing field level for all competitors. Over the next few months we plan to look into new ways to improve the system that is in place to make it even better and more fair to the members. If you want to hear more information, please attend the men's club general meetings. Outside of the Chip Shots, it is the best way to get information, and will give you a venue to raise questions and provide feedback to the board. It also gives you the opportunity to play in the putting contest and hear the special speakers we have at the meetings!

There is a lot of golf left to be played this year, we still have a few of our NCGA events to complete and our club championships are coming up. I encourage everyone to get out and participate in your club tournaments and get your name on the money list.

See you on the links!❖

## Special Events!!

*Tom Geary and Mike Rimington*

There was no meeting for the month of April. The yearly putting contest prior to the meetings begins in May and will be held each month until the finals in September. You can come out just for the contest if you choose and don't have to attend the meeting to qualify. Cost is \$2 per round

Last years champion Paul Disbrow qualified on the last night and took home the top prize. We would like to see a good turnout this year from our membership. If you have never attended it really is a lot of fun! Come out and join us

If anyone has any speakers or any topics they would like to covered at our meetings E-mail us with your ideas and we will see what we can do.

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's. Hope to see you there! Putting contest prior to the meeting 5:30 – 6:30 pm

### Remaining Membership Meetings for 2008

May 7<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Putting Contest)

June 4<sup>th</sup>

July 9<sup>th</sup>

August 6<sup>th</sup>

September 3<sup>rd</sup> (Final Putting Contest)

November 5<sup>th</sup> (Annual Budget and Board Elections for 2009).❖



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**Golf Humor**

A blonde golfer goes into the pro shop and looks around frowning.

Finally the pro asks her what she wants. "I can't find any green golf balls," the blonde golfer complains.

The pro looks all over the shop, and through all the catalogs, and finally calls the manufacturers and determines that sure enough, there are no green golf balls.

As the blonde golfer walks out the door in disgust, the pro asks her, "Before you go, could you tell me why you want green golf balls?"

"Well obviously, because they would be so much easier to find in the sand traps!"

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**Coaches Corner**

*Jeff Debenedetti*

**DRIVE FOR SHOW, PUTT FOR \$\$\$**

Most players think of practice as going to the driving range and hitting a bucket of range balls. This is a good start, but there is more to be done than just grooving your swing.

If you hit every green "in regulation" and 2-putt all 18 greens, you will shoot 72 or even Par. Think about what I just said, 36 putts hitting all 18 greens in regulation equals Par. Half of the game is on the putting green, yet most players spend the bulk of their practice time on the range.

Next practice session plan on spending an extra 30 minutes putting. You will see an improvement in your overall score and you might even win the Men's Club Putting contest.

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

**2008 LPMGC Schedule**

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

**\*\*Indicates Major Tournament**

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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**

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

**Rules of Golf**

The Joint Rules Committee (JRC), consisting of representatives of the Rules of Golf Committees of The R&A and the United States Golf Association, have issued an interpretation of Rule 13-4a with respect to testing the condition of a similar hazard (whether a bunker or a water hazard). At its customary April meeting, the JRC reviewed several issues relating to Rule 13-4 (Ball in Hazard; Prohibited Actions), including some that were carried over for resolution from the previous quadrennial Rules revision cycle. One such question was whether a player whose ball lies in a bunker may smooth sand to tidy up another bunker, even though he had not made a stroke from that other bunker.

After discussion, the JRC agreed on the following position, effective immediately:

Rule 13-4a prohibits a player from testing the condition of the hazard in which his ball lies or a similar hazard. Yet Exception 3 to the Rule, which was introduced in 2008, allows a player to test the condition of one hazard after playing from that hazard into a similar hazard. Although Decision 13-4/0.5 lists smoothing a bunker with a rake, club or otherwise as an example of testing the condition of the hazard, the Etiquette Section of the Rules of Golf provides that "Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others."

It is not the intent of Rule 13-4a to prohibit players from practicing the proper etiquette of the game when more than one bunker is involved. Therefore, when the player's ball lies in a bunker, it would not be a breach of the Rules if the player were to smooth the sand in another bunker, provided (a) the smoothing is for the purpose of tidying up the bunker, (b) the smoothing does not breach Rule 13-2 (Improving Lie, Area of Intended Stance or Swing, or Line of Play) with respect to his next stroke and (c) there is not a reasonable possibility that the smoothing could affect a subsequent stroke by the player.

If the player were to smooth sand in the bunker in which his ball lies prior to making his first stroke in that bunker, he would be in breach of Rule 13-4a.

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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!!)*

## 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**

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## 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 NET AMATUER QUALIFIER**  
**June 21-22, 2008**

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 Qualifier.

NCGA Qualifier: You must have 20 posted rounds to play in the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier. Qualifiers should be able to play in the Qualifier on September 25<sup>th</sup> (location to be determined) and the Championship on October 27-28 at Poppy Hills. You must declare your intent to try to qualify on the entry form below.

Entry Deadline:  
Thursday, June 12 at 5:00 P.M.  
In the Las Positas Golf Course Pro Shop  
LPMGC  
917 Clubhouse Dr.  
Livermore, CA. 94551  
Attn: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: Sat. only \$44/Sat.-Sun. \$88

**LPMGC - NCGA NET AMATUER QUALIFIER**  
**June 21-22, 2008**

	Qualifying	
Name _____	Yes	No
Name _____	Yes	No
Name _____	Yes	No
Name _____	Yes	No

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 all \$\$\$ for Group Entries*  
*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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 P.M.

in the LPMGC box  
LPMGC

917 Clubhouse Dr.

Livermore, CA. 94551

Attention: TOURNAMENTS

**Entry Fees: \$45**

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

**Circle one if applicable**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club-Senior      Qualifying

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club-Senior      Qualifying

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club-Senior      Qualifying

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club-Senior      Qualifying

Early, requires Front 9 completion in 2 hours or less

Late

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*Please Print Your Name Clearly  
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**LPMGC – Money List – 2008**  
(unofficial results)

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Ed Mero	\$124.00	\$10.00	\$34.00	\$168.00
2	Kerry Billingsley		\$35.00	\$105.00	\$140.00
3	Fred Bandelow	\$80.00	\$35.00		\$115.00
4	Dave Simens		\$45.00	\$68.00	\$113.00
5	Derek Allman		\$10.00	\$102.00	\$112.00
6	Pedrito Manibo	\$94.50	\$10.00		\$104.50
7	Jerry Trayner	\$31.50		\$68.00	\$99.50
8	Bill Gleason			\$77.00	\$77.00
9	Jeff Rudolff		\$73.00		\$73.00
10	Steve Englebretson		\$73.00		\$73.00
11	Jim Klotovich	\$70.00			\$70.00
12	Steve Santos	\$70.00			\$70.00
13	George Tardiff			\$68.00	\$68.00
14	Dick Braden	\$8.00	\$59.00		\$67.00
15	Monte Beers	\$31.50		\$34.00	\$65.50
16	Wojtek Paczocha			\$64.00	\$64.00
17	Tom Byrom	\$8.00		\$55.00	\$63.00
18	Andy Weyer	\$60.00			\$60.00
19	Dave Cozart			\$60.00	\$60.00
20	John Hunt	\$50.00	\$10.00		\$60.00
21	Mike Marsigli			\$60.00	\$60.00
22	Tony Paniagua	\$60.00			\$60.00
23	Wayne Diebner			\$60.00	\$60.00
24	Himanshu Pandya		\$59.00		\$59.00
25	Leon Lebouf		\$59.00		\$59.00
26	Tom Larouche		\$59.00		\$59.00
27	Ino Patron			\$55.00	\$55.00
28	Bob Crandall	\$24.00		\$30.00	\$54.00
29	Mike Rimington	\$16.00	\$35.00		\$51.00
30	Aaron Lee	\$50.00			\$50.00
31	Mark Floyd	\$50.00			\$50.00
32	Paul Senft	\$50.00			\$50.00
33	Rich Harford	\$50.00			\$50.00
34	Steve McConnell	\$50.00			\$50.00
35	Tom Geary	\$13.00	\$35.00		\$48.00
36	Chris Chelucci	\$1.00	\$45.00		\$46.00
37	Bryant Bischoff			\$45.00	\$45.00
38	Pat Moore			\$45.00	\$45.00
39	Rick Bischoff			\$45.00	\$45.00
40	Robert Scott	\$8.00	\$35.00		\$43.00
41	Dan Cozart	\$40.00			\$40.00
42	RussBaker			\$40.00	\$40.00
43	Paul Disbrow		\$35.00		\$35.00
44	Eddie Herbert			\$34.00	\$34.00
45	John Carter			\$34.00	\$34.00