

Chip Shots

December 2008

President's Message

Gregor Markel

I wanted to say thank you to all of the board members from 2008. All are staying on to serve again in 2009. We are happy to have one of our vacancies filled by Perry McCollom. Perry will be working with Bob Goold on communications. If anyone else is interested in assisting the board for the 2009 golf season, or just wants to lend a hand for a short period of time, please let me know. You can email me at pres@laspositasgolf.com.

An item I mentioned this in the last Chip Shots, but will do so again as a reminder, membership renewal time is here, and for members who participated in a regular men's club tournament in 2008, you can renew your membership up to December 12th. For those of you who didn't play in a tournament (your president is included in this group), you need to "renew" at the new membership rate for 2009 and pay the additional \$25 fee in doing so.

We do not have a meeting in December. The January General Membership Meeting is coming up on Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm at Beeb's. At this meeting we will be presenting the proposed budget for the 2009 season for review and acceptance. We will also be announcing some important new club events that will be taking place in 2009, so I would hope to see everyone at the first meeting of the new year.

Finally, I want to take the remainder of this column to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as your president, and to wish everyone a happy holiday season and great golfing in December and into 2009!

I hope to see everyone at the clubhouse!❖

Special Events!!

Tom Geary and Mike Rimington

The November General Membership meeting was held on November 5th at Beeb's Sports Bar and Grill. There were 14 members present. Elections for the 2009 Board of Directors for the men's club were held. Welcome to new Board member Perry McCollom who will co-chair the communications position. It was nice to see a new face step up to the plate. All other board members will be returning.

Remember the Charity Tournament for Hope Hospice on Saturday December 13th. Hoping for a good turnout and some decent weather for this one.

The golf course is starting to get back in great shape. Ryan from CourseCo has been at our meetings to give us updates as well as here our feedback. I think we will see continued improvements. Thanks Ryan!

There will be no meeting for the month of December. Our next meeting will be on January 7th to start out the 2009 men's club season.

November Raffle Winners

Dick Braden	\$20.00
Tom Geary	\$15.00
Ben Murray	\$15.00
Ben Murray	\$10.00

The next General Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 7th 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 Chip Shots.

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

Geanna DeBenedetti

DeBenedetti Club Member Open House December 4 from 4pm-8pm.

Great specials for Club Members
 Pick a card for your discount!
 Wine Tasting and Appetizers hosted by Beeb's

Free club fitting from Jeff DeBenedetti and Andy Nisbet for the month of December, specializing in Titleist, Cobra, Nike, Taylor Made, Callaway, Cleveland and Adams, this includes short game wedge and putter fittings including RIFE and Odyssey.

10% off any order when fit by Jeff and/or Andy for the month of December
 ***We will meet or beat any advertised price. In a tough economy, you can still count on personalized service AND a great price for your golf equipment at the DeBenedetti Golf Shop.

Reminder: club repair and regripping at Springtown. Talk to Jeff D. or Andy about what grips are available.

The DeBenedetti Golf Shop would like to Congratulate Scott Steelman on entering the PGA program! Come out and play a round with our newest Assistant Golf Professional!

Geanna DeBenedetti
 Pro Shop Manager
 DeBenedetti Golf Shop
 at Las Positas Golf Course
 and Springtown Golf Course
 925-455-7824

Membership Update

Dick Braden

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

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. If you have any questions about your membership status, you can email our president at pres@laspositasgolf.com.

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	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!!)

2009 LPMGC MEMBERS CUP RACE

When you have a great golf club, you might think it can't get any better, but it has. Starting with tournaments in 2009, a new points race to crown an individual champion will be held for the Las Positas Men's Golf Club Members. We will be holding our own version of the FedEx Cup called the LPMGC Members Cup.

We will be adding money to a special prize fund from every listed Members Cup tournament and each member participating will receive points towards the finals. Winners will receive additional points, and at the end of the year the running tally will provide us with a top flight of point earners who will duke it out in a round of golf to crown the members cup champion.

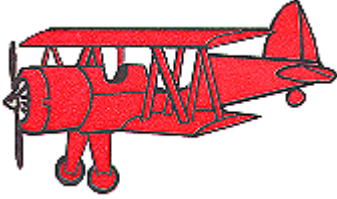
More details and official rules and details on how points will be awarded will be posted on the tournament box, men's club board and printed in the January 2009 edition of the Chip Shots. Two things you need to do to get on this bandwagon:

1. You need to renew your membership for 2009!
2. You need to participate in the golf tournaments that will earn you members cup points. Just look for the "**MEMBERS CUP EVENT**" on the entry forms and sign up for the event! Remember, just showing up gets you a few points. ☺

We look forward to seeing everyone on the course in 2009 for a lot of fun and challenges on the course. Start practicing now for the season long race to crown a champion!!!

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 - INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY

Saturday January 17, 2009

MEMBERS CUP EVENT

The Individual Medal Play tournament gives you the opportunity to play in a flighted individual tournament against the field. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairman to compete for the prize fund.

- Play will be at 100% of January's handicap.
- Sign up as a group or an individual and we will pair you.
- There will be a prize fund for each flight based on number of entries for the tournament.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, January 8, at 5:00 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Club box at
917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA. 94551

Atten: LPMGC

Tournament entry fee: **\$47**

LPMGC - INDIVIDUAL MEDAL PLAY ENTRY

Saturday January 17, 2009

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!!! 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 - INDIVIDUAL SKINS

Saturday January 24, 2009

The Individual Skins tournament gives you the opportunity to compete individually against the field in three-hole skins competition. Participants must have (5) posted rounds or a handicap established by our handicap chairman to compete for the prize fund. Sign up as a group or an individual and we will pair you.

- Play will be at 100% of January's handicap.
- There are six (6) skins to win for each flight. Ties split skins.
- Number of flights and prize fund determined by number of players entering tournament.

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 5 P.M.
In the Las Positas Men's Golf Club box at

917 Clubhouse Dr.
Livermore, CA 94551

Atten: LPMGC

Tournament entry fee: \$45

LPMGC - INDIVIDUAL SKINS

Saturday January 24, 2009

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Request , not required

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 Clearly Provide all \$\$\$ for Group Entries

Checks Only Please!!!

Make Checks payable to 'LPMGC'

LPMGC - NCGA FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun. February 7-8, 2009
MEMBERS CUP EVENT (Sat. only)

This two-man better ball tournament is two tournaments in one. You can compete in Saturday's Men's Club event only or both days if you wish to qualify for the NCGA Four-Ball. Qualifiers will advance to the NCGA Qualifier (site to be determined) on May 21. The championship will be played on June 29-30 at Spyglass and Poppy Hills Golf Course.

Men's Club Format: Each partner's course handicap can't differ by more than 8 strokes. You must have at least 5 posted rounds or a handicap established by our Handicap Chairmen to compete for the prize fund. Number of flights determined by number of entries.

NCGA Qualifying Format: All players must be 18 yrs. or older to qualify. You must have at least 20 posted rounds. Play will be to a maximum index of 18.4. Players with 18.5 and higher must play to an 18.4 index. Partners course handicaps cannot differ by more than 8 strokes, and both players must be able to play on the qualifier and championship dates. The low net 2 teams will advance to the sectionals. Prize fund on Sunday will go to the qualifying teams!

Entry Deadline:

Thursday, January 29 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: \$47 Sat. only/\$92 Sat.& Sun.

LPMGC - NCGA FOUR-BALL NET QUALIFIER

Sat. and Sun., February 7-8, 2009

QUALIFYING

Team 1 Name _____ yes no

Team 1 Name _____

Team 2 Name _____ yes no

Team 2 Name _____

Request , not required

- Requires front 9 completion in 2 hours or less
- Late

All prize money must be spent by the end of OCT. 2009

Please Print Your Name

Checks Only Please !!!

Make Checks Payable to 'LPMGC'

**11/20/08 - CITY OF LIVERMORE INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON LAS POSITAS
GOLF COURSE OPERATIONS – CITY OF LIVERMORE GREENS COMMITTEE
STAFF REPORT**

Golf Course Maintenance (Livermore Golf Management Corporation / CourseCo)

1. Greens

- a. Completed aerification process of all greens with 5/8" hollow tines
- b. Applied fungicide to control turf grass diseases
- c. Verticut greens to reduce thatch and improve playability
- d. Follow up to aerification - top dressed greens with sand
- e. Applied herbicide to pineapple weeds on greens
- f. Installed sod in turf loss areas in front of various greens
- g. Lowered height of greens in stages after aerification process
- h. Spot aerified weak areas with ¼ inch hollow tines to improve turf quality and playability

2. Collars/Approaches

- a. Completed aerification process of all collars with 5/8" hollow tines
- b. Installed sod in turf loss areas on various approaches
- c. Completed aerification and over seed of perennial ryegrass process on approaches #1-18

3. Tees

- a. Completed aerification and over seed of perennial ryegrass process on tees #1-18
- b. Installed new sod on turf loss area driving range tee
- c. Completed aerification and topdressing of executive course tees

4. Fairways

- a. Completed aerification and over seed of perennial ryegrass process on fairways #1-18
- b. Completed aerification of fairways executive course
- c. Applied additional fertilizer to weak areas #1-18

5. Roughs

- a. Continued rough mowing process during aerification process
- b. Aerified roughs 30 feet out from fairways #1-18
- c. Drill seeded rough seed mix into weak areas around fairways

6. Bunkers

- a. Continued bunker cultivation every 4 weeks
- b. Pumped water from bunkers after rain fall and removed silt
- c. Continued bunker edging
- d. Reviewed bunkers for additional rake requirements