



# Chip Shots

September 2008

## President's Message

*Gregor Markel*

Well the Labor Day holiday is just about upon us, and I am hoping this note finds all of you on the golf course or out relaxing in some other way, shape or form. If not, plan to do some relaxing on the course. Our club championship comes up this month, and this is the last opportunity to get your name engraved on the perpetual trophy for the 2008 golf season. The event should be fun, so make sure you get your tournament entry form in now. Speaking of entry forms, now is a great time for me to remind everyone that you should be checking the posted forms for the cut off dates. Several nameless members have been late with responses recently, and this is creating more work for the Golf Pro and our Tournament Chairmen. Please review the entries, make notes wherever you have to in order to remind yourself, and get your tournament entries in on time. It makes everyone's life much easier, and you are guaranteed to play.

With the golf course maintenance now being switched over to the new golf course management team, several of you have noticed changes (good and bad) on the course. CourseCo was at our last general membership meeting to discuss their maintenance of the course and take your questions. They are working hard to get our course into top notch shape, and take your comments and concerns seriously. If you ever feel the need to make a comment about the condition of the course, there are comment cards available at the pro shop, or you can always email me ( [pres@laspositasgolf.com](mailto:pres@laspositasgolf.com) ), and I will forward your email to the appropriate persons. You will get a response from the City of Livermore and / or CourseCo, and I am certain they will take your comments to heart.

Finally, our club is always looking for ways to improve our service to you, the members. Please forward any comments or ideas you may have to the above email address, as we are always interested in ways to make ourselves better for our membership.

Hit em' straight (..or something close to that..) ☺❖

## Special Events!!

*Tom Geary and Mike Rimington*

The August General Membership meeting was held on August 6th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 16 members present.

Thanks to Beeb's for putting out some tasty little treats for us to munch on. Tim from CourseCo (<http://www.courseco.com/index.html>), the new maintenance company was on hand to hear our concerns on the direction the course is going in. Hopefully we can have him back in about six months for another Question and answer session.

Our final putting contest of the year will take place prior to the September meeting and the finals held right after. The contest will start at 5:00pm to leave more time for the finals. Three members have so far qualified. Pat Moore, Jim Palmer, and last years champion Paul Disbrow. Come on out and join the fun!!!

### August Raffle winners

Paul Disbrow	\$25.00
Gregor Markel	\$20.00
Jim Palmer	\$15.00
Jim Palmer	\$10.00

### August Putting Contest Results

Pat Moore	33	\$18.00
Paul Disbrow	33	\$18.00
Derek Allman	34	\$10.00

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 3rd. at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's.

Hope to see you there!❖



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## LPMGC Meeting Schedule

*Gregor Markel*

As a reminder, this year has marked some changes to the the men's club, most notably the general membership meeting schedule. The board had been discussing reducing the number of meetings to allow a chance to have more meaningful meetings, while still complying with the requirements of the by laws. In January, we had less than 10 (total) members present (only one non-board member) and decided it was time to make this a permanent change.

The club meetings will still be held on Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm. The following schedule is the meetings to be held for the remainder of the 2008 calendar year. We will follow the same meeting schedule for 2009, with the first meeting on January 7<sup>th</sup> (no there is no bowl game that night, I checked!).

March 5<sup>th</sup>  
 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).

Again, our goal is to consolidate the work of the board and allow us to have quality focused meetings that the membership will want to attend. We are working on having speakers or other events at each of the meetings. If you have suggestions please contact the Special Events Chairmen or myself.

## Pro Shop Notes

*Jeff and Geanna DeBenedetti*

As a reminder, the fiscal year for "money on the books" ends in October, and all golf club members **MUST** spend their credit book money by the end of October. Money not spent by the end of October will be donated to purchase merchandise to benefit our service men and women overseas and / or to the Junior Golf program at Las Positas.

To help facilitate this, the Pro Shop will be holding sales on most all merchandise in the month of October for the club members. Please take note and plan to do some shopping!

Also, please stop in the Pro Shop and meet our new First Assistant, Matt Meyer! Matt is in level 2 of the PGA and is available for teaching.

### ON SALE NOW!!!

- Greg Norman shirts \$49.99
- New in the Shop: 2 Bar Rife Putters!
- Club re-gripping available at Springtown Golf Course

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

**2008 LPMGC Schedule**

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

**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**

<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

## 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 Rules

The following are the current Tournament Rules for Tournaments held by the Las Positas Men's Golf Club.

1. A member must have at least twenty (20) posted rounds to be able to Qualify in the following tournaments:
  - a. NCGA Qualifying Events (4)
  - b. Presidents Cup
  - c. Senior Championship
  - d. Club Championship.

There are specific requirements for each tournament, these are published on the tournament entry form. **ALL** members are eligible to participate in every Men's Club Tournament.

2. All tournament entries must be accompanied by a check. All entries are due in the Pro Shop on Thursday, 5:00 PM, the week prior to the tournament. Entries are to be dropped into the club's box.
3. Entries for non-computer paired tournaments must include all names in your group and checks for your group.
4. Withdrawals must be made at least 48 hours in advance. The prize fund fee will not be refunded after 48 hours.
5. Withdrawals on the day of the tournament, the entrant will forfeit all fees unless there are extenuating circumstances. The tournament committee will make the final decision on refunds. Members should refer to the Refund Policy.
6. After the tournament pairings have been given to the Pro Shop, all further transactions (inclusions and exclusions) will be handled by the Pro Shop.
7. Each entrant is responsible for his "tee time", turning in a completed, signed scorecard and posting his adjusted score in the computer.
8. All rules decisions will be handled by the rules committee which consists of either Jeff DeBenedetti, or his designee.
9. All tournaments are in accordance with the USGA rules and guidelines. This includes equipment, balls, etc.
10. Should a member use an item that does not conform to the USGA rules, that player will be disqualified.

**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  
LPMGC  
917 Clubhouse Dr.  
Livermore CA. 94551  
Atten: TOURNAMENTS

**Entry Fees: \$90**

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**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  
**Checks Only Please !!!**  
Make Check Payable to 'LPMGC'*