

Chip Shots

October 2008

President's Message

Gregor Markel

BOO!!! O.K. a little early, but now that I have had my fun... The weather is turning to fall and its time to get ready for some ghosts and goblins to invade your home. It is also time for golf!!

At least if you are a member who has yet to participate in a tournament in 2008. Remember, we require that all members participate in at least one regular men's club tournament to maintain their active membership status and avoid paying an additional fee to renew their membership for the following year. There are several tournaments left in the year that you can enter to complete your requirement. Speaking of membership renewal, it's time again to think about renewing your membership for 2009. The membership renewal form is in this month's edition of the Chip Shots to give everyone a jump start on next year.

As a reminder, there is no General Membership meeting for the month of October. Our last meeting will be the first week of November, where we will have our annual elections for the board of directors for 2009, and we will also introduce and discuss next year's annual budget. If anyone is interested in running for a board position, please contact me at pres@laspositasgolf.com and I will forward your information to our nominating committee. We currently have a few openings and would love to have new members who want to be at the center of the club step up and take a more active role in the function of their golf club.

Last, but certainly not the least, congratulations to George Gomez for the sweep in our two major championships this year! George is our first Net and Gross champion in the same year (that I know of). Great job George, I will have the perpetual trophies updated soon so you can admire your handi-work in the pro shop.

I hope to see everyone at the November meeting! ☺❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The September General Membership meeting was held on September 3rd at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 19 members present. CourseCo was again on hand to advise us on the course conditions. They have worked hard to get the greens back into good shape and are working to get the fairways on the back nine back to where they should be. They are in the worst shape I have ever seen them. Your comments do not go unheard. Comment cards are in the pro shop for you to fill out and give your view of course conditions. They do get read.

Congratulations to George Gomez who not only won the Presidents Cup Tournament but now has the Club Champion title in hand as well. Way to go George!!

The Championship round of our yearly putting contest was won by Pat Moore who beat out Mike Lisle, Jim Palmer and last years champion Paul Disbrow. Putting contest will resume in the spring of next year. There will be no meeting for the month of October.

Raffle winners

Mike Lisle	\$25.00
Mike Hasaka	\$20.00
Bob Goold	\$15.00
Paul Disbrow	\$15.00

Putting Results

Mike Lisle	31	\$15.00
Pat Moore	32	\$11.00
Robert Scott	32	\$11.00

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday November 5th. at 7:00 p.m. at Beeb's. Hope to see you there!❖



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Handicap Update

Pat Moore

Just a reminder that, starting in October, we will be tracking tournament scores, calculating a tournament index, and comparing that index to your NCGA index. We will use the lower of the two for our Las Positas tournaments. This method has been presented at the last few General Meetings, and been written up in several previous ChipShots.

More information will be available on the website, so check there for further details. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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

Membership Update

Dick Braden

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

There are 4 more tournaments before the November 30 deadline to save \$25 on your renewal fee for membership. Consider it a reduced entry fee to the tournament and we would like to see you on the links.

Dues will be accepted starting November 1st but not later than December 12th. Thanks for your cooperation. The membership renewal form can be found in this edition of the Chip Shots for your convenience.

**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.

Golf Humor

Top 10 Things That Sound Dirty In Golf But Aren't

1. Nuts....my shaft is bent.
2. After 18 holes I can barely walk
3. You really whacked the hell out of that sucker.
4. Look at the size of his putter.
5. Mind if I join your threesome?
6. Stand with your back turned and drop it.
7. Keep your head down and spread your legs a little more
8. My hands are so sweaty I can't get a good grip
9. Nice stroke, but your follow through has a lot to be desired.
10. Hold up.....I need to wash my balls first.

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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

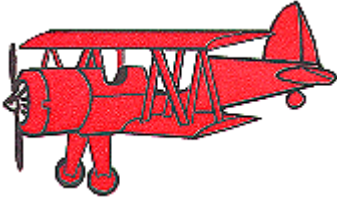
None (let's keep it this way!!)

2008 PGA TOUR OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKING

RANK THIS WEEK	RANK LAST WEEK	PLAYER	EVENTS	AVG POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	POINTS LOST	POINTS GAINED
1	1	Tiger Woods	40	16.00	640.15	-570.69	426.24
2	2	Phil Mickelson	47	9.06	425.62	-256.77	298.92
3	3	Vijay Singh	59	7.59	447.59	-219.52	357.24
4	4	Padraig Harrington	53	7.47	396.09	-217.57	296.19
5	5	Sergio Garcia	52	7.23	375.82	-165.05	297.12
6	10	Anthony Kim	49	5.33	261.17	-55.47	248.64
7	17	Camilo Villegas	51	5.31	270.78	-71.94	229.88
8	6	Ernie Els	56	5.29	296.48	-242.48	161.42
9	7	Henrik Stenson	48	5.25	251.78	-172.70	205.14
10	9	Jim Furyk	53	5.12	271.26	-250.06	193.77
11	8	Steve Stricker	46	4.97	228.42	-161.18	131.66
12	13	Lee Westwood	52	4.96	257.72	-117.97	192.57
13	11	Stewart Cink	50	4.77	238.32	-135.98	207.47
14	12	Justin Rose	46	4.64	213.61	-172.77	74.55
15	14	Adam Scott	47	4.59	215.94	-218.11	149.52

Las Positas Men's Club Renewal 2009

January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009



- Complete all areas of the form below
- Attach a check payable to the Las Positas Men's Golf Club.
- Please print clearly.

Name _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email (if available) _____

GHIN # _____

Membership Fees 2009:

(Please Indicate One)

\$75.00 Membership Renewal Fee

If you have not played in at least ONE LPMGC regular tournament between December 1, 2007 and November 30, 2008, you are required to renew your membership as a new member:

\$100.00 New Membership Fee

Please attach a check and drop the check and completed form in the Men's Club box (tournament side) at the pro shop, or mail to:

Las Positas Golf Course
917 Clubhouse Drive
Livermore, CA 94550
Attention: Men's Club Membership Renewal

Membership Renewal Deadline is December 12, 2008

Please contact Dick Braden at (925) 455-8633 for more information or questions.

LPMGC - Four-Ball MATCH PLAY

Saturday, October 11, 2008

This is a Two-Man Better Ball Match Play tournament. The team that wins the most holes wins the match. Sign up with your buddy or we will pair you with another player. You may also select your opponents by signing up with them on the same entry form. This tournament requires that you have at least five (5) posted rounds to compete or a handicap established by our handicap director.

Play is at 90% of handicap. Winners will receive a fixed prize based on the number of entries and amount in the prize fund (approx. \$30 each).

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, October 2th at 5:00 P.M. In the
Las Positas Men's Golf Club box
at
917 Clubhouse Drive
Livermore, CA 94551
Attn: Tournaments

Entry Fees:

\$45.00 per player

LPMGC - FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY ENTRY

Saturday October 11, 2008

Name #1 _____

Name #1 _____

Name #2 _____

Name #2 _____

October monies won will be posted in November

*Please Print Your Name Clearly Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries
Checks Only Please!!! Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC*

LPMGC FOUR-MAN GROSS/NET TOURNAMENT
Saturday October 18, 2008

Make up your own four-man team or we will pair you with other members. The lowest Gross score of the four will count as the first score. The lowest Net score of the other three members will count as the second score for the team total on each hole. Each player must have at least five posted rounds to enter.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday October 9 at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: Tournaments

Entry Fees: \$45

FOUR-MAN GROSS/NET Saturday October 18, 2008

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Request not required

Early, requires Front 9 completion in 2 hours or less

Late

October monies won will be posted in November

Please Print Your Name Clearly Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries
Checks Only Please!!! Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC

LPMGC RAZZLE DAZZLE

Saturday November 8, 2008

The Razzle Dazzle is a two-man team event. The format is, HOLES 1-6 played as a 2 man scramble, HOLES 7-12 as a 2-man better ball, and HOLES 13-18 as a 2-man alternate shot.

Handicap: Add the handicaps together, divide by 2, subtract 7. This becomes the team handicap to be subtracted from the gross score. Players must be within 10 strokes of each other.

Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap director to compete for the prize fund. Sign up as a group or an individual and we will pair you.

Entry Deadline;

Thursday, October 30 at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Club box at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: Tournaments

Entry fee: \$45

Razzle Dazzle Entry
Saturday Nov. 8, 2008

Name _____ team 1

Name _____ team 1

Name _____ team 2

Name _____ team 2

Request not required

Early, requires front 9 completion in 2 hours or less

Late

All prize money must be spent by OCT. 2009

Please print your name

Provide all \$\$\$ for group entries

Checks only please!

Payable to LPMGC

LPMGC - BEAT THE PRO

Sunday Nov. 16, 2008

This Individual Play tournament gives you the opportunity to play in a flighted event against the field for prize money and if you wish make a no-lose side wager against the Head Pro. Place your wager with Jeff before teeing off. If you **beat** his score or 72, whichever is lower, you double your money; if you lose you still get your bet credited to your account. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap director to compete for the prize fund.

- Play will be at 100% of handicap.
- Sign-up as a group or an individual and we will pair you.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, November 6 at 5:00 P.M. In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club Box at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fee: \$45.00

LPMGC - Beat The Pro Entry

Sunday Nov. 16, 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. 2009
Please Print Your Name Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries
Checks Only Please /// Make Checks payable to 'LPMGC'