



Chip Shots

August 2008

President's Message

Gregor Markel

I am writing this message on a flight back from Moscow, Russia. If you ever get the opportunity to go visit that city, do so, it is an experience. I would suggest that you bring lots of money as well, because it is expensive, I was told that it ranks #1 in the world as most expensive place to live and work. Not sure if this will show up too well, but enjoy the small picture.



Well, on to golf! While I was in Moscow, the PGA European Tour was in town, but again work got in the way and I didn't see any of it. For the LPMGC, I think I will be catching some of that action! The summer season is here and the our club is working on its major tournaments. Congratulations go out to George Gomez, our new President's Cup Champion for 2008. George edged out past champion Joe Cantu by a stroke to secure his name on the perpetual trophy.

The member-guest is around the corner and our Club Championship is a short month away. Now is the time to get your game into top shape. The twilight league is also in full swing and there are still opportunities to make some cash on Thursday nights. Check in with the pro shop for details.

Hit 'em long and straight, or at least keep it in the short stuff! ☺❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The July General Membership meeting was held on July 9th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 10 members present. We had a nice meeting outside on the patio.

Congratulations to George Gomes who shot outstanding scores of 71 and 68 Gross to beat out Joe Cantu by one stroke in the Presidents cup Tournament.

Our monthly putting contest had 5 members this month. Come on men we can do much better than this! You don't know what you're missing unless you have tried it. Come on out for the August contest prior to the meeting. Gregor Markel cleaned up in the raffle winning two spots worth \$25.00. Remember this is your club and we need your support to make it the best it can be.

July Raffle winners

Gregor Markel	\$15.00
Jim Palmer	\$15.00
Pat Moore	\$10.00
Gregor Markel	\$10.00

July Putting Contest Results

1 st	Pat Moore – 32 - \$6.00
	Jim Palmer – 32 - \$6.00
2 nd	Robert Scott – 33 - \$3.00
	Tom Geary – 33 - \$3.00

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 6th. 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

INTERMEDIATE TARGET

Many players have trouble getting lined up to the target. From the driver, to short putts, I have a way to help, and it is something you see all the time when you are watching golf on T.V., up until the U.S. open this year.

If you watch Tiger Woods closely when he lines up, you will see he has an *intermediate target*. On the Tee it is a few feet in front of him. On the green it tends to be closer to the ball. Tiger has found this simple practice helps him to line up correctly. It is easier to line up to something close to you rather than something 300 yards away.

If the best player in the world uses this simple practice, I would think it could help your game as well. I know it helps mine.

**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.

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.

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

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

2008 President's Cup Results

Champion: **George Gomez 131 (139 Gross) - \$150.00**

Individual Saturday Results

	First Flight	Score	Prize
1st	George Bonawitz	136	\$112
2nd	Wayne Young	140	\$90
	Ed Mero		\$90
4th	Ken Taniguchi	141	\$80
5th	Bill McGourty	143	\$75
6th	Tom Geary	144	\$70
7th	Fred Bandelow	145	\$62.50
	Dave Simens		\$62.50
LAP	Dan Cozart	71	

	Second Flight	Score	Prize
1st	Joe Cantu	132	\$112
2nd	Wojtek Paczocha	133	\$95
3rd	Bob Crandall	135	\$85
4th	Eddie Herbert	136	\$80
5th	Steve Pribble	137	\$75
6th	Steve Hudson	139	\$67.50
	Rick Bischoff		\$67.50
7th	Perry McCollom	140	\$60
LAP	Dave Parker	67	\$55

POINT PAR / STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT

Sunday August 17, 2008

The Point Par / Stableford tournament gives you the opportunity to compete against the field on a point-based scoring system called modified Stableford. This scoring system rewards risk taking. For example net scores of one birdie plus one bogey is worth more points (+1) than two pars (0), and double bogey or worse counts the same as a bogey!

Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap director to compete for prize fund money.

- Play will be at 100% of handicap.
- 8 Points for a double eagle; 5 Points for eagle; 2 Points for birdie; 0 points for par; -1 point for bogey or worse.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, August 7 at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club Box at
LPMGC
917Clubhouse DR.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$45

POINT PAR / STABLEFORD TOURNAMENT

Sunday August 17, 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 Names Clearly

Checks Only Please !!!

Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'

LPMGC - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

September 13 and 14, 2008

The Club Championship is a major tournament requiring 20-posted rounds. The club champion will be the low gross player after the two rounds. **All** will play from the blue tees. Ties for low gross will be broken by a playoff.

- Play is individual stroke play.
- The tournament will be re-paired for the 2nd round.
- Prize money will be **given by flights** on a net basis with lap money for the second round.
- Closest to hole both days

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, September 4th at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club Box at
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917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore CA. 94551
Atten: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fees: \$90

LPMGC - CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY

September 10 and 11, 2005

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 all \$\$\$ for Group Entries
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