

Chip Shots

November 2008

President's Message

Gregor Markel

We are coming to the end of the 2008 golf season, and it has been an interesting one to say the least. With the end in sight, I have some reminders for everyone heading into next year.

You need to spend your money on the books right now! The end of October is almost here, and you need to take this moment to either spend your money, or donate it to the US Troops overseas and / or to Junior Golf at Las Positas. Check the pro shop for details and money you have on the books.

Membership renewal time is here, and members only have a few more opportunities to participate in a regular men's club tournament in order to "renew" their membership. If you miss the tournaments in November and haven't played one all year, you will need to apply as a new member for 2009. Think of this as a \$25 discount on your tournament entry fee for November, and take advantage of it. Don't let this chance to add your name to the money list pass you by. Almost 40% of our club members are on the list, you should be too.

The November General Membership Meeting is coming up on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00 pm at Beeb's. This is an important meeting for a few reasons. This is the last meeting of 2008, and we will be holding our board elections for the 2009 season. If you are interested in volunteering your time to the club, please let me know. You can email me at pres@laspositasgolf.com. Also, we will be presenting the preliminary budget for the 2009 season for review and comment. We would love to have everyone come out and be part of these very important club functions, as they help to shape the immediate future of our club.

As always, if you have any suggestions, questions or comments, I want to hear them. I appreciate everything our members have to say about the club and its officers. We are here to serve the membership.

Hit 'em straight and in the short grass!❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

There was no meeting for the month of October. The next General membership meeting will be held on Wednesday November 5th 7:00p.m. at Beeb's.

This will be the last meeting of the year. Elections of Board Members and the 2009 budget will be discussed at this time. Interested in running for a board position, come on down and throw your name into the ring.

December 13th will be our yearly charity event. This year we will play a 2-man shamble, which sounds like a lot of fun. Get your twosome ready and sign up early for this worthwhile event with some of the money being donated to Hope Hospice. If you can, add a little extra to the tournament fee's for this event to add to our donation to this great organization.

We hope to see a good turnout for this one.❖



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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!

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 you 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 Club Championship **
SEPTEMBER	SAT. 13 & SUN. 14	4 Ball Match Play
OCTOBER	SAT. 11 SAT. 18	4 Man – Gross / Net
NOVEMBER	SAT. 8 SUN. 16	2 Man Razzle Dazzle Beat the Pro
DECEMBER	SUN. 7 SAT. 13	2-Man Best-Ball Total 2-Man Total Shamble (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

December Charity Event

Gregor Markel

The end of the year is a busy time for the LPMGC and of all the things we do, one of the most important is to give. As we have in past years, we will hold our annual December charity golf event for the benefit of Hope Hospice of California. I am encouraging every member to either participate, or at least to donate via the men's club to this worthy cause.

For those of you who don't know what Hope Hospice is or does, they provide quality end of life care for patients, where medical avenues are no longer an option. Their mission simply states "Our mission is to provide compassionate, quality end-of-life care and grief support to patients and families." Hospice care is unique because it works to not only meet the dying patient's physical needs, but supports their emotional, social, and spiritual needs as well. Hope Hospice care is provided regardless of the patients ability to pay. This is where we as an organization can come in.

The need for this type of care and support for both the patients and their families is critical, especially at the time in life when Hope Hospice becomes involved, and our continued financial support of this organization is as well. If you have had the need for hospice care for a loved one, you know how important their mission is.

You can read their full story or get more information by visiting their website at:

<http://www.hopehospice.com/index.htm>

If you are looking for a way to get your 2009 tournament commitment out of the way before the new year, please join us for this fun and beneficial golf tournament. The format has been modified to a Shamble. Please see the entry in this edition of the Chip Shots for details.

I hope to see you there!

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

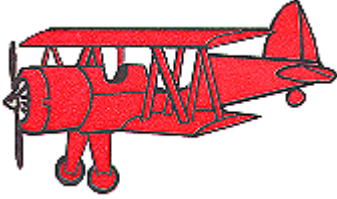
None (let's keep it this way!!)

9/25/08 - CITY OF LIVERMORE INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON LAS POSITAS GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS – CITY OF LIVERMORE GREENS COMMITTEE STAFF REPORT

1. Greens
 - a. Applied gypsum to improve soil and turf conditions and flushed all greens
 - b. Applied fungicide to control turfgrass diseases
 - c. Verticut greens to reduce thatch and improve playability
 - d. Top dressed greens with sand
 - e. Applied soil surfactant wetting agents to improve water percolation
 - f. Aerated front and normal wet areas of greens with ¼" hollow tines
 - g. Adjusted height of greens during extreme heat conditions
 - h. Applied Plant Growth Regulators to improve turf quality and playability
2. Collars/Approaches
 - a. Applied summer season fungicides to prevent disease encroachment unto greens
 - b. Increased mowing frequency to improve playability
 - c. Applied Plant Growth Regulators to improve turf quality
3. Tees
 - a. Applied wetting agents to improve water percolation
 - b. Continued weekly sand and seed divot repairs on all tees
4. Fairways
 - a. Aerified, over-seeded and top-dressed Back-9 fairways
 - b. Slicing of fairways has occurred to improve water percolation
 - c. Spot sprayed broad leaf weeds
5. Roughs
 - a. Continued to monitor and mow rough as needed to maintain playability standards
 - b. Staff performing 2nd cut near fairways on Friday to control grass clippings
6. Bunkers
 - a. Continued to edge all bunkers on both courses on a three (3) week rotating schedule
 - b. Applied herbicides to slow plant growth and eliminate weeds
 - c. Scarified bunkers to loosen sand and develop more consistent conditions
7. Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
 - a. Applied fertilizer, fungicides, herbicides and chemicals as described in this report
 - b. Installed rodent control bait stations in roughs for ground squirrels control
 - c. Applied pre-emergent and post-emergent herbicide controls throughout parking lot and clubhouse landscape islands
8. Irrigation
 - a. Continued conducting repairs and servicing of the irrigation system, including sprinklers, pipes, valves, controllers, central computer and weather station
 - b. Continuing to conducted season system checks and daily irrigation time adjustment procedures

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 - 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

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'

LPMGC – Charity Event
2 Man Total, Shamble Format
Saturday, December 13, 2008

Sign up as a team or an individual and we will pair you, group entries welcomed.
Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairman to compete for the prize fund, based on number of entrants.

Tournament is 2-Man Total, 90% of December's handicap
Format is a Shamble:

- Both players tee off, choose which tee shot to use. Must use minimum of 3 tee shots per player.
- Once tee shot is chosen, each player then plays his own ball for the rest of the hole, and both scores are counted (don't forget to count the common tee shot!).
- One club length (shot) or 6 inches (putt) allowed from spot of tee shot, cannot change cuts. Play the ball as it lies for the remainder of the hole.

\$5 of your entry fee will be made as a direct donation from each player, and the LPMGC will provide a \$5 matching amount for each entry received to make a donation to the Hope Hospice of California. If you would like to make an additional donation, please include it in your entry fee and make a note of it in the memo area on your check.

Entry Deadline: Thursday, December 4, 2008 at 5:00 PM
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551
Atten: Tournaments

Entry fee: \$50

LPMGC – 2 Man Total, Shamble Format
Saturday, December 13, 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 end of OCT. 2009

Please print names correctly
Provide all \$\$\$ for group entries
CHECKS ONLY
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

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Sunday Nov. 16, 2008

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Name _____

Name _____

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