



Chip Shots

July 2008

President's Message

Gregor Markel

So a few members have asked "what's with the political info" I have sent out as emails over the past few months. The simple and short answer is, there are things happening at and around the golf course, and within the City of Livermore itself that have a direct impact on the golf course, and by default, you as a player. I want to make sure that everyone is informed of what is happening, and ensure that our interests, as active users of the course are represented when issues are raised and potential changes are made. It is in everyone's best interest to be as vocal and active as they can be when you are directly impacted by the decision making process of others.

As a reminder, please take a look at the club tournament schedule that is posted on the website. Not only are the tournament dates and formats posted, but this is the first place you will find tournament entries, as well as the deadline for tournaments. Please make a personal note of the deadlines for tournaments so you can get your entry forms in on time. Our club championships are coming up in the next few months, so now is the time to participate. It is your opportunity to get your name engraved on the perpetual trophy with all of the past President's Cup and Club Champions! The hunt is also on for this years "money list champion".

Finally, keep your body in shape while you play golf. Recent high profile injuries in the game underscore the need to stay fit and protect yourself from injury while you play. There are a variety of good sources for stretching and general fitness available, here are a few:

<http://www.shark.com/sharkwatch/fitness/fitness14.php>

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/golf-stretches/SM00089>

Good golfing, and I hope to see you at the clubhouse!❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The June General Membership meeting was held on June 4th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 15 members present. We welcomed two members to there first meeting Don Ragland and Mike Nigro. We hope to see you again.

We like to see new faces at the Meetings. We are here for you the members and want to hear any Ideas you may have to make our club the best it can be. Our putting contest prior to the Monthly meeting had a better turnout. Pat Moore took home top honors with a score of 32 with last years champion Paul Disbrow taking second with a 33. Come on out to the next contest prior to the July meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. We hope to see you there!!

June Raffle winners

Steve Hudson	\$25.00
Alan Casamajor	\$20.00
Mike Hasaka	\$15.00
Dick Braden	\$10.00

June Putting Contest Results

Pat Moore	32	\$20.00
Paul Disbrow	33	\$14.00
Jim Palmer	35	\$3.00
Tom Geary	35	\$3.00
Robert Scott	35	\$3.00
Dick Braden	35	\$3.00

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's. Hope to see you there !❖



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LPMGC Tournament Notes

Robert Scott and Eddie Herbert

Thanks to everyone for getting their tournament entries in on time. It makes our job easier to pair the tournaments when all of the tournament entries are in on time. Please note the tournament deadlines on the club website as a reminder for when they are due in the box at the clubhouse.

For the next few tournaments through September, we will be adding "closest to the pin" prizes during each of the LPMGC tournaments. This will give everyone who participates the opportunity to win additional prizes while out on the course.

We are attempting to continually improve our tournament formats and make the tournament formats as desirable and interesting as possible for the membership. If you have a suggestion for future golf tournaments in terms of dates or formats, please feel free to contact the club at any time.

Coaches Corner

Jeff DeBenedetti

BEFORE YOU PLAY.....

Do you do the same thing prior to a round of golf every time you play?

Try having a routine just as you do a pre-shot routine. How early do you wish to arrive to the course? What do you want to do when you get there? Does it matter what your Tee time is?

All of these are good questions. I like to arrive at a course one (1) hour prior to my tee time. I feel that gives me enough time to check in, warm up at the range, hit some chips at the chipping green, and test out the putting green to see how they are rolling for the day. If I need to get a bottle water or a snack I still have plenty of time.

As you can see, I have a routine prior to my tee time. Try it out and see what your routine is. I bet you will find yourself more relaxed during your next round of golf.

**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
SEPTEMBER	SAT. 13 & SUN. 14	Club Championship **
OCTOBER	SAT. 11 SAT. 18	4 Ball Match Play 4 Man – Gross / Net
NOVEMBER	SAT. 8 SUN. 16	Beat the Pro 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

Pro Shop Notes

Geana DeBenedetti

Anniversary Sale for all club members! The DeBenedetti's are celebrating 3 years at the Pro Shop!

Get fit for clubs for free from Jeff and receive 10% off your special order.

Buy a lesson with Andy and get a free upgrade to a video lesson

Each week will be a different special sale for club members, watch each week for the great specials for club members only!!

***reminder: Friday skins game championship july 11

*** nine and dine returning soon!

Handicap Update

Pat Moore

For the last few general meetings, I have presented to the members a proposed modification to the process used to review and/or modify members' NCGA indexes to a local index for our tournament play. Currently, if a member has 2 exceptional tournament scores, his index is modified for 4 months, and the index is calculated on the 2 exceptional scores. The proposed method would keep a "tournament index" for members based on the last 12 tournaments, compare that to their NCGA index, and if the tournament index was 1.0 or more lower than the NCGA index, the tournament index would be used. Response from the members present and from other members that I have discussed this with has been very positive; most thought it was a more fair methodology. Based on that feedback, at the May Board meeting, the Board voted to adopt this method beginning in October, 2008.

I will have more detailed information put up on the website, and when we implement the process, the monthly list will be put on the website at the beginning of each month, so that you'll know what index will be used for you for our tournament play. Feel free to contact me if you have any comments or questions.

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!!)

LPMGC Tournament Results

Steve Englebretson fired an even par 72 to take the Senior Championship . He takes home \$100 and the title for the year. The NCGA Senior 4 ball qualifier was also held, as well as an individual net tournament.

Senior 4 Ball Qualifiers
John Hunt
Dick Braden
Dennis Boegel
Dennis Car

Individual Net Results

	First Flight	Score	Prize
1st	John Hunt	67	\$81.00
2nd	Dennis Boegel	68	\$55.00
	Dennis Carr		\$55.00
4th	Pat Moore	69	\$40.00
5th	Jim Palmer	70	\$25.00
	Mark Morris		\$25.00
7th	Paul Decena	71	\$7.00
	Tom Geary		\$7.00
	Joe Hernandez		\$7.00
	Second Flight	Score	Prize
1st	Mike Citta	65	\$81.00
2nd	Gerald Schaffner	68	\$55.00
	Dick Braden		\$55.00
4th	Robert Marks	71	\$35.00
	Steve Hudson		\$35.00
6th	Bruce Blanco	72	\$20.00
7th	Paul Benassini	73	\$20.00

LPMGC PRESIDENT'S CUP / NET CHAMPION

July 12th and 13th , 2008

The President's Cup is a major tournament requiring 20 posted rounds. It is a two-day individual medal play net tournament. The winner is our club NET CHAMPION! Players will be repaired for the Sunday round.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, July 3rd at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club Box at
LPMGC
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA 94551
Atten: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$90

President's Cup / Net Champion Tournament

July 12th and 13th , 2008

Member Name _____

Member Name _____

Member Name _____

Member 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 Names Clearly

Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

Checks Only Please !!!

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LPMGC MEMBER-GUEST TOURNAMENT

Sat., August 2, 2008

The Member-Guest tournament gives you and your guest the opportunity to have fun and compete for prize money in a two-person better ball event at Las Positas! Bring a friend or family member. They or you don't have a handicap? Not to worry; there will be a blind bogey flight for teams with one or both players without a USGA handicap!

- Play will be at 90% of July's USGA or blind bogey handicap
 - Closest to hole
 - Tee prize for ALL
- Lunch & beverage included
- 7:00 am SHOTGUN START

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, July 24 at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club Box at
LPMGC
917 Clubhouse Dr.
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Atten: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$60

Member / Guest Tournament

Sat., August 2, 2008

Member Name _____

Guest Name _____ GHIN# or BB _____

Member Name _____

Guest Name _____ GHIN# or BB _____

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

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